



**REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY  
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**MONTENEGRO  
MINISTRY OF SPATIAL  
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

## **LAKE SKADAR-SHKODRA INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

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### **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR JOINT DATABASE OF SKADAR-SHKODRA LAKE**

The Governments of Montenegro and Albania have received a grant from the Global Environment Facility, totaling approximately US\$ 4,55 million, to finance the Lake Skadar-Shkodra Integrated Ecosystem Management Project. The Montenegrin Ministry of Tourism and Environment (MTE) and the Albanian Ministry of Environment, Forests and Water Administration (MEFWA), in coordination with partners in sectoral Ministries, local governments, and universities etc, have the overall responsibility for the project implementation. The global project development objective is to maintain and enhance the long-term value and environmental services of Lake Skadar-Shkoder and its natural resources. The Project development objective is to help establish and strengthen institutional mechanisms for transboundary cooperation through joint efforts to improve sustainable management of Lake Skadar-Shkoder.

Various data and information on Lake Skadar-Shkodra is available but it is not well organized in a real database on Lake Skadar-Shkodra. This makes the establishment of an accessible and up-to-date database an urgent necessity for all stakeholders, local institutions and communities on both countries but also regional and international scientists and research institutions, NGOs etc.

The objective of this assignment is to establish a three lingual (English, Albanian and Montenegrin) database for storing, managing, retrieving and updating available and existing information on Lake Skadar-Shkodra.

The scope of work includes: a) *Database content*, collecting and uploading available information on physiographic, biological and socio-economic data relevant to the lake, GIS-Maps; lake water quality, and stressors to lake biota, lake contamination, biological features-flora and fauna, socio-economic conditions, development plans relevant to the lake prepared by ministries in both countries, local governments, protected areas administrations etc, legislative and institutional measures for upgrading lake environments, local and transboundary institutions engaged in lake management, publications and studies; b) *Database technical Requirements* including provision of

standard software for the database system compatible with other browsers, with unlimited web application, login access form, options for putting data into data entry user etc.

It is expected that the assignment will be completed within a time frame of 12 months from the contract signing with an estimate of 500 man working days.

The Project Implementing Unit in Albania now invites eligible qualified consultant companies to present their applications in providing the services. Qualified firms/companies with: experience in database establishment, management and maintenance, experience in the field of data collection, data entering and clearing; a team of experts including biodiversity, IT, social economic expertise etc; experience especially relevant to protected areas and international waters data entry and management are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services.

A consultant company will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers](#), (May 2004) Section III point 3.7 (Selection Bases on the Consultants' Qualifications).

Evaluation criteria and sub criteria will be as follows:

- experience in database establishment, management and maintenance 30 points
- experience in the field of data collection, data entering and clearing 30 points
- Experienced team of experts relevant to the assignment 20 points
- Experience relevant to Protected Areas (Pas) and international waters data entry and management 20 points

20 points

**Total**

**100 points**

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours starting at 8.00 to 16.00 Monday through Friday.

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**Deadline** for submission of Expressions of Interest is November 03, 2010 at 16:00  
Expressions of interest must be delivered at the up mentioned address.