



**BAY OF BENGAL PROGRAMME INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION (BOBP-IGO)**  
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## **CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

### **Engagement of National Consultants on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing**

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**Countries:** Bangladesh and Sri Lanka

**Project:** Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLME) Project

**Component:** Component 1.2 – Strengthening Regional and National Frameworks to Combat IUU Fishing

#### **1. Background**

The Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLME) Project supports participating countries in strengthening fisheries governance and ecosystem-based management. Under **Component 1.2**, the Project focuses on enhancing national and regional capacities to prevent, deter, and eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.

In this context, the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO) invites **Expressions of Interest (EOI)** from qualified professionals for engagement as **National Consultants on IUU Fishing for Bangladesh and Sri Lanka**.

#### **2. Nature of Engagement**

- **Type:** Individual consultancy
- **Basis:** Part-time
- **Duration:** One year
- **Extension:** Subject to satisfactory performance and Component 1.2 requirements
- **Duty Station:** Bangladesh / Sri Lanka (home-based, with travel as required)

This engagement does **not** constitute employment or deputation with BOBP-IGO.

#### **3. Objective of the Assignment**

To provide sustained national-level technical and advisory support for implementation of **BOBLME Component 1.2**, strengthening national efforts to address IUU fishing in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in alignment with regional and international commitments.

#### **4. Scope of Work / Terms of Reference**

The National Consultant will:

##### **A. Policy and Legal Support**

- Provide technical inputs on national policies, strategies, and action plans related to IUU fishing.
- Support review and application of fisheries acts, rules, and regulations relevant to IUU fishing.

##### **B. Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS)**

- Support strengthening of MCS systems and operational coordination.
- Facilitate coordination among fisheries, maritime, enforcement, and related agencies.

##### **C. Capacity Building**

- Contribute to the design and delivery of training programmes, workshops, and awareness activities.
- Support development of training materials and technical guidance.

##### **D. Regional and International Cooperation**

- Provide technical inputs on regional and international IUU frameworks.
- Support national follow-up to regional plans, agreements, and reporting obligations under the BOBLME Project.

##### **E. Reporting and Knowledge Support**

- Prepare technical notes, briefs, and periodic progress inputs for BOBLME Component 1.2.
- Support documentation of lessons learned and good practices.

#### **5. Qualifications and Experience**

##### **Essential**

- Advanced degree in fisheries, marine sciences, law, public policy, or related fields.
- Minimum **10 years of relevant professional experience**.
- Demonstrated experience in dealing with IUU fishing or fisheries governance issues.
- Strong understanding of national fisheries laws and institutional arrangements in the respective country.

##### **Desirable**

- In-service officers or scientists with relevant responsibilities.
- Experience in training and capacity building.

- Familiarity with regional and international IUU frameworks.
- Experience working with regional or international projects or organisations.

## **6. No Objection Certificate (NOC)**

Candidates who are **currently employed** are required to comply with the following:

- At the time of application, such candidates shall submit:
  - a **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** from their employer, **or**
  - a **signed undertaking** stating that a NOC will be provided if selected.
- Issuance of the consultancy contract will be **conditional upon submission of a valid NOC**, confirming that the engagement is permitted under the applicant's service rules and does not create a conflict of interest.

Failure to submit the NOC at the contract stage may result in withdrawal of the offer.

## **7. Submission of Expression of Interest**

Interested candidates should submit:

1. A brief Expression of Interest (maximum 2 pages);
2. Updated Curriculum Vitae; and
3. Contact details of two professional referees.

### **Subject line:**

*EOI – National IUU Consultant (Bangladesh) or EOI – National IUU Consultant (Sri Lanka)*

**Submission to:** [official BOBP-IGO email / portal]

## **8. Disclaimer**

BOBP-IGO reserves the right to accept or reject any application and to modify the scope, duration, or country allocation of the engagement in line with BOBLME Project requirements.