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Invitation to Tender

Contracted Expert Team/Organisation to conduct a pilot project to assess the socioeconomic value of the ecosystem services provided by cetaceans

Please find attached an invitation to Tender to conduct a pilot project to assess the socioeconomic value of the ecosystem services provided by cetaceans. This consultancy constitutes the first step from the IWC to develop an understanding of the scope and magnitude of the ecosystem services provided by cetaceans.

At IWC68 the Commission endorsed the socio-economic workshop recommendations ([CC/68/REP/SEVCEF/01](#)) and tasked the Conservation Committee Working Group on Cetaceans and Ecosystem Functioning (WG-CEF) with developing a pilot project proposal to assess the socio-economic value of cetaceans.

In 2023, the IWC-CMS workshop ([SC/69B/REP/04](#)) also reviewed socio-economic aspects of ecosystem services provided by cetaceans. Priorities and objectives for the pilot project were agreed and incorporated into the Terms of Reference and tender proposal. The pilot project is the main component of the Working Groups' current intersessional workplan; this along with the proposal and tender were endorsed at IWC69.

Applicants should be experts with experience and understanding of environmental/ecological economics, ecosystem services analyses and/or economic value of natural capital. Please note detailed Tender applications should be provided by e-mail by **7 March 2025** with the subject "Tender Application - Pilot Project Socioeconomic Values of Cetacean Ecosystem Services" to: secretariat@iwc.int. For any informal queries potential respondents can contact projectdevelopment@iwc.int

The Terms of References of the call are attached.

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