

Invitation to Tender

Contracted Expert/Team to conduct the synthesis of information and gap analysis for the Peru Pilot Project of the Bycatch Mitigation Initiative (BMI)

Background

The International Whaling Commission (IWC) is an inter-governmental organisation established under the 1946 International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling. The Commission has a membership of 88 Contracting Governments, and it meets in plenary session every two years. Over the past three decades, there has been widespread acknowledgement of the significance of bycatch as a threat to cetaceans. More recently, consideration of the need for IWC engagement and action in relation to this threat has taken place at several IWC Scientific Committee and Commission meetings. This led to an agreement at IWC66 from the Commission to establish the Bycatch Mitigation Initiative (BMI).

The [BMI](#) is made up of three interrelated components; a Bycatch Coordinator in the IWC Secretariat; a Standing Working Group (SWG) on Bycatch under the Conservation Committee and an Expert Panel to advise the coordinator and the SWG.

In the 2021-2024 Workplan of the IWC Bycatch Mitigation Initiative, the development of Pilot Projects in different countries was prioritised and they were endorsed at IWC68. This is part of the BMI capacity building initiative and will help to improve data availability on cetacean bycatch in the future. Peru was chosen as a pilot project location because of the impacts of cetacean bycatch involving conservation priority species and the large number of small-scale fishing fleets.

In order to define the conceptual idea of the Peru Pilot Project, several actions were developed. Among them, a workshop in November 2020 in which representatives of different entities of the Peruvian Government participated: professionals from the Instituto del Mar del Perú (IMARPE), an institution attached to the Ministry of Production; officials from various directorates of the Ministry of Production (PRODUCE); the Ministry of Environment (MINAM); the National Maritime Authority (DICAPI) of the Peruvian Navy; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; as well as NGOs. Subsequently, coordination took place in meetings between representatives of IMARPE, PRODUCE, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IWC Secretariat staff, including the Bycatch Coordinator, and members of the IMCI Expert Group.

The first stage of this Pilot Project will focus on the northern and central coasts of Peru, specifically in Máncora (Province of Talara, Department of Piura), and in Tambo de Mora (Province of Chincha, Department of Ica) and San Andrés (Province of Pisco, Department of Ica). For these areas, a synthesis of existing information (cetacean abundance, fishing effort and practices, bycatch, strandings, socioeconomic and supply chain information) from different sources, and an information gap analysis will be carried out. This synthesis and gap analysis will be conducted by an external consultancy and reported to the task team. This will allow the team to develop a strategy for the next steps of the Pilot Project, and/or (if necessary) modify the selected locations for future instances of the project. This initial consultancy is financed by seed funding from IWC's BMI.

Key Tasks and Responsibilities

1. Collect information on bycatch in artisanal fisheries, stranding records, presence and relative abundance of cetaceans; describe gear and techniques used in artisanal fisheries, fishing effort; compile socioeconomic information and information on the distribution chain to internal or external markets; and provide contacts of key actors in the fishing communities of the fishing ports of Máncora (Provincia de Talara, Departamento de Piura), Tambo de Mora

(Provincia de Chincha, Departamento de Ica) y San Andrés (provincia de Pisco, Departamento de Ica).

2. Map the spatial distribution of interacting fisheries and mammals using a geographic information system (GIS).
3. Conduct an analysis of the information gathered and identify gaps in both fishing areas, in order to guide efforts in determining which entities or individuals would help obtain missing or insufficient information, or how to carry out the activities.
4. Reporting (see deliverables' details below) and presentation of results.

Expert Specification

- Documented experience and knowledge on bycatch, cetaceans, and small-scale fisheries.
- Nationally recognised expert, that understands the Peruvian fishing sector.
- Previous experience of working in Peruvian coastal areas, particularly in the northern (Máncora) and/or central (Tambo de Mora and San Andrés) parts of the country will be an asset.
- Fluent in spoken and written Spanish to be able to work with local communities and have the capacity to prepare high quality reports and oral presentations to government institutions.
- Fluency in English will be an asset for the preparation of reports.

Application Process

This call seeks a qualified expert/team of experts to compile, synthesize and perform an information gap analysis for the first phase of the Peru Pilot Project.

Responses to this Invitation to Tender should provide:

1. A description of each expert's background and experience, with evidence of how they meet the requirements in the Expert Specifications.
2. A brief concept note of no more than 800 words describing the experts' conceptual understanding of the project's objectives and the foreseen methodology/ies and approaches to be applied in meeting these objectives.

Applications will be accepted until 7 July 2023 and should be sent via e-mail with the subject "Tender Application - Peru" to: secretariat@iwc.int

All responses will be acknowledged.

Evaluation of Applications

Applications will be evaluated against the criteria outlined in the Expert Specifications and followed by interviews for shortlisted applicants (via Zoom). The selection of applicants will be carried out by representatives of IMARPE, PRODUCE and the IWC Secretariat.

The successful Expert/s will be notified by 4 August 2023. The contract is expected to be signed in August 2023.

Remuneration and terms

The contract will be for a period of 3 months from the signing of the contract.

During the consultancy, meetings will be held (by Zoom) between representatives of IMARPE, PRODUCE, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the IWC Secretariat and the consultant to monitor progress, answer questions and (if necessary) make appropriate arrangements.

The contract will have a remuneration of GBP 3000 to be paid by the International Whaling Commission in two payments against delivery of reports as follows:

Deliverable	Reports	Delivery date	Payment (GBP)
1	Progress report on the synthesis of information on the interaction between marine mammals and artisanal fisheries in the ports of Máncora (in northern Perú), and Tambo de Mora and San Andrés (on the central coast of Perú), including existing data on bycatch, strandings, presence and abundance of cetaceans; description of the artisanal fishery; socioeconomic and distribution chain.	45 days from contract start date	1,500
2	Final report containing the synthesis and analysis of existing information and the identification of information gaps on the interaction between marine mammals and artisanal fisheries in the ports Máncora (in northern Perú), and Tambo de Mora and San Andrés (on the central coast of Perú). Also, including information on fishing effort and maps using GIS showing the spatial overlap of fisheries and the marine mammals with which they interact.	90 days from contract start date	1,500