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## Ministry of Environment

Male', Republic of Maldives.

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### Terms of Reference

**Project:** Enhancing National Development through Environmentally Resilient Islands “ENDhERI”

**Position:** Project Assistant

**Type of Contract:** Individual

**Thematic Area:** Biodiversity

**Duration:** 5 years

#### 1. Project Background

The Government of the Republic of Maldives through the Ministry of Environment is implementing Enhancing National Development through Environmentally Resilient Islands (ENDhERI) project financed by Global Environment Facility (GEF) and assisted by United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) with the objective of enhancing reef protection, resilience and ecosystem recovery by reducing development impacts in a selected project site the Maldives, enabled for replication nationally through public awareness and integrating the values of marine biodiversity and other natural capital in national.

This project aims to assist the government of the Maldives in its implementation of new environmental policies and transition towards national adoption of Green Growth atoll development that will sustain marine Natural Capital (NC) and strengthen the resilience and recovery of reef ecosystems. This will be informed by learning from atoll-wide integrated coastal zone management within a Managed Marine Area / Biosphere Reserve framework, and the application of innovative sustainability practices and standards in agriculture, fisheries, tourism and construction sectors as the basis for transforming the human ecological footprint in Laamu Atoll, and taking this up to national level through sector transformation, spatial planning and improved governance based on NC accounting. The intermediate objective of this transformation is to minimize the flows of pollutants from land-based activities into the adjacent marine environment, and reduce marine-based drivers of reef degradation including baitfish and reef fisheries. Overall, the project seeks to enhance reef ecosystem integrity and resilience through sustainable management, reducing development impacts and integrating NC accounting into national planning.



The project is structured in four components:

**Component 1** will increase the sustainability of marine and coastal resource management under a Green Growth Strategy for Laamu Atoll (Outcome 1.1) and achieve a reduction in stressors impacting Laamu Atoll reefs through increased Green Growth and Integrated Coastal Zone Management practices in key sectors (Outcome 1.2).

**Component 2** will result in increased understanding of the values and dependencies on marine NC and biodiversity and ecosystem services that supports improved livelihoods and sustainable development on Laamu and among key national stakeholders (Outcome 2.1).

**Component 3** will aim to achieve increased institutional capacity, clarified mandates and integration of NC accounting in marine biodiversity conservation policy and programs (Outcome 3.1); enhanced protection of coral reefs and other marine NC through actions by corporate sectors (Outcome 3.2); and strengthened inter-sectoral coordination and spatial planning that incorporates NCA support sustainable development in the fisheries and agriculture, tourism and construction sectors (Outcome 3.3).

**Component 4** will support the implementation of Components 1-3 ensuring that information and lessons learned are shared between the different Components and stakeholders and that results-based management is informed by adequate M&E procedures.

Overall, the project will lead to enhanced conservation and sustainable management of the coral reef-atoll seascapes throughout the Maldives through an in-built design for scaling up from local experience to national change across its three components. Integration of the NC concept and approaches into business models, risk analyses and decision-making processes within government, private sector and financial institutions is expected to align national and local governance with the enhanced planning needs outlined in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.

## 2. Responsibilities and detailed tasks:

### Management of Project Contracts and Grants

- Assist the Project Manager in developing, issuing and administering contracts for project subcontracts and consultants
- Assist the Project Manager and Laamu Project Coordinator in developing and administering project-supported grant schemes

### Administration and IT

- Assist the Project Manager in day-to-day management and oversight of project activities
- Assist project Monitoring & Evaluation by the preparation of progress plans and reports
- Ensure all project documentation (progress reports, consulting and other technical reports, minutes of meetings, etc.) are properly maintained in electronic copies, and where needed in hard copies, in an efficient and readily accessible filing system, for when required by Project Steering Committee, UNEP, Project Director, project consultants and other Project Management Unit (PMU) staff
- Provide PMU-related administrative and logistical assistance
- Support IT needs of the project office

### Finance

- Keep records of project funds and expenditures, and ensure all project-related financial documentation are well maintained and readily available when required by the Project Manager;





## 8. Selection Criteria

The Project Assistant will be selected based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Weightage (%)
Achieved minimum academic qualification(s)	30
Minimum 3 years of experience in working in project administration of donor funded projects	12
Experience in managing finances and procurement (2.5 for each year)	10
Demonstrable experience in excellent report writing (4 for each report)	8
Experience in coordinating workshops, meetings and consultations	5
Demonstrable experience in relevant IT and relevant software	5
Interview	30