



**UNDP APRC  
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Title:** MFF Knowledge Management consultant  
**Type of Contract:** Individual Contractor  
**Duration:** 5 months during February 2012 – June 2012  
**Duty Station:** Bangkok, with possible travel to countries in the Asia-Pacific region

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**Background**

Mangroves for the Future (MFF) is a partnership-based initiative promoting investments in coastal ecosystems that support sustainable development. MFF provides a collaborative platform for the many countries, sectors and agencies tackling the challenges to coastal ecosystem conservation and livelihood sustainability and is helping them to work towards a common goal.

MFF builds on a history of coastal management efforts before and after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, especially the call to sustain the momentum and partnerships generated by the immediate post-tsunami response. After focusing initially on the countries worst-affected by the tsunami – India, Indonesia, Maldives, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Thailand – MFF has now expanded to include Pakistan and Viet Nam. MFF will also continue to reach out to other countries in the region facing similar challenges, with the overall aim of promoting an integrated, ocean-wide approach to coastal area management.

Although MFF has chosen mangroves as its flagship ecosystem, the initiative embraces all coastal ecosystems, including coral reefs, estuaries, lagoons, wetlands, beaches and seagrass beds. Its management strategy is based on specific national and regional needs for long-term sustainable management of coastal ecosystems. These priorities, as well as newly emerging issues, are reviewed regularly by the MFF Regional Steering Committee to ensure that MFF continues to be a highly relevant and responsive initiative<sup>1</sup>.

UNDP, as co-chairs of the Committee, jointly oversee implementation of the MFF programme and provide technical oversight to country initiatives is preparing a documentation of lessons from UNDP's portfolio of work on coastal zone management which may be of relevance to the MFF programme and its partners as well as identify opportunities to partner with, build upon or catalyze new UNDP programme initiatives in MFF countries which could strengthen links between the MFF programme and other complementary UNDP initiatives.

**Objectives of the Assignment**

The consultant will review and develop a summary report documenting lessons from UNDP's portfolio of work on coastal zone management which may be of relevance to the MFF programme and its partners.

**Scope of Work**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.mangrovesforthefuture.org/>

The consultant will be responsible for the following tasks.

- Assist the MFF programme to identify, collate and document lessons from UNDP's portfolio of work on coastal zone management which may be of relevance to the MFF programme and its partners.
- Identify opportunities to partner with, build upon or catalyze new UNDP programme initiatives in MFF countries which could strengthen links between the MFF programme and other complementary UNDP initiatives.
- Develop a summary report documenting key lessons, and identifying the primary opportunities for synergy between MFF initiatives and relevant UNDP programmes.

#### **Duration of Assignment, Duty Station and Expected Place of Travel**

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#### **Deliverables/Output**

- Summary report on key lessons and opportunities for synergy with UNDP programmes (Due End of May 2012)

#### **Provision of Monitoring and Progress Control**

The consultant will report directly to the UNDP APRC - Regional Technical advisor – Environment.

The consultant will deliver output as below schedule

1. Initial progress report by 10 March, consisting of
  - a. a list of the UNDP projects to be reviewed, and
  - b. an outline of the proposed report
2. First draft report by mid-April 2012
3. Final report, incorporating and addressing any comments received from UNDP and MFF Secretariat reviewers, by end-May 2012

#### **Degree of Expertise and Qualifications**

- Degree in Economics, Natural Resources Management or related discipline
- At least two years' experience undertaking research on development issues related to environment, natural resource management, climate change or other development issues
- Demonstrated expertise in the development of research products or publications based on secondary research and analysis.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Excellent English

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Only shortlisted candidates will be notified

**Please be noted that the closing date is extended  
from 24 January 2012 to 7 February 2012.**