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Tender announcement

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1. OBJECT

The AZTI Foundation announces the opening of a public tendering procedure for **the "subcontracting of a deep-sea longline fishing vessel to carry out an oceanographic campaign"**.

2. LENGTH OF SERVICE

The duration of the campaign shall be a **maximum of 8 sea days**. The day before may be used for the stowage and packing of scientific material and the day after the last day of the campaign for the removal of this material and the biological samples collected.

This service includes days lost due to bad sea conditions (50% of which will be borne by AZTI). This does not apply in the case of days lost due to breakdowns on the vessel itself or circumstances related to the shipowner that prevent the requested work from being carried out (engine, winches, fishing nets, etc.). These days will be assumed by the owner and must be recovered or deducted from the total amount of the rental.

3. ECONOMIC TENDER

The maximum economic offer that will be accepted for this tender is **forty thousand euros (40.000,00 euros)**, taxes not included.

Invoicing will take place at the conclusion of the service, and the invoice will be paid within 60 days of the date of issue.



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4. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR PROPOSALS

The proposals received will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

Economic offer	50%
Technical adjustment	10%
Crew experience in deep-sea longlining and in the deep-water fishing grounds of the deep-water fishing grounds off the coast of the Basque Country	35%
CSR policies	5%

5. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS

Bidders may submit their proposals to the attention of Irati Velez at the e-mail address ivelez@azti.es and at any of the AZTI centres, from the time of publication of this announcement on the AZTI Foundation website, **until 12 noon on 17 May 2023**.

Proposals can be submitted in Spanish, English or Basque.

Tenderers may contact the following address for further technical information:

AZTI

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6. AWARD

Once the offers have been received on the date indicated for their presentation, within 15 working days, the result of the tender will be published on the AZTI Foundation website.



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7. CONDITIONS DE RECRUTEMENT

- The selected entity, during the time that the service relationship with AZTI lasts, must comply with the regulations in force on labour matters, Social Security and Health and Safety at Work, being subject, if applicable, to carry out the coordination of business activities in accordance with RD 171/2004 according to the procedure and specifications established (available at <https://www.azti.es/en/recruitment-rules/>)
- In any case, and independently of any other documentation, the selected entity must present, before the formalization of the contract, a certificate that proves that it is up to date with the fulfillment of its tax and social security obligations.
- The selected entity must present the necessary documentation to formalize the contract within a period not exceeding 20 days from the award. Any additional questions may be consulted in the Internal Contracting Regulations published at www.azti.es
- In addition to the technical and administrative conditions, AZTI will positively evaluate those suppliers who demonstrate that they maintain policies on Quality, Health and Safety, the Environment, Sustainable Mobility, as well as Corporate Social Responsibility.

The supplier shall include in its proposal those documents or records that allow verification of these policies (quality and environmental certificates, documentation relating to actions in matters of social responsibility, etc.)

The vessel must comply with the requirements of the Subdirector General for Fisheries Surveillance and the Fight against Illegal Fishing (General Secretariat for Fisheries), which are essential for obtaining the annual authorisation for the campaign:

It will be compulsory for the skipper of the fishing vessel to state in the logbook that the fishing trip is under scientific campaign, for this purpose he/she will have to fill in the following in the DEA:

- The indication of participation in the scientific campaign has to be indicated in the declaration of the catch subject to the scientific campaign, selecting in the field "type of catch" scientific research.
- **Other authorisations:** in the event that it is intended to fish for a quantity of deep-sea species greater than 100kg per fishing trip, the vessel must have a Fishing Authorisation to catch Deep-sea species, as established by Regulation (EU) No



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2016/2336 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 laying down specific conditions applicable to fishing for deep-sea stocks in the North-East Atlantic and provisions relating to fishing in international waters of the North-East Atlantic.

- In this regard, the landing of quantities greater than 100kg of any mixture of these deep-sea species must be made in one of the ports authorised in accordance with the Resolution of 24 July 2018 of the General Secretariat for Fisheries, which include, among others, Bermeo, Ondarroa and Pasaia.
- In any case, they must comply with the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system; with Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures, and in particular with the provisions of Article 25; as well as with other applicable regulatory and normative obligations.
- The fishing vessel must have satellite-based vessel monitoring equipment (blue box) that is active and operational while at sea.

8. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

Person in charge: Identity: FUNDACION AZTI - AZTI FUNDAZIOA - CIF: G48939508 Postal address: TXATXARRAMENDI UGARTEA Z/G SUKARRIETA (BIZKAIA) Telephone: 946574000 e-mail: lopd@azti.es.

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applicable data protection regulations, by writing to the above-mentioned address. You may also lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority”.

9. CHARACTERISTICS

- The most advantageous offer will be selected, and the one that best allows AZTI to develop its professional activity.
- Payment will be made: 60 days from the invoice date once the campaign has been successfully completed.
- Purpose of the Service: Renting of a fishing vessel adapted to deep-sea longline fishing to carry out an oceanographic pilot campaign.
- Duration of the contract: 8 days of sailing. Each day comprises 24 hours, with the possibility of day or night sets or both on the same day.
- Starting date: The campaign will be carried out in the period from the second half of September to 31 October (preferably in the first fortnight of October). During this month, the most suitable days will be selected according to the availability of researchers and sea conditions. The 8 fishing days may be carried out consecutively, or skipped during the month of October, according to the technical requirements of the campaign.

10. SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACT

As in trawling, the main objective of longline surveys is to generate indices of abundance for stock assessments and to obtain information on habitats and species diversity.

The objectives of the pilot deep-sea longline campaign (PALPROF) are the following:

- Obtaining valid indices of abundance of target species.
- Improvement of the methodologies tested in the 2015 campaign.
- Obtaining biological samples of the species caught.

The minimum conditions required for the vessel are:

- Longline with chain-tipped points at the end.
- Minimum of two 1,750 m long trawls with 150 hooks and one spare.



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- The trawls must be equipped with two lines long enough to reach a depth of 2,500 m.
- Ability to modify gear to suit scientific work.
- Machinist with the ability to turn the gear from 2,500 m depth.
- Experience of the skipper and crew in deep-sea longline fishing and in the deep-water fishing grounds off the coast of the Basque Country.
- Ability to embark a minimum number of 3 researchers/scientific personnel.

11. PHASES OF THE SERVICE

The duration of the contract shall be: 8 days of sailing. Each day comprises 24 hours, with the possibility of day or night sets or both on the same day.

In the period from the second half of SEPTEMBER to 31 OCTOBER. During this period the most suitable days will be selected depending on the availability of researchers and sea conditions. The 8 fishing days may be carried out consecutively, or skipped during the month of October, according to the technical requirements of the campaign.

The objectives of the service are:

- Improve the sampling method in the aspects tested in the 2015 campaign, especially the Modifications of the fishing gear and the time of duration of the set to obtain a CPUE useful for obtaining data.
- Carry out the planned hauls (8) in the sampling area in the Matxitxako canyon at depths of 500 to 2500 m.
- Continue the historical series of data on abundance and biodiversity of deep-sea species using deep-sea longlines.
- Obtain biological samples of species of interest for future studies.
- Continue with the methodology of data integration and analysis for the adequate estimation of the abundance of target species.