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Tender announcement

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1. OBJECT

The AZTI Foundation announces the opening of a public tender procedure for the **subcontracting of services to advance towards the identification and quantification of a system of indicators from which to measure the benefits derived from the cultural services provided by the Spanish fleet in the development of productive fishing activity and given the associated natural capital.**

The purpose of the service is to **provide a general framework for the identification and construction of a set of indicators that will enable the evaluation of cultural ecosystem services (CES) to be operationalised for the different segments of the Spanish fleet, operating mainly in the Atlantic fishing grounds (ICES area). However, the possibility of extending to other fleet segments operating in the Mediterranean will be considered and evaluated.**

As part of the work to be carried out, **the system of indicators already developed for small-scale fleets (artisanal fleets) in the framework of the CABFishMAN project, financed by the Interreg Atlantic Area programme, will be considered. The aim is therefore to be able to extend, based on the methodology already developed by this project, the system of indicators to cover other larger fleets.**

This work will be divided into different phases:

- **Phase I. Bibliographic review to characterise those Spanish fleets operating in the Spanish marine demarcations that provide a certain cultural reference value.**

Characterisation of the natural and cultural heritage of the main fishing segments of the Spanish fleet operating in the Spanish marine demarcations. The aim is to report qualitatively on the natural and cultural heritage patterns of these fleets in relation to the patterns observed for the small-scale fleets (already published online by the CABFishMAN project). It will be possible to select a set of fleet segments (in different ports) that are key in the characterisation of the cultural heritage of the Spanish fleet.



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Of particular relevance is the application of this review and characterisation to the North Atlantic Demarcation, and even the Canary Demarcation. However, the possibility of extending and contemplating the same for the Levantine-Balearic Demarcation will be assessed.

- **Phase II. Methodological analysis**

Analysis of the methodology and indicators developed by the CABFishMAN project for the quantification of the CES of small-scale or artisanal fleets. The indicators already obtained from the use of contingent valuation techniques, as well as from the application of the voyage cost method, will be taken into account. Finally, a review of the methodological approach for the assessment of direct, indirect and induced impacts associated with the use values derived from the travel cost method will also be considered. To this end, AZTI can provide access to all the previous information available, although it is publicly available on the CABFishMAN project website, <https://www.cabfishman.net/>.

It is hoped to be able to develop a guide that will enable the transfer and/or adaptation of these techniques to be operationalised for the quantification of ESCs derived from other fleet segments (other than the so-called small-scale fleets), already identified in Phase I, and/or other marine demarcations.

It will be particularly important to set up meetings at the beginning of Phase I and Phase II to precisely define these small-scale fleets.

Deliverable, E1. Methodological guide for the transfer and extrapolation of ESCs from the information available for small-scale fleets operating in the EU Atlantic to other larger fleets and/or other marine demarcations.

- **Phase III. Quantification (extrapolation) of ESCs to larger scale fleet segments (in relation to artisanal fleets).**

Pilot application of the methodological framework described in Phase II. This pilot application will be carried out for the fleet segments selected in Phase I, which are key examples of cultural and natural heritage. These will mainly be fleet segments operating in the Atlantic, although the possibility of including some application for fleets operating in the Mediterranean will be considered.

Regular meetings with the winning team will be considered (either online meetings, or even a face-to-face meeting for the diagnosis of the preliminary results).

Deliverable, E2. First quantitative estimation of the CES for non-artisanal fleet segments, operating mainly in the Atlantic.



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E1 and E2 can be delivered in Word format as part of a single document. Completion time for E1 and E2: 23 October 2023.

2. LENGTH OF SERVICE

The project shall be carried out within a **maximum period of three (3) months** from the date of signature of the contract. Note that the methodology is already provided by the CABFishMAN project.

3. ECONOMIC TENDER

The maximum economic offer that will be accepted for this tender is **fourteen thousand euros (14.000,00 €)**, taxes not included.

Invoicing will be made based on the deliverables of the tender according to the following invoicing scheme:

- 50% of the total amount on delivery of Deliverable E1, scheduled for August 2023.
- 50% of the total amount upon delivery of Deliverable E2, scheduled for October 2023.

Invoices will be paid within 60 days from the date of issue.

4. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR PROPOSALS

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

Economic offer	50%
Technical adjustment	30%
Improvements	15%
CSR policies	5%



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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 14 August 2023**.

Proposals can be submitted in Spanish, English or Basque.

Tenderers may contact the following address for further **technical information**:

AZTI

Arantza Murillas-Maza

Tel. 34 667 174 395

Mail: amurillas@azti.es

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.

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.



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- The selected entity must present the necessary documentation to formalize the contract within a period not exceeding 20 days from the award. Or the documentation, the selected entity must follow 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.)

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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9. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Required:

- Team with skills in economic analysis, as well as socio-cultural knowledge of the fisheries sector (with emphasis on the Spanish fisheries sector).
- Experience in statistical and econometric analysis of time series data.
- Extensive experience in quantitative methods, specifically oriented to the quantification of ecosystem services using contingent valuation techniques, as well as the travel cost method.
- Experience in Input Output Table models for the quantification of direct, indirect and induced effects derived from intersectoral relationships in the economy.
- Knowledge in fisheries resource management, mainly in the framework of the Spanish marine demarcations.
- Although knowledge of fisheries resource management will be an asset in general.
- Previous experience in the development of projects (local, national or European) directly linked to the subject of the tender is required.