**PRO-SEAS National Consultant Profile**

The OceanLitter Programme tackles sea-based sources of marine plastic litter and has three projects under its auspices: the GloLitter Partnerships Project, the Regional Litter Project and the Plastic Reduction in the Oceans: Sustaining and Enhancing Actions on Sea-based Sources (PRO-SEAS) Project. PRO-SEAS is implemented by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), with initial funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

PRO-SEAS is assisting selected countries in reducing sea-based marine plastic litter from the maritime transport and fisheries sectors to reverse the negative environmental impacts of plastic discard and loss. The project strengthens government and port management institutional capacities in addressing marine plastic litter issues and supports legal, policy and institutional reforms at the country level.

PRO-SEAS is achieving its objectives by focusing on a number of areas identified in the recently adopted IMO Action Plan to address MPL from ships, and in complementary actions as identified by FAO, including supporting the provisions of the Voluntary Guidelines for the Marking of Fishing Gear (VGMFG). The project will directly contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14. PRO-SEAS will additionally help prepare beneficiary countries and regions for the implementation of the international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment currently being negotiated by the UN Member states.

The project has a global scope with focused activities in four countries (Costa Rica, Jamaica, Kenya and Vanuatu) spanning three large marine ecosystems (LME) (Caribbean Sea LME, Pacific-Central American Coastal LME and Somali Coastal Current LME). These four countries were selected as centres of transformation on the sea-based marine plastic litter issue due to their exhibited leadership and ownership around focused initiatives at national and regional scales during the GloLitter Partnerships project, including in the Pacific and Indian Oceans and Caribbean Sea, and their respective LMEs, as well as their expressed interest and commitments to this project, and sharing lessons learned regionally and globally, including providing support for and collaboration with other countries in their LMEs.

As contemplated by the PRO-SEAS Project Document, the project requires hiring a National Consultant to support the selected countries in implementation of several activities by closely working with the country’s National Focal Point (NFP), and the National Task Force (NTF) to timely and effectively deliver the services.

Please note that should one consultant be found who fits the profile below then only one consultant will be recruited. Should the country require 2 consultants to carry out the work owing to requiring different expertise then the renumeration will be split amongst the team of 2 National Consultants. This must be requested by email to IMO.

* university degree in maritime sciences, engineering or law
* Graduate from WMU or IMLI will be an asset for maritime issues;
* at least 5 years in the maritime or fisheries administration or in one of the other interested administrations or agency;
* knowledge of the international, regional and national maritime legal and regulatory system and the institutional and organizational framework;
* good knowledge of the work of IMO/FAO and of the IMO environmental instruments and FAO instruments;
* good knowledge of the technical issues addressed by the IMO environmental instruments (MARPOL convention Annex V, and LC/LP) and FAO guidelines and codes on fishing.
* fluency in written and spoken English and be computer literate; and
* good drafting skills.