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DEVELOPMENT OF A MINAMATA INITIAL ASSESSMENT (MIA) IN THE MALDIVES

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR MIA CONSULTANT

A. BACKGROUND

The Minamata Convention on Mercury is a global treaty to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects of mercury. The major highlights of the Convention include a ban on new mercury mines, the phase-out of existing ones, control measures on air emissions, and the international regulation of the informal sector for artisanal and small-scale gold mining.

The project 'Development of a Minamata Initial Assessment in Maldives' will be implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MEE) in association with United Environment Program (UNEP) through funding received from the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

The project is designed to assist Maldives to ratify and implement Minamata Convention through scientific and technical studies.

B. OBJECTIVES

The objective of this project is facilitation of ratification and early implementation of the Minamata Convention through the use of scientific and technical knowledge and tools by national stakeholders relevant to Mercury management in Maldives.



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C. OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY

The overall responsibility of the MIA consultant includes, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Development of Minamata Assessment to guide ratification and early implementation of the Minamata Convention in the Maldives.

D. SCOPE OF WORKS

The scope of works to be undertaken by the individual/expert under this outlined Terms of Reference are to be undertaken in close collaboration with the Environment Department, and relevant stakeholders as necessary, and include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. Conduct and compile a national assessment on existing sources of information
2. Identify and assess key national stakeholders, their roles in mercury management and institutional interest and capacities.
3. Analyze the regulatory framework, identify gaps and assess the regulatory reforms needed for the sound management of mercury in the Maldives using NRDC checklist (this document will be provided).
4. Develop a qualitative and quantitative inventory of all mercury sources and releases in the Maldives using UNEP toolkit for identification and quantification of Mercury Releases.
5. Develop a national strategy to identify mercury contaminated sites.
6. Conduct a national assessment on challenges and opportunities to implement the convention in key priority sectors.
7. Develop a report on recommendations to implement the Minamata Convention on mercury.
8. Draft and validate Minamata Assessment Report (MIA). The final MIA report is to be formatted according to the IOMC template (this document will be provided).





F. DELIVERABLES

Total Consultancy Fee		MVR 240,000
Milestones	Minamata Initial Assessment in Maldives	%
1	Upon Submission of National assessment report on existing sources of information on mercury	10%
2	Upon Submission of Assessment report on institutional capacities on mercury management	10%
3	Upon submission of Assessment report on existing regulatory framework, gaps and the regulatory reforms needed for the sound management of mercury in the Maldives.	10%
4	Upon completion of Qualitative and quantitative inventory of all mercury sources and releases in the Maldives	10%
5	Upon submission of National strategy to identify mercury contaminated sites	10%
6	Upon completion of National assessment on challenges and opportunities to implement the convention in key priority sectors.	10%
7	Upon submission of Report on recommendations to implement the Minamata Convention on mercury	10%
8	Upon completion of Final Mercury Initial Assessment report.	30%

G. SELECTION CRITERIA

The consultant will be selected based on the following criteria:

Selection Criteria	Weightage (%)
Relevant academic qualification(s)	50
Experience in similar works	50

H. CONSULTANCY FEE

The total consultancy fee of the assignment is MVR 240,000 (two hundred and forty thousand). Payments will be made as per completion of the milestones as outlined in the table under the section F of this TOR.



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