

Consultancy to conduct a review and revision of the Belize Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Act and Regulations								
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by candidate (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
Sustainable Seas Ltd	Belize	31,000	100%	1	AGRER	World Bank	Aug 2016 to June 2017	N/A
Detailed description of project					Type of services provided			
<p>The Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Act was adopted in 1998 to establish the Coastal Zone Management Authority and the Coastal Zone Management Institute (CZMAI) to aid the smooth implementation of an Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Strategy. Despite the passage of amendments in 2014 to address specific issues, the CZM Act is still considered outdated and is in urgent need of a comprehensive revision. This revision is key to ensuring that the legal and institutional framework for implementation of the ICZM Plan is strengthened. Furthermore, it has been over ten years since the CZM Authority and Institute have been established to foster the sustainable use and development of resources within Belize's coastal zone. Therefore, it has become necessary for an institutional assessment to be conducted to ensure that the efficiency, effectiveness, and sustainability of the institution are enhanced.</p> <p>The overall objective of the consultancy is to conduct a review of the CZM Act to strengthen the legal, policy and institutional framework within which the ICZM Plan will be implemented as well as to address key gaps, challenges and opportunities for improvements to the process for integrated management of the coastal zone.</p> <p>Key activities include conducting a comparison of the CZM Act with similar legislation from other countries with the aim of improving the framework for integrated coastal zone management. In addition to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the existing legal and institutional structure, and financial resources and human capacity of the Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute, with the aim of identifying factors that contribute and inhibit the CZMAI from fulfilling its mandate. The assessment shall identify gaps and recommend the most effective institutional structure to improve functionality and efficiency, within the context of the planned legal review of the CZM Act that gives CZMAI its mandate.</p>					<p>SSL were employed to Team Lead the project and to help produce the final consultancy reports. A participatory and consultative approach was adopted throughout. The services undertaken included the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize and meeting with PIAG staff, CZMAI and PACT . 2. Conduct meetings with the Drafting Section of the Office of the Solicitor General to get their input on specific requirements for drafting and to get input on final deliverables. 3. Conduct consultations and focus group meetings with relevant stakeholders to get their views, ideas and recommendations for improvements to the CZM Act and regulations. 4. Prepare inception report, including detailed implementation plan and time-frame. 5. Conduct validation workshop with stakeholders on draft findings in the institutional assessment and draft amendments to the CZM Act and Regulations. 6. Conduct a presentation to the Board of the CZM Authority on the final deliverables of the consultancy. 			