

Development of PIF for a Coastal Adaptation Project—Sinoe County, Liberia

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
Jonathan McCue (via Sustainable Seas Ltd)	Liberia	18,000	100%	1	UNDP Liberia	GEF	May 2019 to Sept 2019	N/A

Detailed description of project

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), acting as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), is providing assistance to the Environmental Protection Agency to develop a Project Initiation Form (PIF) for accessing a Project Preparatory Grant (PPG) for a coastal adaptation project in Liberia. The purpose of the PIF is to prepare a fully compliant PIF including a log-frame with project components, expected outcomes and outputs and indicative budgets for submission to the GEF Secretariat.

The concept is consistent with Liberia's commitments on global environment management and plans that are designed to respond to address the impacts of climate change within the coastal zone, building on previous similar projects that have already been implemented within Grand Bassa and Montserrado Counties. The previous GEF/LDCF project on coastal adaptation created a national level enabling environment that is favorable to support coastal communities to adapt to climate change across Liberia. This was built on strong support and the understanding of national leaders, a newly empowered inter-sectoral Coastal Protection Unit with clearly established priorities, operational plan, revised sectoral policies, and improved human resource capacity building including training of coastal engineers and planners at national and local levels. This new PIF built on the model structure adopted for the original coastal project, though was designed to target improvements to human capacity in Liberia that is seriously suffering from the effects of climate change. In addition to generating the capacity support of county leaders, it will empower the staff and units that are responsible for supporting communities in the fight against climate change and developed a core of local coastal engineers. At the selected site, the new PIF demonstrates how innovative low-cost, low-tech, sustainable measures to adapt to climate change can be successfully implemented in the Liberian context.

Type of services provided

SSL (using Jonathan McCue) were employed to Team Lead the project and to help produce the final outputs as follows:

- Review previous project document and terminal evaluation for reference;
- Carry out desk based scoping exercises;
- Carry out stakeholders consultations to enhance PIF development (field travel to proposed project site included under separate National Consultants work)
- Work together with the National Consultant and the UNDP Liberia to ensure that key stakeholders are involved in the development of a solid logframe that takes into consideration views and aspirations of all relevant stakeholders;
- Develop a theory of change for incorporation into the PIF
- Finalize PIF and submit to UNDP.
- Another key role of the PIF Development Specialist should be to identify partnership opportunities for other key partners and seek co-financing from, working closely with the UNDP Country Office and UNDP RSCA.