

Marshall Islands (Maritime Investment Project) Mid Term Review

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	Republic of the Marshall Islands	US\$35,000	100%	1	Govt of RMI	World Bank	June 2022 to Oct 2022	N/A

Detailed description of project

The Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) is highly dependent on its maritime services for both international and domestic trade. In addition, maritime services support inclusive economic growth and social development by providing communities with reliable access to economic opportunities, services and information. Given RMI’s geographic characteristics and its vulnerability to severe weather events and climate change, the provision of safe, efficient, and climate resilient sea transport services is considered essential for the country’s basic economic and social functions and for achieving RMI’s national development plans.

The Marshall Islands Maritime Investment Project (MIMIP) was approved on May 9, 2019. On July 3, 2019, the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) signed a Financing Agreement for a Grant of Special Drawing Rights (SRD) 23.7 Million (US\$33.12 Million equivalent) for MIMIP. MIMIP subsequently became effective on July 17, 2019. The implementation period for MIMIP was 5 Years.

With improved port and maritime services, opportunities to increase transshipment services are enhanced, along with greater access to economic opportunities. Without a well-functioning maritime sector, livelihoods could be compromised. This is especially pronounced given that RMI imports almost 100 percent of food, pharmaceuticals and fuel. As such, MIMIP will focus on fully exploiting the available economic opportunities; enhancing access to economic opportunities; and protecting incomes and livelihoods

The MTR Report shall contain an assessment of the efficacy and effectiveness of the project design, implementation approach, and overall project performance against the original project plan. The report process shall also identify if any opportunities for improvement exist in these areas and recommend corrective actions for addressing them, and, if needed, include recommendations for restructuring the project.

Type of services provided

The services offered by Jonathan McCue were as follows:

- Review the progress of the Project to date against the Financing Agreement, Grant Agreement, Project Appraisal Document, Project Operation Manual, Annual Work Plans, Budget and Procurement Plan and performance against the Results Framework.
- Virtually visit Majuro and meet with as many stakeholders as possible, including government representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice and RMIPA, as well as beneficiaries², to document their views of the project and suggestions for improvements.
- Review the relevance of the Project Development Objective (PDO) and identify successes and constraints, and present recommendations for opportunities/options to improve project implementation toward achievement of the PDO.
- Ensure the final report expresses the views of the Implementing Agency, RMIPA.