

Aqaba Marine Spatial Planning and Blue Economy Project Preparatory Grant (PPG)								
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	Jordan	56.000	100%	1	UNDP Jordan	GEF	July 2023 to Nov 2024	N/A
Detailed description of project					Type of services provided			
<p>The project entitled <u>“Support and build a more Sustainable Blue Economy in Aqaba through Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) and effective management of the first marine reserve in the country”</u> was selected as a priority for national development. The proposed US\$1.8M project falls under the GEF8 umbrella of funded projects.</p> <p>The project aims to develop a Marine Spatial Plan that will be officially adopted within the Aqaba Special Economic Zone (ASEZ) as a management tool for conservation, restoration and sustainable use and management, to build resilience of Jordan’s marine ecosystem, including the Aqaba Marine Reserve. This shift from the "business as usual" approach to a more Sustainable Blue Economy modality will support more sustainable investments, benefit people's well-being, and contribute to the GEF8 Focal Area Biodiversity strategy and GEF CI 3, 6 and 11. It will also enhance management of the coral reef ecosystem for carbon sequestration, generating ecosystem services, protecting marine wildlife, and securing local economies.</p> <p>Expected results include: i) establishing a formally mandated SBE development institutional, policy and legislative framework ii) improved business and investment community partnerships supported by financially innovative incentive mechanisms iii) improved marine ecosystem resilience to climate change/disasters and iv) create a new research agenda coupled with M&E processes to assess project related performance.</p>					<p>The main objective of the assignment is to build upon the GEF accepted PIF (produced by Jonathan McCue) and from this develop a nationally endorsed PPG and all supporting Annexes. Specific tasks for Jonathan McCue (as key Maine Expert) are as follows::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparatory Technical Studies and Reviews (Component A): • Formulation of the ProDoc, CEO Endorsement Request and Mandatory and Project Specific Annexes (Component B): • Validation Workshop (Component C): • Final and approved Prodoc with all relevant annexes and comments from UNDP, GEF SEC addressed. <p>Jonathan McCue, being the GEF PPG Team Leader and was responsible for quality assurance and timely preparation of all reports and documentation, including the finalized UNDP Project Document (ProDoc) and CEO Endorsement Request, with all mandatory and project specific Annexes and supporting documentation.</p>			