

Atolls Blueprint Project - Marine Strategy and Regional Cooperation

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	Tuvalu, Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) and Kiribati	EUR€ 50,000	100%	1	Cowater international Ltd	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Aug 2022 to Aug 2024	N/A
Detailed description of project					Type of services provided			
<p>The Project was designed to offer opportunities to cooperate for resilient and sustainable livelihoods in atoll nations explored, and the implementation of the Atolls Blueprint Project. It provides support to ADB’s atoll member countries – Kiribati, the Maldives, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Tuvalu – for collaboration on sustainable and climate-resilient blue economy and livelihood opportunities. These atoll nations are on the frontlines of climate change and face extreme and existential threats. They require immediate strategies for adaptation and solutions for land loss, beach erosion, water and food security, ecosystem health, and economic development issues. They are also large ocean states with immense marine resources and high biodiversity value, critical to their cultures and economies, as well as to the global climate and food supply.</p> <p>The project will support these atoll nations in developing policy recommendations, convening regional dialogues, undertaking research and analysis, and identifying and developing investment concepts. In line with the priorities outlined by atoll nations to date, it focuses on opportunities in sustainable and innovative ocean finance, marine spatial planning and marine protected areas, and sustainable fisheries and aquaculture.</p> <p>The project will also explore support for promoting micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and women entrepreneurs, including in coastal and marine tourism, and share knowledge and successes between the countries. The emphasis for the project is on identifying opportunities that are sustainable, inclusive, and climate-resilient, and can demonstrate financial and economic benefits from multi-country cooperation.</p>					<p>Sustainable Seas Ltd provided the following services in country:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and analysis, and the development of policy recommendations on RCI for sustainable blue economy for each atoll country, with in-depth/detailed recommendations provided for one country. • The design, planning and implementation of two atoll policy dialogue and knowledge sharing events on RCI for sustainable blue economy, with at least 75% of the participants reporting improved understanding of the issues and at least 30% of participants being female. • The identification and preparation of concepts for RCI sustainable blue economy initiatives (one per Pacific country) that could be included in the sovereign or private sector investment pipeline for the atoll countries. • Preparation of one knowledge product and one public communications piece on atolls RCI for sustainable blue economy. • Meaningful consultations and engagement with government and non-government stakeholders (including regional bodies, development partners, private sector organizations, NGOs, and civil society representatives), 			