

**International Integrated Marine and Land Spatial Planning Specialist**

Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (US\$)	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	Kazakhstan	US\$ 20,000	100%	1	UNDP Kazakhstan	GEF	December 2024 to September 2025	N/A

**Detailed description of project**

The objective of the consultancy was to support UNDP Kazakhstan to produce a full GEF PPG entitled “Integrated Management of Seascapes of the Kazakhstani part of the Caspian Sea and Land Resources of Adjacent Territories”. This project aims to promote an integrated ecosystem-based approach to conserve key species and habitats of the Caspian Sea and ensure sustainable economic development.

The project is designed to provide a common strategic framework for promotion of a sustainable marine economy and a shift from a focus on the revenue generation and production systems to an ecological-centered vision of systems and wealth and well-being, and therefore on an integrated approach to conservation, economy, livelihoods, and jobs. To do so, it will support mainstreaming of activities and investments at sector and planning levels to sustain a marine economy with the integration of social and environmental actions and foster skills, tools, knowledge and technology transfer that enable the private and public sector to align agendas, incentives, priorities and investments planning of economic investments with long-term goals as well as sustainable marine economy approach and explore possibilities together for a marine-based production that boosts job creation and economic development.

The international MSP Specialist will lead and collaborate in providing direct technical and scientific support, capacity-building, project on spatial planning and prioritization approaches in the Kazakhstan’s Caspian Sea marine area .

**Type of services provided**

Jonathan McCue was engaged as International Integrated Marine and Land Spatial Planning Specialist to complete the following:

- Analysis of international experience in integrated marine and land spatial planning (MLSP), including a summary of best practices (what has worked in other countries) in MLSP with relevance to the Kazakhstani context,
- Jointly with the national marine and land use spatial planning expert/ company (i) provide advanced technical and scientific support and identify the project’s sites data and GIS needs for integrated natural resource management in the marine and adjacent areas; provide guidance on the technical framework for data collection, management and ways to include community to identify and map biodiversity areas, agriculture and pastoral lands, fisheries replenishment zones (ii) recommend mapping and spatial planning optimization tools in mapping, analysis and validation of biophysical data; develop a detailed roadmap for MLSP in Atyrau and Mangistau regions that will describe the MLSP process with indicative timeline and key milestones, (iii) map relevant stakeholders at national, regional and local levels and entry points for their engagement.
- Propose elements of technical and management capacity building for stakeholders in support of MLSP in the region, and design a set of trainings of stakeholders on a diverse set of spatial planning tools and BD/LDN hotspot and aquaculture spatial planning.
- Support delivery of the Validation Workshop