

## Terms of Reference

Posting Title:	Access to Marine Genetic Resources legal expert consultant for Panama
Department/Office:	Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (the Division)
Duty Station:	Home-based (remote work)
Type of Contract:	Consultancy
Post Level:	Consultant, Level B
Languages Required:	English
Starting Date: (date when the selected candidate is expected to start)	1 September 2023
Duration:	45 days during a 5 month period
Contract sum:	US \$ 30,000 (paid upon the Division's confirmation of completion of each phase)

### Background

The Programmes of Assistance to Meet the Strategic Capacity Needs of Developing States in the Field of Ocean Governance and the Law of the Sea is a project implemented by the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, through its Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (the Division), with funding provided by Norway, through its Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad). The project provides support to developing countries, particularly Small Island Developing States (SIDS), in building sustainable ocean-based economies through addressing critical capacity barriers at the regional and national levels, including with respect to the

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Expected duration

45 days distributed in a 5-month period

Responsibilities and work deliverables:

Under the overall supervision of the Head of Capacity-Building and Trust Funds of the Division, in cooperation with the Project Focal Point for Panama, the consultant will assist the Government of Panama to strengthen the legal framework related to access to marine genetic resources. The Consultant is expected:

- To liaise with key stakeholders to gather the necessary information.
- To prepare a draft law to regulate the management, conservation, and sustainable use of marine genetic resources inside the Economic Exclusive Zone.

The consultant will also prepare monthly progress reports that will be shared with

database software to organize, analyse and archive collected materials during research is desirable. Actively seeks to apply technology to appropriate tasks.

### Education

Advanced university degree (PhD degree – graduate or undertaking PhD programme - or post-doctoral professional) in international law, law of the sea, sustainable development, environment/ocean-based science, or related fields. Demonstrated knowledge on regulatory frameworks related to access to marine