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### Invitation for Letters of Interest

The Department of Fisheries (DOF) under Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock is implementing the Sustainable Coastal and Marine Fisheries project (SCMFP) with the financial assistance of International Development Association (IDA Credit No.6326-BD) to develop the marine and coastal fisheries of Bangladesh. SCMFP has an allocation for MODIFICATION AND CONVERSION TO SPF BLACK TIGER SHRIMP (BTS) HATCHERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD AND FORWARD LINKAGES FOR SPF BTS PL PRODUCTION. The objective of this allocation is to measures for improving genetic quality, biosecurity, and disease control in farmed shrimp [specific pathogen free (SPF) hatcheries], which will provide disease-free seed for on-farm productivity improvements; and eligible private sector investors wishing to upgrade existing enterprises, promote innovative methodologies, and/or new initiatives along seafood value chains. Now, Sustainable Coastal and Marine Fisheries Project (SCMFP) is hereby inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested and eligible existing hatchery owners and new investors for establishing SPF shrimp hatchery, shrimp brood stock multiplication/rearing facility, and/or polychaete farming, and/or artemia rearing.

#### Eligibility conditions and co-finance ratio:

Windows	Key Conditions	Co-finance (%)		Scope and eligibility
		SCMFP	Investor	
W2.Aquaculture Sub-projects production and distribution of disease-free seed for addressing growth performance and disease burden attributable to wild brood stock (improving genetic quality, biosecurity, and disease proneness in shrimp hatcheries)	-Improving supply of specific pathogen free (SPF) seeds to farmers; ; Relevance to PDO3	60	40 (contributions can be in-kind, cash or a combination of both)	Establishment costs including technical assistance, as necessary; excluding ponds excavation; Farms built on encroached areas viz. river levees, accredited chars, planted or natural mangrove patches or in illegally occupying or having legal disputes will not be eligible for the support scheme.


#### Terms and conditions:

1. Applicants shall be registered with the relevant government authorities and demonstrate their ability and conviction to comply with all industry best practices regarding biosecurity and environmental controls;
2. Applicants shall have access to a suitable site and secure water supply, waste disposal system supported by Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) and certification of EIA issued from Department of Environment;
3. Applicant shall have an effective, long-term partnership with a reputable international service provider for technical advice, SPF brood stock and improved technologies; and have or have identified for hire qualified hatchery technicians; and can present a viable business plan that includes state-of-the-art hatchery design, identified marketing channels and efficient operational management.
4. For the grant Applications under this Window, following eligibility and selection criteria will be applied:
  - a. improving the availability and reducing the price of disease-free post larvae (PL) for grow-out farms (target beneficiaries under in the project area);
  - b. reducing market incentives for illegal capture of wild PLs;
  - c. supporting the cluster farmers with technical understanding and on use of the of SPF seed (PL);
  - d. demonstrating the shift to a bio-secure hatchery technology by the hatchery sub-sector;
  - e. contribution to transforming the coastal aquaculture into a globally competitive blue economy industry at par with global environmental, social and biosecurity standards.
  - f. if partnership is involved, roles and responsibilities of partner(s) should be explained; and
  - g. Farms built on encroached areas viz. river levees, accredited chars, planted or natural mangrove patches or in illegally occupying or having legal disputes will not be eligible for the support scheme.





5. The sub-project shall be relevant to the SCMFP geography and/or development area, and beneficiary groups
6. The sub-project must not create permanent unfair competition or otherwise distort markets.
7. The project encourages the co-financing whereas a bank defaulter will not be considered as an eligible applicant.
8. The sub-project must comply with World Bank Group social and environmental safeguards policies and the Project Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), and must not cause any social or environmental damage.
9. Measurable contribution to social development, such as effective gender mainstreaming, employment of ethnic communities and disabled people, proactive measures to develop research capacity and skills among youth and women, entrepreneurship development and environmental sustainability will be given preferences.
10. The beneficiary must complete the carrying out of the Sub-project before the Closing Date for the Project;
11. Department of Fisheries (DoF) shall reserve the sole authority and copyright of intellectual properties from all the sub-projects carried out under this grant facilities;
12. The EOI shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, inscribing "Application for MODIFICATION AND CONVERSION TO SPF BLACK TIGER SHRIMP (BTS) HATCHERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD AND FORWARD LINKAGES FOR SPF BTS PL PRODUCTION. to the Project Director, Sustainable Coastal and Marine Fisheries Project (SCMFP), Room no. 1011 (10<sup>th</sup> Floor), Matshya Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka-1000" on or before 20 October 2021. 12.00 PM. The applicant shall submit online filled in Form along with PDF and soft copy of application through the link: <https://forms.gle/pVHuY4Ri4iNNXr2P8> and/or digital copy in pen drive.
13. The offer for EOI as per this document shall be valid for a period of One Hundred and twenty days (120) initially which may be extended further if required by authority.
14. The interested applicants can join a virtual meeting with issuing authority on 19 September 2021 10.00 AM (Meeting ID: 819 3221 9548, Passcode: 039385) and 28 September 2021 10.00 AM (Meeting ID: 835 5753 5349, Passcode: 540039) through Zoom.
15. The EOI must be submitted in prescribed form. (For detail information and application Form, please follow 'Grant Operations Manual' available at: [www.scmfp.fisheries.gov.bd](http://www.scmfp.fisheries.gov.bd) & [www.fisheries.gov.bd](http://www.fisheries.gov.bd))
16. The REOI is not an offer and is issued with no commitment. Authority reserves the right to withdraw EOI and/or vary any part thereof at any stage. Authority further reserves the right to disqualify any Firm, if necessary, at any stage.

  
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8. Director General, Department of Fisheries, Matshya Bhaban, Dhaka
9. Country Director, World Bank, Dhaka office (Attn: Mr. Istiak Sobhan, Co-Task team Leader, World Bank, Dhaka Office)
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