

Request for Tenders:

Develop the Southern Bonaire Wetlands management plan

Introduction

STINAPA would like to call for tenders from qualified and experienced consultants (individuals or teams) to develop a management plan for the Southern Bonaire Wetlands, including the Pekelmeer flamingo sanctuary and the southern salt pans.

Background

The Southern Bonaire Wetlands represent approximately 13 percent of the island. Most of the area consists of a network of connected salt ponds separated by small levees. The Pekelmeer harbors a large breeding colony of the American flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), and is designated as a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention. Southern Bonaire also harbors the critically endangered Sabal Palm (*Sabal antillensis*), and is designated a Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network Site (WHSRN).

The Island Government of Bonaire (OLB) is responsible to conserve the island's biodiversity. OLB aims to develop management plans for all Ramsar sites on the island to: (1) guide nature conservation efforts; (2) improve sustainable tourism; and (3) legally protect these areas (Milestones D, F and J of the implementation agenda of the Nature and Environment Policy Plan for the Caribbean Netherlands 2020-2030).

The Southern Bonaire Wetlands are currently held in long lease by Cargill Salt Company NV.

Stichting Nationale Parken Bonaire (STINAPA) is a local non-profit, non-governmental foundation dedicated to the conservation of the island's natural and historical heritage through the sustainable use of its natural resources. OLB and the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Fisheries (LNV) requested STINAPA to coordinate efforts to draft a management plan for the Southern Bonaire Wetlands.

Objectives

Draft a management plan for for the Southern Bonaire Wetlands (2022-2027)

Approach and process

The consultant will:

1. Compile and review all available information on the Southern Bonaire Wetlands (ecology, history, policy, etc.) to incorporate in a management plan;
2. Solicit input and advice from OLB, Cargill, STINAPA and a range of other stakeholders, and integrate this in a management plan;
3. Prepare a management plan for the Southern Bonaire Wetlands

The management plan will be based on statutory obligations as expressed in national and island legislation and policy, available published and unpublished information, local expertise as well as information provided through consultation and meetings with OLB, Cargill, STINAPA and other stakeholders.

OLB, STINAPA and Cargill will contribute expert knowledge, assist in the collation of existing information, identify stakeholders, and review the management plan.

Deliverables

The consultant will deliver:

1. Southern Bonaire Wetlands management plan;
2. Report on the stakeholder consultations.

The management plan for Southern Bonaire Wetlands will be delivered to STINAPA in English in MS Word format.

Timeframe

Submit a draft management plan for the Southern Bonaire wetlands	1 July 2021
Submit report on stakeholder consultations	1 October
Submit final version of the Southern Bonaire wetlands management plan	1 December 2021

Conditions

Given the current travel restrictions at least one consultancy team member must be based on Bonaire to conduct stakeholder consultations.

Proposals should include:

- CV of the consultant(s)
- Outline of activities
- Budget
- Planning

Further inquiries can be made with Mr. Frank van Slobbe (frank.slobbe@bonairegov.com) or Dr. Jan van der Ploeg (director@stinapa.org).

Proposals should be sent in before **25 April 2021**.