CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Piloting of Marine and Coastal Natural Capital Accounts and enhancement of environmental data management system for Costa Rica

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1.1. UNOPS project objective(s)

Background

The UNOPS Water, Environment and Climate (WEC) Portfolio supports the design and management of multi-stakeholder initiatives by providing services in financial and grant management, procurement, human resources, and project management. The Portfolio has supported projects in the areas of marine and freshwater resources management, climate change adaptation, mitigation and transparency, energy access and distribution, and environmental conservation. UNOPS is the executing agency for the UNDP/GEF Procaribe+ Project.

UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ Project

The UNDP Project "Protecting and Restoring the Ocean's natural Capital, building Resilience and supporting region-wide Investments for sustainable Blue socio-Economic development" (PROCARIBE+) is a 5-year project (co-)funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF-ID 10800, May 2023 - April 2028) that aims to protect, restore and harness the natural coastal and marine capital of the CLME+ region, to catalyze investments in a climate-resilient, sustainable Blue Economy, through strengthened regional coordination and collaboration and wide-ranging partnerships.

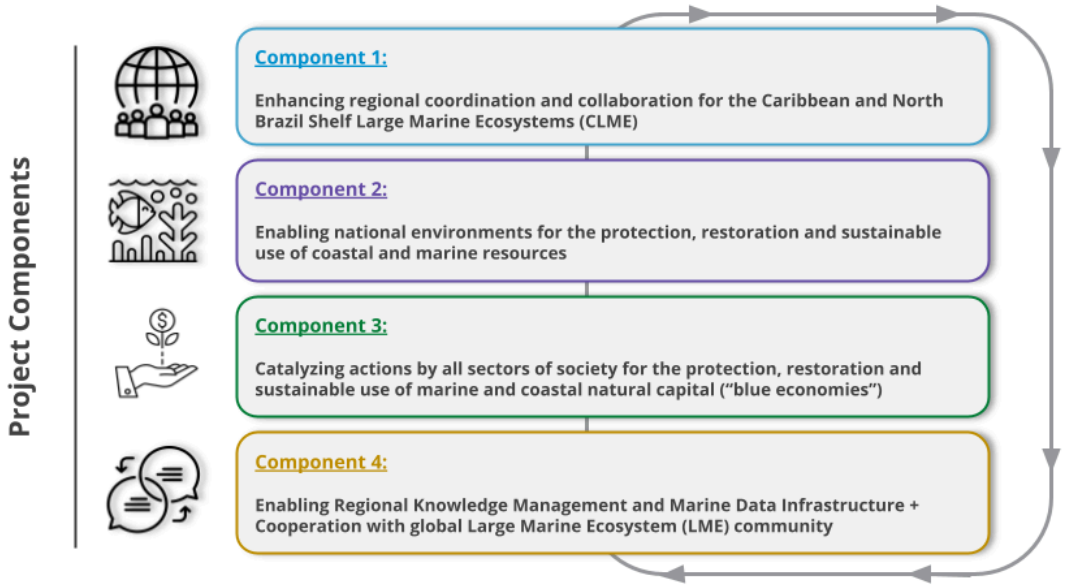
It will seek to achieve this by enabling and supporting the development of sustainable and resilient ocean-based (blue) economies, through, for example, the upscaling of actions on Marine Spatial Planning, marine conservation (MPA's, OECM's), Blue Carbon, sustainable fisheries, community grants, and through enhanced regional ocean governance (including capacity building efforts and enhanced marine data, information and knowledge management, strategic planning and environmental and socio-economic reporting). In doing so, the project will take into account cross-cutting issues such as climate change, gender and post-covid recovery.

The Project builds on the results from the preceding UNDP/GEF CLME (2009-2014) and CLME+ (2015-2021) Projects, and will catalyze the next iteration of key regional processes such as the development of updated Transboundary Diagnostic Analyses/State of the Marine Environment & Economies Reports (TDA/SOMEE) and a new 10-year Strategic Action Programme (SAP) on the Marine Environment and the Blue Economy.

In support of the aforementioned, the project is playing a global pioneering role through the operationalization of the region-wide "Coordination Mechanism to Support Integrated Ocean Governance in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems" (the "Ocean Coordination Mechanism", or "OCM"). The "OCM" seeks to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration and coordination among the region's many countries, and the numerous Intergovernmental Organizations (IGO's) with an oceans-relevant mandate.

The project is structured around the following four components:

Figure 1: Structure of the Procaribe+ Project



1.2. Background and objectives of the grant/funding

This Grant is intended to support activities under **Component 2: Enabling national environments for the protection, restoration and sustainable use of coastal and marine resources (EBM/EAF)**, of PROCARIBE+. More specifically the activities under this grant will support achieving Project **Outcome 2.1 National-level capacity, enabling conditions and commitments for EBM/EAF and marine-based, climate and disaster-resilient "green-blue" socio-economic development.**

Defining meaningful and cost-effective action to achieve the PROCARIBE+ Project objective of "Protecting, restoring and harnessing the natural coastal and marine capital (...) to

catalyze investments in a climate-resilient, sustainable post-covid Blue Economy" at the country level demands that it is underpinned by sufficient and solid national data and information, and a good understanding of the (national) baseline situation, in terms of the status of the marine environment, the associated governance processes, and current and potential contributions of marine and coastal natural capital to human societies ("the blue economy").

Natural Capital Accounting is an approach that structures environmental and economic data to provide clarity on the relationships between the economy and the environment. This approach helps to capture the stock and changes of the stock of environmental assets, and the benefits these assets bring to society. Drawing on the experience of the UN System of National accounts (SNA) which produces GDP figures, The United Nations has developed the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) to provide concepts, definitions and classifications needed for the development of standardized Natural capital accounts.

Ocean accounting is a subset of natural capital accounting that focuses on Marine and coastal environmental assets. This approach organizes social, economic and environmental data into a centralized system to support government decision-making related to coastal and marine ecosystems by inter alia:

1. Enhancing understanding of the physical extent and condition of natural capital
2. Enhancing understanding of the direct and indirect contribution of natural capital to ocean based economies
3. Improving understanding of social benefits provided by natural capital and its contribution to human well being (Ecosystem Services) and the equity of the distribution of those benefits.

Recognizing the benefits provided by these approaches, the government of Costa Rica at the Third United Nations Oceans Conference (UNOC3) presented its Pledge to Advance Ocean Accounts by 2030, committing to being one of the first countries to present an integrated national Ocean Account by this date. To support this pledge, Law No. 10507 on Incentives for the Protection of Marine and Coastal Biodiversity was enacted, establishing the obligation to develop an Environmental Account for Marine and Coastal Resources, thereby strengthening the institutional framework for incorporating natural capital into planning and decision-making processes. Similarly, through the National Council on Environmental Accounts (CNCA), created by Executive Decree No. 41125-MINAE-PLAN-H, Costa Rica has promoted a national environmental accounting agenda coordinated among the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MINAE), the Central Bank of Costa Rica (BCCR), the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INEC), the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy (MIDEPLAN).

This CNCA is currently working on the development and approval of the 2025-2030 Roadmap to Produce Ocean Accounts.

In light of the progress made and the needs identified to consolidate the implementation of the national roadmap for ocean accounts, the PROCARIBE+ project, through its Component 2: **"Creating national enabling environments for the protection, restoration, and sustainable use of coastal and marine resources," will support a new phase of strengthening national natural capital accounting in Costa Rica.** In this context the PROCARIBE+ Project aims to support the development of Ocean Accounts in Costa Rica, to support the achievement of **Output 2.1.2. 2**

" National integrated "State of the Marine Environment" (SOMEE) reports, 2 Blue Economy (BE) Scoping Studies and 1 Marine and Coastal Natural Capital Accounting pilot/enhancement, delivered by end of 2025; extraction and dissemination of lessons learned and recommended way forward".

This pilot will focus on the Caribbean Coast of Costa Rica and is intended to lay the foundation for Ocean Accounts at the national level.

In addition, to facilitate the development of ocean accounts, Costa Rica identified its current environmental data management system as a key area that needed to be strengthened. Currently, significant volumes of environmental data are included in reports but are not housed in a centralized data management system. The government is working to modernize the National Environmental Information System (SINIA) and the governance and information management framework of the national environmental sector to enable interoperability, integration, and regular updates. This initiative aims to establish a National Environmental Information Hub that facilitates access to reliable, timely, and high-quality data, strengthens decision-making, and supports the development of the country's Ocean Accounts and, progressively, its Environmental Accounts. In this context, the grant will contribute to strengthening the platform and the institutional mechanisms necessary for its management and sustainability. (include reference to Net Zero)

1.3. Targeted impact of the grant/funding

This grant is intended to support the development of a comprehensive ocean account for Costa Rica and extraction and dissemination of lessons learned and recommended way forward. The development of this ocean account is intended to support improved decision-making on the sustainable use and protection of the natural environment. Additionally, this grant is intended to support the upgrading of Costa Rica's system of environmental information management called SNIA.

As per the PROCARIBE+ Project Document, Output 2.1.2 will contribute to the following PROCARIBE+ outcome: National-level capacity, enabling conditions and commitments for EBM/EAF and marine-based, climate and disaster-resilient “green-blue” socio-economic development (Outcome 2.1).

1.4. Scope of the grant/funding

The grant/funding can be used to support activities aiming at advancing national natural capital accounting in Costa Rica, including supporting the implementation of its roadmap for Ocean accounts. More specifically it is intended to support the completion of the following activities:

1. Compilation of an Ocean (Natural Capital) Account for Costa Rica including-
    a. Pilot National Social Account for Coastal and Marine Ecosystems
    b. National Governance Account for Coastal and Marine Ecosystems
    c. Ecosystem Service account for Coastal and Marine Ecosystems
2. Upgrading Costa Rica's system of environmental information management called SINIA.
3. Extraction and dissemination of lessons learned on Application of Ocean Accounts in the Wider Caribbean and Beyond

As noted throughout this document, while the development of Ocean Accounts focuses on Costa Rica, lessons learnt are expected to support border awareness raising and advocacy for Ocean Accounts across the region covered by the PROCARIBE+ project.

1.5. Target beneficiaries

The National Government of Costa Rica is anticipated to be the main beneficiary of this Grant agreement. Secondary beneficiaries include wider Caribbean countries participating in the PROCARIBE+ project who will benefit from the dissemination of lessons learned and regional capacity building activities.

Ultimately, through improved decision-making and management of coastal and marine resources supported by Ocean Accounts and an updated Information management system, the people of Costa Rica who derive utility from its coastal and marine ecosystem services will also be indirect beneficiaries of this grant.

1.6. Activities under the grant/funding

The funding provided under this grant will support the following activities:

1. **Activities in support of Ocean Account Compilation:**
    a. Development of methodological frameworks and compilation of pilot accounts, from conceptual design and drafting to the publication of first editions including:
        i. Governance Account
        ii. Pilot Social Account
        iii. Ecosystem Service account
    b. Capacity building for technical staff of partner institutions and local stakeholders on data collection, processing ,account compilation, and potential account use.
    c. Where needed, design and implementation of primary data collection in priority ecosystems, including field campaigns, the establishment of permanent monitoring sites and laboratory analysis.
2. **Activities in support of upgrading of environmental information management (SNIA):**
    a. Providing technical assistance to national institutions to identify, prioritize, collect, standardize, and validate the environmental, social, and economic data sources required for the preparation and periodic updating of the Ocean Accounts, including the adaptation of data collection tools, administrative records, monitoring protocols, data structures, and metadata, in accordance with national standards and the methodological requirements of environmental and economic accounting (Ocean Accounts).
    b. Support the development and implementation of technical, administrative, and inter-institutional mechanisms to facilitate the provision, exchange, access, integration, and use of the environmental, social, and economic information required for the Ocean Accounts, including data-sharing agreements with public institutions, universities, research centers, and other entities that generate or hold such information.
    c. Implement an experimental pilot using artificial intelligence to support the preparation of a preliminary report on the State of the Marine Environment (SOMEE), linked to the development of Costa Rica's Ocean Accounts and the State of the Environment Report for Costa Rica.
    d. Strengthen MINAE's capacity to operate and ensure the continuity of the Ocean Accounts data exchange model through training, knowledge transfer, technical and methodological documentation, operational testing, and the systematization of experiences and best practices that will enable the model to be replicated in other national environmental

accounts and the outcomes to be shared with countries in the Greater Caribbean.

3. **Knowledge Management and Best practice dissemination:**
    a. Systematization and dissemination of results, including technical reports, lessons learned and knowledge products.
    b. Extraction and dissemination of lessons learned and recommended way forward, including report on best practices for account compilation in a Wider Caribbean context.
    c. Participation in at least one regional training activity organized by the PROCARIBE+, including the provision of introductory training session on Ocean Accounts for Wider Caribbean Countries and provision of relevant introductory Training materials
    d. Participation as needed in Project events to raise awareness about ocean accounts and encourage other countries to advance with plans to compile ocean accounts

1.7. Grant/funding available

Total amount of grant/funding available

The following table indicates the total amount of grant/funding available under this Call for Proposals.

Currency	Amount	Amount in words
USD	190,000.00	One Hundred and Ninety thousand dollars.

1.8. Grant/funding duration

The expected duration of the grant/funding is:

Year(s)	1
Month(s)	0

1.9. Applicant eligibility

Applicant category(ies)

The following categories of applicants are eligible to apply under this Call for Proposals:

- ☑ Academic and research institutions
- ☐ Central-level government entities
- ☑ Companies
- ☐ Individuals
- ☑ International non-governmental organizations (INGOs)
- ☐ Local or regional branches of government, such as municipalities
- ☑ National non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- ☑ Non-UN intergovernmental organizations
- ☑ UN system organizations

Applicant country of registration and nationality

Applicants that are included or excluded under this Call for Proposals with regard to country of registration and nationality (for individuals) are as follows:

- Open to all countries

Additional conditions of ineligibility

The applicant shall not fall under any of the conditions listed in the Instructions to Applicants, Article 1, which make the applicant ineligible for this grant/funding.

1.10. Content of proposal submissions

Applicants shall include the following:

- Proposal (upload as a document in Grant+)
- Annex 1: Declarations (upload as a document in Grant+)
- Annex 2: Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) implementing partner self-assessment (complete in the UN Partner Portal (UNPP) or in Grant+)
- Annex 3: Financial proposal (complete in Grant+)
- Annex 4: Results framework (complete in Grant+)

- Annex 5: Social and Environmental safeguards

Applicants must carefully read and understand the Requirements in this Call for Proposals and the Instructions to Applicants before completing the Proposal and Annexes.

Guidance for applicants on Annex 2: Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse implementing partner self-assessment

Applicants are requested to complete the PSEA implementing partner (IP) self-assessment through the UN Partner Portal (UNPP) if they are eligible to register on this platform. Using the UNPP promotes consistency, accessibility, and reusability of PSEA information across the UN system, and supports smoother engagement with UN partners.

Applicants are encouraged to check whether they are already registered in UNPP and whether a PSEA assessment has been completed with another UN entity, as assessments in UNPP are generally valid for five (5) years. In this case, applicants should provide their UNPP ID number in their organization profile in Grant+. For applicants not yet registered in Grant+, complete the following steps:

- Access the UNPP dashboard.
- New IPs should use the following registration link. Applicants are encouraged to consult the UNOPS Guidance for Grantees on the United Nations Partner Portal (UNPP) for detailed instructions on registration, profile management, the PSEA self-assessment, and available support resources.
- Once registered in the UNPP, applicants should complete the PSEA implementing partner (IP) self-assessment directly in the UNPP under the PSEA module. For further guidance, refer to the UNPP PSEA User Guide for Partners, available in several languages.

If applicants are ineligible to register on the UNPP, they should complete the PSEA IP self-assessment in Grant+.

If an applicant is successful, they may be required to undergo a full PSEA capacity assessment in addition to the self-assessment listed above and may be required to complete a broader organizational capacity assessment. The capacity assessments may lead to required actions to improve capacity. Those actions would be included in an agreement with the IP, who would be expected to report on progress against those actions on a regular basis.

1.11. Partial proposals

Partial proposals will not be permitted. Applicants shall submit a proposal for the total scope of the grant/funding and address all of the requirements in this Call for Proposals. Evaluation will be based on compliance with the total requirements.

1.12. Sub-granting[1] and contracting[2]

Sub-granting and contracting are only permitted under this Call for Proposals as follows:

Sub-granting	Permissible
Contracting	Permissible

1.13. Proposal currency

The proposal budget shall be prepared in the following currency(ies):

- United States Dollars (USD)

1.14. Language of proposals

All proposals, information, documents and correspondence exchanged between UNOPS and the applicant shall be in:

- English or Spanish

1.15. Proposal submission

The deadline for the submission of proposals is Dec 14, 2026. Proposals shall be submitted using the following method:

- Create their profile in Grant+: grantplus.unops.org;
- Create their organization profile; and

[1] Sub-grant is when an entity is selected by the implementing partner (IP) to implement activities on behalf of the IP and complies with the same principles as outlined in the UNOPS Operational Instruction on Grant Support.
[2] Contracting is done when an IP procures services, goods or works using the procurement procedures of the IP.

- Apply to the funding opportunity CFP ref. no.: UNOPS/FO/2026/148 within Grant+.

Grant+ is the UNOPS grant management platform. An online information session on uploading proposals into Grant+ will take place on Nov 30, 2026 at 10:00 [COT].

Google Meet joining info for the information session: LINK

User guides and how-to videos are also available on the platform by clicking on the 'Guidance' tab at the top right of the Grant+ landing page.

In case of any technical issues, applicants may contact UNOPS System Support by clicking on the '?' icon in the top-right corner of the page after registering on the platform. For questions related to the content of this Call for Proposals, please refer to Contact information.

Refer to Article 10, "Proposal Submission", of the Instructions to Applicants for details on the specific requirements for proposal submission.

1.16. Type of legal instrument

The applicable legal instrument(s) are identified hereunder and are available on the UNPP:

- Grant Support Agreement
- UN-UN Transfer Agreement

1.17. Contact information

All correspondence, notifications, and requests for clarifications in relation to this Call for Proposals shall be sent to:

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1.18. Important dates and deadlines

The following tables provide the key dates and deadlines for this Call for Proposals.

Activity	Date	Time	Timezone
Submission of proposals	Dec 14, 2026	23:59	COT
Request for clarification	Dec 7, 2026	23:59	COT
Expected agreement start date	Feb 1, 2027	23:59	COT

Activity	Date	Time	Type	Additional information
Pre-proposal meeting	Nov 30, 20...	10:00 COT	Virtual	Grant+ Information Session

2. REQUIREMENTS

2.1. Approach and methodology

In the preparation of its proposal, the Applicant is invited to develop a proposed approach and methodology to carry-out the activities of the Grant. Consistent with the objectives and targeted outcomes explained in the CFP, the Applicant should also propose tangible outputs to be carried out under the Grant that clearly support the achievement of the expected outcomes and completion of needed activities.

In addition, the Applicant is invited to provide information on how it plans to address the following cross-cutting issues:

- **Health and Safety Requirements**

Describe how Health and Safety Requirements will be integrated into the activities.

- **Social and Environmental Requirements (such as gender and social inclusion)**

Background on Social and Environmental Safeguard measures developed for the PROCARIBE+ Project

The PROCARIBE+ Project is to comply with the UNDP's Social and Environmental Standards (SES). This means that PROCARIBE+ must apply UNDP principles, standards and procedures relating to social and environmental safeguards. The objective of UNDP SES is to ensure that adverse social and environmental impacts and risks of project activities are identified and assessed early on, in order to appropriately avoid, mitigate, reduce or manage these risks prior/during implementation. It also aims at ensuring full and effective participation of stakeholders in project decisions and implementation. Overall, the SES is meant to strengthen the social and environmental impacts of the project throughout its implementation.

In accordance with the UNDP SES policy, the Social and Environmental Screening Procedure (SESP) was applied to the project during the Project Preparation Grant phase (PPG), and included as an annex of the Project Document. This screening identified a range of potential social and environmental impacts associated with the project activities, and based on the results of the SESP and in accordance with UNDP procedures, several management frameworks and plans were prepared. This included:

- Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)
- Gender Action Plan (GAP)

- Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)
- Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF)

The plans developed provide general principles and guidance to ensure that the project does not cause any adverse social and environmental impacts and risks, and provide guidance on the implementation of the SES during project implementation.

In the context of the activities to be executed under this Grant agreement, the successful applicant may be asked to complete a specific SESP to identify any potential social and environmental risks specific to the activities to be implemented. If the activities to be executed during the Grant agreement trigger significant risks, the successful applicant may be required to develop social or environmental assessment and management measures, as appropriate, and to be determined with the PROCARIBE+ Project Management and Coordination Unit.

The Applicant is kindly requested to submit as part of its proposal:

- A description of any policies it has on social and environmental safeguards, if any, and how it plans to apply safeguard measures in the project activities.
- Describe how gender mainstreaming considerations or gender assessments will be incorporated into the activities.
- Describe how stakeholder engagement will be addressed during the implementation of the activities, including potential engagement with Indigenous communities.

- **Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Requirements**

Describe measures to be taken or institutional policies aimed at avoiding Sexual Exploitation and Abuse during activities.

- **Sustainability Requirements.**

Describe measures to be taken or institutional policies aimed at promoting sustainability.

2.2. Implementation Plan requirements

Using the proposed outputs, deliverables and activities, in view of achieving the outcomes of the grant/funding, and complete the Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan should accurately show the sequence and timeframe for the delivery of each activity and output. Please adjust the timeline according to the length of the planned activities (quarters may be used instead of weeks/month).

2.3. Implementing Partner Monitoring Plan requirements

Complete the Implementing Partner (IP) Monitoring Plan. The Monitoring plan should allow the Grantee to assess progress towards the achievement of the proposed outcomes and outputs, as presented in sections 1.2 and 1.3. d what specific areas should be covered. The following cross-cutting areas should be covered in the proposal:

- Health and safety requirements
- Social and environmental requirements (such as gender and social inclusion)
- Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse requirements
- Sustainability requirements.

2.4. Budget requirements

a. Budget Ceiling: as indicated in the Particulars

b. At a minimum, the budgets must include:

i. An estimate of direct costs, including all expenses that are required for, and can be tracked directly to, the grant/funding accounts. Direct costs must be broken down by expense subcategory, expense line item and year.

ii. A description of assumptions or justifications underlying the estimates

c. The costs will be eligible only if these are incurred for the purpose of this grant/funding and within the duration mentioned in the legal instrument (including any amendments)

d. There are restrictions on funding government salaries, detailed in Section 6.2 of the OI on Grant Support. These restrictions should be considered while budgeting government salaries, if applicable.

e. Article II, Section 7, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, inter alia, that the United Nations, including UNOPS as a subsidiary organ, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt

from customs restrictions, duties, and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. All proposals shall be submitted net of any direct taxes and any other taxes and duties

f. Grant budgets may include indirect costs up to 10 per cent of direct costs. For subgrants, indirect costs on the subgrant amount should be calculated and presented separately.

3. EVALUATION METHOD AND CRITERIA

Proposals submitted in response to this CFP document shall be evaluated following the cumulative analysis methodology, which consists of the following steps:

a. Preliminary screening: This includes an assessment of whether proposals comply with the formal and eligibility criteria stated in Table 1: Formal and eligibility criteria. All proposals that pass this stage will go through a subsequent evaluation as follows.

b. Technical evaluation: This assesses the technical points achieved by each proposal, as per the maximum obtainable points assigned per criteria group in Table 2.1: Parts of the technical proposal evaluation. Only proposals that meet the minimum threshold indicated in Table 2: Technical criteria shall be considered substantially compliant at this stage. Evaluation of the technical proposals shall be completed prior to opening the financial proposals.

c. Financial evaluation: Financial proposals will only be opened for proposals that have achieved the minimum threshold in the technical evaluation. Financial proposals shall be checked for any mathematical errors in accordance with Article 15, “Minor Informalities, Errors or Omissions” in the Instructions to Applicants. The total financial proposal points achieved for each proposal are determined in accordance with Table 3: Financial criteria.

d. Combined analysis: This evaluation will be conducted based on a combined analysis, analyzing all of the relevant costs, risks and benefits for each proposal. The combined analysis includes the scores from both the technical evaluation, including factors such as risks, sustainability, and others, and the financial evaluation, using a predefined weighting method.

The maximum number of points that an applicant may obtain for their proposal is as follows:

- Technical proposal: 80 points
- Financial proposal: 20 points

The maximum total number of points an applicant may obtain for both the technical and financial proposals is 100. The weighting of the technical and financial proposals will be 80:20.

UNOPS may request clarification or further information in writing from applicants at any point during the evaluation process. In this case, any response from an applicant shall not modify the substance of the proposal, including both the technical and financial aspects of the proposal. UNOPS may use such information to interpret and evaluate the relevant proposal.

The evaluation of a proposal by UNOPS shall be carried out against the evaluation criteria described in the following tables.

3.1. Preliminary screening

Table 1 Formal and eligibility criteria

Criteria evaluated on a pass/fail basis during the preliminary screening	Documents to establish compliance with the criteria
1. The applicant is eligible as defined in Article 1, "Applicant Eligibility" in the Instructions to Applicants.	• Proposal • Annex 1: Declarations • Annex 2: PSEA capacity self-assessment
2. The proposal is complete and includes all completed forms and other documentation requested in the Particulars, 'Content of proposal submissions'.	• All documentation requested in the Particulars, 'Content of proposal submissions'
3. The applicant accepts the conditions in the template for agreement, as specified in the Particulars, 'Type of legal instrument'.	• Annex 1: Declarations

3.2. Technical evaluation

Table 2 Technical criteria

Criteria evaluated based on scoring during the technical evaluation	Documents to establish compliance with the criteria
The maximum number of technical points obtainable is detailed in Table 2.1: Parts of the technical proposal evaluation. To be technically compliant, applicants must obtain a minimum threshold of 70% of the total obtainable points.	• Proposal

Table 2.1 Parts of the technical proposal evaluation

Part	Obtainable points
1. Applicant's capacity and expertise	25
2. Proposed methodology, approach and implementation plan	25
3. Key personnel proposed	15
4. Applicants Past Experience	15
Total technical proposal points	**80**

Table 2.1.1 Part 1: Applicant's capacity and expertise (25 Points)

No.	Criteria to be evaluated	Documents to establish compliance with the criteria (not exhaustive)	Obtainable points
1.1	The applicant has the general organizational capability to support effective implementation: management structure; financial stability and project financing capacity; management controls; and the extent to which any work would be sub-granted/ contracted.	Copy of audited financial statements for the last 2 years • Proposal	3
1.2	The applicant has relevant specialized knowledge and experience in similar activities.	• Proposal	6

Table 2.1.1 Part 1: Applicant's capacity and expertise (25 Points)

No.	Criteria to be evaluated	Documents to establish compliance with the criteria (not exhaustive)	Obtainable points
1.3	The applicant's existing projects complement this grant support project activity(ies).	• Proposal	6
1.4	Lessons learned by the applicant from other projects are factored into the proposal for the implementation of the proposed grant support project activity(ies).	• Proposal	3
1.5	The applicant has been in continuous operation during the last 4 year(s).	Certification of incorporation of the applicant	3
1.6	The applicant has experience successfully delivering similar grant support project activities during the last 2 year(s) prior to this CFP.	• Proposal	4
Total points for Part 1			**25**

Table 2.1.2 Part 2: Proposed methodology, approach and implementation plan (25 Points)

No.	Criteria to be evaluated	Documents to establish compliance with the criteria (not exhaustive)	Obtainable points
2.1	The proposal is substantially compliant and does not contain any material deviation(s) from the minimum requirements as stipulated in this CFP document, which indicates the applicant's understanding of these requirements.	• Proposal	3
2.2	The applicant's proposed approach and methodology are consistent with the objectives and targeted outcomes of the grant/funding and the objectives of the	• Proposal, Section 3	5

Table 2.1.2 Part 2: Proposed methodology, approach and implementation plan (25 Points)

No.	Criteria to be evaluated	Documents to establish compliance with the criteria (not exhaustive)	Obtainable points
	UNOPS project activities under which this grant/funding opportunity is available.		
2.3	The proposed approach is technically sound.	• Proposal, Section 3	4
2.4	The proposed approach is considered to be an efficient way to deliver the activities and achieve the proposed outputs.	• Proposal, Section 3	3
2.7	The applicant has identified tangible outputs that clearly support the achievement of the expected outcomes.	• Proposal, Section 4	4
2.8	The proposal satisfactorily demonstrates that the Health, Safety, Social and Environmental (HSSE) requirements in relation to the grant support project activities will be met.	• Proposal	2
2.9	The proposal satisfactorily demonstrates that the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) requirements in relation to the grant support project activities will be met.	• Proposal	2
2.10	The IP Monitoring Plan details how different work elements will be monitored and controlled.	• Proposal, Section 5	2
Total points for Part 2			**25**

Table 2.1.3 Part 3: Key personnel proposed (15 Points)

No.	Criteria to be evaluated	Documents to establish compliance with the criteria (not exhaustive)	Obtainable points
3.1	The composition and structure of the applicant's proposed team are appropriate, and the proposed management roles and other key personnel roles are suitable for implementing grant support project activities.	• Proposal, Section 6	6
3.2	The applicant describes and justifies its plan for the size and composition of its team.	• Proposal, Section 6	3
3.3	The qualifications and experience of the proposed key personnel meet the established requirements.	• Proposal, Section 8	6
Total points for Part 3			**15**

Table 2.1.4 Part 4: Applicants Past Experience (15 Points)

No.	Criteria to be evaluated	Documents to establish compliance with the criteria (not exhaustive)	Obtainable points
4.1	The applicant has experience successfully delivering similar grant support project activities as those to be executed under this Grant agreement	• Proposal, Section 6	5
4.2	The applicant has conducted work in similar fields as the ones proposed in the Grant agreement in the primary beneficiary country (Costa Rica)	• Proposal, Section 6	5
4.3	The applicant has existing relationships with relevant national authorities in the primary beneficiary country (Costa Rica's National Council on Environmental Accounts (CNCA)) and/or with authorities that set standards related to natural capital accounting.	• Proposal, Sections 8 and 9	5
Total points for Part 4			**15**

3.3. Financial evaluation

Table 3 Financial criteria

Criteria evaluated based on scoring during the financial evaluation	Documents to establish compliance with the criteria
The maximum number of financial points obtainable is detailed in Table 3.1: Parts of the financial proposal evaluation. To be technically compliant, applicants must obtain a minimum threshold of 70% of the total obtainable points.	• Online Financial proposal

Table 3.1 Parts of the financial proposal evaluation

Part	Obtainable points
1. Financial evaluation	12
2. Lowest budget criteria	8
Total financial proposal points	**20**

Table 3.1.1 Part 1: Financial evaluation

No.	Criteria evaluated based on a cumulative analysis methodology during the financial evaluation	Documents to establish compliance with the criteria	Obtainable points
1.1	Applicant organizations comply with the maximum budgets stipulated in the Budget requirements.	• Annex 3: Financial proposal	2
1.2	The applicant has provided sufficient justification of budget lines and lump sums.	• Annex 3: Financial proposal	3
1.3	The allocation of budget among different categories is appropriate, particularly the allocation between activities and the operational budget.	• Annex 3: Financial proposal	3

Table 3.1.1 Part 1: Financial evaluation

No.	Criteria evaluated based on a cumulative analysis methodology during the financial evaluation	Documents to establish compliance with the criteria	Obtainable points
1.4	The applicant's cost estimates and the assumptions made for such estimates are reasonable.	• Annex 3: Financial proposal	4
	Total points for Part 1		**12**

Table 3.1.2 Part 2: Lowest Budget criteria

No.	Criteria	Documents to establish compliance with the criteria	Obtainable points
2.1	Total Budget: A maximum of 8 points will be allocated to the lowest total budget. Total budgets of other substantially compliant applicants will be scored according to the following formula: Points for budget amount = [lowest total budget amount] x [maximum points allocated for the total budget amount] / [Total budget amount of proposal under evaluation]	• Annex 3: Financial proposal	8
Total points for Part 2			**8**