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**Request for Expressions of Interest  
Consultancy Work for the FSM Adaptation Fund Project**

The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) has received a grant from the Adaptation Fund to implement the *"Enhancing the Climate Change Resilience of Vulnerable Island Communities in the FSM"* project. A portion of the grant will be used to fund activities and tasks that will enable strengthening of policy and institutional capacity for integrated coastal and water management at national and state level.

The FSM Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECEM) now invites qualified consultancy teams to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the assignment of **revision and update of the Kosrae State Shoreline Management Plan**. EOI's should include a letter of application supported by a Curriculum Vitae, and at least three (3) references.

The selected consultancy team must complete all activities and submit the deliverables within (6) six months.

The consultancy team must include the following experts (1) a Legal Expert (2) Environmental Expert and (3) Policy and Institutional Framework Expert and each expert must meet all criteria in the Terms of Reference.

To obtain a copy of the **Terms of Reference** for the assignment or to obtain further information, please contact the person below.

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Interested consultants may also download a copy of the Terms of Reference by visiting the following Link: <https://fsm-data.sprep.org/> , *Revision Assignment of the Kosrae State Shoreline Management Plan*.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted electronically to Mr. Richard Moufa at the email address given above no later than **December 31, 2025 at 1600 hours, local (Pohnpei) time**.

Approved by: Andrew R. Yatilman  
Secretary

Date: 11/28/25



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**Revision of the Kosrae Shoreline Management Plan  
Terms of Reference  
December 2025**

**Background**

The **Government of the FSM** has received a grant from the **Adaptation Fund** under the **“Enhancing The Climate Change Resilience of Vulnerable Island Communities in FSM” Project**. The project seeks to enhance community resilience through working with communities focussing on improving water security measures in the outer islands of Yap, Chuuk and Pohnpei, and increase resilience of coastal communities to adapt to coastal hazards and risks induced by climate change in Kosrae.

The project is expected to deliver a set of targeted and interlinked economic, social and environmental benefits, as well as serve as a model for future replication throughout the four states of the country in other sectors (such as food security, and marine resource management). It will also promote a set of innovations, together with partner institutions and organisations that will help create better living conditions for the outer islands and coastal communities of FSM. The overall goal of the project is to build social, ecological and economic resilience of the target island communities of FSM and reduce their vulnerabilities to extreme drought, sea level rise and other climate risks through water resource management, coastal resource and development planning and by promoting gender perspectives and ecologically sound climate resilient livelihoods.

Component 1 of the project “Strengthening of policy and institutional capacity for integrated coastal and water management at national and state level” will require activities and tasks that will enable strengthening of policy and institutional capacity for integrated coastal and water management at national and state level.

The Kosrae Shoreline Management Plan has been selected to be revised and updated under Component 1 of the AF Project. The first Kosrae Shoreline Management Plan (KSMP)<sup>1</sup> was produced in 1999 and updated and adopted by the Kosrae State Government in 2013. The plan recognised that much of Kosrae’s development over the last 50 years has occurred in areas highly exposed to weather and coastal-related hazards.

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<sup>1</sup> The term Shoreline Management Plan was adopted back in 1999 as adaptation planning at that time was in its infancy. During the 2013 revision there was a discussion around changing the name, but it was decided to stick with it for the time being. We would suggest that it would be timely to revise the name to be more relevant to long-term adaptation and security planning.

Furthermore, the consequences of climate change and sea-level rise will substantially increase the impacts that these hazards have on much of Kosrae's developed assets.

The primary aim of the plan was to introduce a new development pathway to substantially reduce the exposure of Kosrae's communities and infrastructure over the period to around 2050. The plan will need to focus on a core number of strategies and activities that are critical to the longer-term security and wellbeing of Kosrae's communities and associated infrastructure.

### **The need for a revision**

Many of the strategies and activities identified in the plan remain relevant. A number of activities have been completed (e.g. Revision of the KIRMA Regulations for Development Projects to incorporate climate change considerations) or progressed, (e.g. planning for the inland road initiative). However, it is timely to review and update the plan to consider:

- Ideas and opinions of a new generation of both community members and State Government professionals since the KSMP was first developed;
- Updated background information (Appendices) to incorporate new climate change information and assessment;
- New critical infrastructure installations which were not considered in the previous versions of the KSMP, such as the optic fibre cable landing station;
- Consult with communities around long-term weather and coastal hazard security adaptation options (both existing and any potential new approaches) and improve guidance at Municipal level;
- Improve implementation pathway approaches to better align with, and support, key National, State and Regional climate change adaptation strategies<sup>2</sup>, and provide input to the future development of multilateral, bilateral and Compact support initiatives; and
- Increase recognition of the Plan's aims and objectives within the National Government.

### **Proposed revision activities**

Specific activities proposed for the revision are outlined below:

#### **Preparatory activities**

Prior to any new revisions a number of update/preparatory activities will be undertaken by the technical support team and KIRMA. This will help inform the discussions held as part of the consultations. This will include:

- **Output 1: Workplan**
  - Development of a Workplan for 6 months outlining consultant's approach and methodology to undertake this work and timelines with clear articulation of milestones and deliverables.

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<sup>2</sup> Specifically, the FSM Strategic Development Plan (SDP) 2024 – 2043, the third ten-year FSM Infrastructure Development Plan 2025-2034, the four-year Kosrae Strategic Plan Development process and the PIFS Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility

- **Output 2: Review Documentation and Legislation**
  - Collation and review of new documents since 2013, including relevant strategic plans, assessment reports, ongoing or planned adaptation-related activities etc.
  - Review of observed climate hazard impacts and risks and relevant national and state level legislations and policies.
- **Output 3: Draft Revised Plan**
  - Following the consultation phase a framework and outline for the revised plan will be discussed and agreed with KIRMA
- **Output 4: Finalise Updated Plan**
  - The Draft Plan will be updated to Final having regard to the comments and feedback received from stakeholders on the Draft.

  
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