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CONTEXT

The Mediterranean Sea Program (MedProgramme) includes a set of seven sub-projects financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) over the period 2021-2025. It aims to initiate the implementation of priority measures to reduce the main transboundary environmental pressures on the Mediterranean Sea and its coastal zones, while strengthening resilience to climate change and water supply security, and improving the health and livelihoods of coastal populations. As part of this program, the MedProgramme - Mediterranean Coastal Zones Project, is providing support for a mission aimed at finalizing and completing the Regional coastal plan of TTA, with the following aims:

- Establish the fundamental guidelines for the development, protection and enhancement of the coastline, taking into account the general vocation of the various zones, and in particular the zones assigned to industrial and port development, marine farming and leisure activities;
- Carry out field visits to deepen the analysis and propose appropriate measures for sound integrated management of the coastline at the level of the provinces and prefectures with a seafront in the Tangier Tetouan Al Hoceima region;
- Specify measures to protect marine and terrestrial ecosystems;
- Determine the vocations of the various sectors of maritime space and the principles of compatibility applicable to the corresponding uses.

The service, the subject of calls for tender published on the PAP website (<http://www.paprac.org/jobs>), is organized into two missions:

- Mission I : Elaboration of the Regional Coastal Plan (RCP) for TTA,
- Mission II: Setting up a monitoring-evaluation and reporting system to follow up the implementation TTA Regional Coastal Plan.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Coastal preservation in Morocco is governed by law 81-12, adopted in 2015, which sets out the fundamental principles of integrated coastal management as a cross-cutting management process involving the simultaneous consideration of different interests in the coastline, including in particular the systematic consideration of the environment for all decisions affecting this territory. The regional plan which is the subject of this invitation to tender is governed by article 8 of this law, which stipulates that it must determine in particular:

- 1) the vocation of the area or areas concerned by the plan, based on a general economic, social, cultural and environmental analysis of each of these areas;
- 2) the coastal areas, on the land side, to be developed, rehabilitated or enhanced, as well as the areas requiring measures to clear their land situation in order to bring them into line with the provisions of the present law;
- 3) measures to be taken to rehabilitate areas degraded by the creation of caves, caverns or similar developments along the seashore, as well as measures to deal with the resulting negative impacts;
- 4) the limit of the non-constructible zone in accordance with the provisions of article 15 below;
- 5) the limit of the no-build zone for transport infrastructures, in accordance with the provisions of article 17 below;
- 6) measures for the integration of harbors;
- 6) measures for integrating marinas into natural sites and urban agglomerations;
- 7) places where the liquid discharges referred to in article 37 below may not be discharged and, where applicable, places where purification or discharge treatment plants may be located;
- 8) areas reserved for camping and caravanning, including locations for the installation of sanitary facilities and security services, as well as the rules and regulations to be observed for the operation of said areas;
- 9) marine areas intended for the use of motorized nautical and aerial vehicles and nautical and aerial leisure craft, as well as the rules governing the use of these vehicles and craft;
- 10) areas in which certain types of activity are prohibited or subject to special conditions and requirements. This provision does not apply to sea fishing activities;
- 11) the location of passageways and public access routes to the seashore;
- 12) the height applicable to installations, constructions and equipment to be built within the zone referred to in article 15 below;
- 13) areas requiring special measures in accordance with article 27 below;
- 14) additional measures required to ensure better conservation of the coastline, including environmental awareness and education measures.

STRATEGIC WATCHPOINTS

1. Involvement of regional players from the outset (study launch phase) is essential to ensure participative development of the TTA CRP (coastal regional plan).
2. The plan must cover all the areas listed below (points 1 to 14, in accordance with article 8 of the Coastal Law).
3. The RTTA must play a unifying role in the completion of this regional plan.
4. The allotment of the service (mission by expert with individual and separate contracts) is likely to complicate the consultation and coordination of the elaboration of the SRL of TTA and consequently harm its quality and its outcome.
5. Taking into account the strategic guidelines set out in the various strategic planning documents: National Coastal Plan, Directives of Territorial Development Public Policy (OPPAT), TTA Regional spatial planning scheme (SRAT)...

Sources : PAP website and TTA RCP study TORs and Impact Plus analyses