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Environmental specialist

Duration: 12 months period
Duty Station: Swaziland, Mbabane

Project Number: TCP/SWA/3602

Background and justification:

FAO in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, are engaged in a TCP to foster investment in aquaculture and promote an effectively governed fisheries and aquaculture development that is socially inclusive, equitable and environmentally responsible, and provides opportunities for sustainable and profitable aqua farming as well as the economic activities that grow around it, with particular focus on women. The expected outcomes are three-fold: 1.the implementation of a national fisheries and aquaculture strategy for better management of activities in Swaziland i.e. Sector management of activities improved based on National fisheries and aquaculture strategy and action plan implemented; 2.development of ecologically and adoption and socio-economically responsible and profitable forms of aquaculture by farmers and investors in Swaziland increased 3. Farmers/investors in Swaziland's ability to use appropriate business models to explore market options and increase the knowledge of aqua-business management skills strengthened

These will be achieved through five linked outputs: a) Swaziland Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Strategy and Action Plans; b) capacity in fisheries management built within the Ministry of Agriculture; c) resource map of the aquaculture potential of Swaziland; d) organized and empowered farmer groups (with focus on women) employing improved market, business planning and management; and e) an investment guide for public investment in the development of the aquaculture subsector and private investment in aquaculture production.

Many of the activities focus on demonstrating the application of concepts and methodologies in tilapia farming and drawing lessons from these for application to other farming systems and species such as catfish in Swaziland as well as to the other farming sectors of neighbouring landlocked countries with similar bio-physical conditions.

Specific activities and main responsibilities

Under the overall supervision of the FAO Representative, the technical guidance of the FAO Aquaculture Officer (FIAA) and the Aquaculture Economist of the Development Planning Service (FIEP), and in close collaboration with the Fisheries Department in Swaziland and the National Project Coordinator, the national consultant on environment will:

- Contribute to the preparation of training materials for Swaziland on the ecosystem approach to aquaculture and spatial planning by adapting materials already prepared by FAO Aquaculture Branch;
- Assist in organizing and facilitating training courses for the project;
- Provide technical support to the international consultants on geographic information systems to develop the Aquaculture Resource Map (or Atlas);
- Assist in the development of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Strategy and Action Plan in Swaziland.

Qualifications

- Masters Degree in Environmental Science or related field;
- 7 years of experience in environmental research, assessments, and planning;

Selection criteria

- Ability to work independently as well as an effective team player;
- Proficiency in spoken and written English and SiSwati;
- Knowledge of local culture;

- Ability to write technical documents clearly and concisely;

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