**TERMS OF REFERENCE** **FOR THE SERVICE OF**

**HEAD OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR) UNDER THE PROJECT LIFE15 NAT/HR/000997**

**Grant Agreement title: LIFE EUROTURTLES**

Financed under programme: **LIFE programme**

Reference no. of project: **LIFE15 NAT/HR/000997**

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Type of contract: Temporary **Service Contract**

Short description of the subject of procurement: **2 aerial survey participants (observers)/2 surveys**

Short description of the tender rules: **Vacancy notice for two temporary service contracts**

Contarcting Authority: **Croatian Natural History Museum (CNHM)**

 Value of the contract***: 88.000,00 HRK / 12.000,00 EUR total value for both contracts***

Circumstances justifying the use of the selected procedure: even though temporary service contracts in Croatia are exempt from public procurement procedures and are regulated by the Civil Obligations Act (<https://www.zakon.hr/z/75/Zakon-o-obveznim-odnosima>), CNHM will publish a Vacancy notice (public tender) for a Temporary Service Contract for a position of 2 aerial survey participants (observers)/2 surveys. Development of the Terms of reference for the aforementioned vacancy will be supported by deliberation about possible candidates of project partners after the formation of the Scientific committee of the project. In order to make the Vacancy visible on EU level the Vacancy will be published in English language on the project website <http://www.euroturtles.eu/index.html>. All relevant experts in the field will be made aware of the vacancy through project partner networks and through relevant expert associations.

 CNHM will choose the best candidate for the 2 aerial survey participants (observers)/2 surveys and CNHM and will offer them a Temporary service contract pending the approval of the contract by the City of Zagreb as the founder of CNHM. It shall be ensured that prices for similar services have been compared, that the rate is in line with the level of competence required for the position and that the selection procedure is transparent, as well as the appropriate audit trail being followed.

**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT**

**Project objective:** The aim of the project is to improve the conservation status of the EU populations of two sea turtle priority species, the loggerhead turtle Caretta caretta\* and the green turtle Chelonia mydas\*. The project recognizes that this aim can only be achieved through an EU-level approach considering the multinational distribution of these populations, which have breeding and foraging grounds in different and distant EU countries.

**The specific project objectives are:**

1) Reduce the impact of anthropogenic threats at nesting sites, in order to (i) guarantee a suitable

nesting and incubation habitat for the future, including climate change effects, and (ii) allow a high production of newborns recruiting to their populations.

2) Reduce the impact of anthropogenic threats, in particular fishery-related, at foraging grounds.

3) Improve the effectiveness of marine Natura 2000 sites for sea turtle conservation, by extending current sites over turtle hot-spot areas and improving their management.

4) Set up a consistent approach for the conservation of the EU sea turtle populations, in order to optimize current and future efforts and resources in the EU.

5) Contribute to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive with consistent methods and with baseline data for improving the capacity of monitoring the conservation status of the EU sea turtle populations in the future.

6) Promote among EU citizens the concept of shared EU sea turtle populations and of the common heritage of natural marine resources of which sea turtles are excellent and charismatic flagship species.

7) Set up an EU network for sea turtle conservation based on common objectives and methods. This network will include the main research and conservation organizations in the key EU countries (most of which participate in the project as beneficiaries) and the relevant competent authorities.

1. **DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT**
	1. **Objectives:**

Objective of the work of 2 aerial survey participants (observers)/2 surveys is to:

Observe and participate in the implementation of Aerial survey in the EU project "COLLECTIVE ACTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE CONSERVATION STATUS OF THE EU SEA TURTLE POPULATION, Project acronym: LIFE EUROTURTLES

**2.2 Requested services:**

* Observation and participation in the project’s Aerial survey
* Support to all participants of the project’s aerial survey
* Participation in the following project activities:
	+ ACTION C.3: Marine hot-spot areas for sea turtles: dynamic fishery management and areas of extension of Natura 2000 sites, Sub-action, C3.1 (Croatia)

**2.3. Expected deliverables:**

* Observation reports

The Expert will be responsible for the production, quality and timely completion of aerial survey activities and for keeping track of the work done to the project coordinator.

**2.4. Period of Intervention/Timing:**

Project scientific coordination services are required for period April/May 2019 – October 2019. He/she will be employed on the basis of Temporary service contract of definite duration (in Croatian: *Ugovor o djelu*).

**2.5. Place of Activities/Logistics:**

Action C.3. locations - Sub-action, C3.1 (Croatia)

**2.6. Reference and reporting:**

Experts will report to Project Manager who will serve as his/her Supervisor.

**3. REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND COMPETENCES OF THE EXPERT**

***General professional experience:***

PhD in natural sciences, 3 years of working experience

***Specific professional experience:***

* Experience in day to day aerial survey activities
* Experience in planning and implementation of aerial survey activities
* Understanding of LIFE programme objectives is advantage
* Relevant publications in the field of marine and sea turtles are advantage

***Additional skills and competences required:***

* Excellent knowledge of English and one other EU language
* Computer literacy
* Excellent team work and coordination abilities
* Excellent communication and presentation skills