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**GUINEA CURRENT LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM
(GCLME)
PROJECT**

FINAL REPORT

ON

CONTRACT NO. 16000977

BETWEEN

**THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
ORGANISATION
(UNIDO)**

AND

SCAN ASSOCIATES

(UNIDO PROJECT NUMBER: GP/RAF/04/004)

MAY 2006.

INTRODUCTION

UNIDO Project Number GP/RAF/04/004 is dedicated to combating living resources depletion and coastal area degradation in the Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem through ecosystem-based regional actions.

Under this project, Contract No.16000977 was awarded to our consultancy company SCAN ASSOCIATES of No. 10 Estate Road, WOJI, Port Harcourt, Nigeria by UNIDO to develop a Marine Pollution Monitoring Manual.

Following the execution of the contract documents by both parties, an operational plan for the execution of the work was put in place as described in Annex 3 to the Contract Document.

SERVICES RENDERED

The various activities undertaken and services rendered under this contract were as captioned and documented in the various periodic reports already submitted to UNIDO. The following is a Final Report summarizing these services.

The first week of the work was home-based and spent in the preparation of the course outline for the Manual.

The outline developed was a detailed layout of the structure of the intended Manual.

(a) FIRST REPORT:

The First Report had five (5) hard copies and one electronic copy of the Course outline with details of the Marine Pollution Manual as the main documents and these were submitted to UNIDO for assessment and approval. This was approved by UNIDO, and work on the main Manual commenced.

Subsequently, notification was secured for travel to the GCLME – Regional Coordination Unit Accra, Ghana where the Manual Outline was discussed in consultation with the GCLME Regional Director, Prof Chidi Ibe. This dovetailed into the travel to select/sample GCLME countries to secure the input of national counterparts and project experts for the manual as elaboration of the manual was still on-going.

At about this point of the work, the validation workshop was announced. With the validation workshop coming somewhat earlier than scheduled in the work-plan, the home-based elaboration of the methodologies in the manual and the production of the Draft Manual took an accelerated course.

The Draft Manual on Marine Pollution Monitoring was inevitably prepared and submitted to UNIDO on the 7th of March, 2006.

THE MANUAL VALIDATION WORKSHOP

The Regional workshop for the validation of the Pollution Monitoring Manual by the stakeholder participating countries of the GCLME region was subsequently held on 10 – 14 April 2006 at the RCU – Accra, Ghana.

The workshop reviewed and validated both the Marine Pollution Monitoring Manual and the Training Manual for the Development of National Programme of Action on Land-based Activities of the Global Programme of Action. Some 32 Participants from fourteen (14) of the 16 GCLME countries attended the workshop.

(b) WORKSHOP REPORT

The Report on the workshop (detailing the objectives, technical and plenary sessions, Country Reports, Presentations, Keynote Addresses, and list of Participants) was prepared and later dispatched to UNIDO on the 25th April, 2006.

The Manual used during the workshop had earlier been sent in to UNIDO.

At the Workshop a decision was taken by participants to produce a volume II of the Manual that would capture the sampling methods and use of biological matrices in Marine Pollution Monitoring.

These were produced, and thereafter five (5) hard copies and one electronic copy each, of the validated Pollution Monitoring Manual and the Volume II of the Manual describing sampling methods for biological matrices, respectively, were submitted to UNIDO by letter of 12th May 2006.

It is necessary to recall that the need to host the workshop ahead of schedule accelerated the run of certain activities and this somehow breached approved timetable and stampeded some other activities out of schedule.

The delay that resulted in the completion of subsequent activities was due to the time needed to recall our pool experts to activities that were not yet scheduled for then, as they were away on other scheduled assignments.

However we endeavoured to fall into step with the activities and managed to drive the operational plan to a logical end.

© THE FINAL REPORT

We wish to recall that the required five (5) hard copies of the validated and updated Training Manual for Coastal and Marine Pollution Monitoring for the GCLME region (in ring-bound edition), as well as the electronic copy, which were to accompany this Final Report have already been dispatched to UNIDO.

This was in advance of this Final Report on the Contract which is hereby submitted

APPRECIATION

We want to express our appreciation to the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, UNIDO, and specifically to the Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem (GCLME) Project, for the opportunity given to us, SCAN ASSOCIATES, to serve in this capacity and we look forward to future collaborations.