Coalition for Fisheries Transparency

Call for Proposals

Principle Case Studies Project for the Coalition for Fisheries Transparency on Beneficial Ownership, Vessel Monitoring, and Seafood Traceability

The Coalition for Fisheries Transparency (CFT) is seeking a consultant to develop a series of principle-specific case study compilations that document how three principles of the Global Charter for Fisheries Transparency have been implemented in practice across different national contexts. The consultancy will result in three standalone documents - one each on Principle 3 (beneficial ownership), Principle 5 (vessel monitoring), and Principle 7 (seafood traceability) - with each document compiling 3–5 concrete case studies from around the world.

The consultant will be responsible for identifying relevant case studies, conducting desk research and targeted interviews, and drafting the compilations. The final products will be designed for use by government decision-makers and civil society organizations as evidence-based reference materials to inform policy discussions and advocacy related to fisheries transparency.

Methodology: The consultant will employ a combination of desk research and virtual interviews with in-country experts to identify, document, and validate case studies. The consultant is expected to draw on their own professional networks and will also be connected to the Coalition for Fisheries Transparency's global network of civil society organizations and partners for expert outreach and validation.

The consultant will work closely with CFT staff to ensure consistency across case studies and alignment with the Global Charter.

Objectives:

1. Develop a clear and standardized methodology for identifying, researching, and drafting case studies to be used consistently across all three principle-specific compilations.
2. Conduct comprehensive desk research to identify relevant case studies demonstrating how governments have advanced policies, legal frameworks, or institutional practices aligned with each principle of the Global Charter.
3. Using CFT contacts and consultant's own established networks, engage and interview in-country experts and stakeholders to identify examples and to validate findings from desk research.
4. Produce three principle-specific case study compilations on Principle 3, 5, and 7, each including 3–5 case studies with broad geographic representation. Individual case studies should be approximately 1–2 pages in length and clearly describe:
    a. the national and fisheries specific context;
    b. the relevant reform, policy, or implementation approach; and

    c. the outcomes or benefits associated with advancing the principle for key stakeholders.
5. Maintain a well-organized database of sources and contacts for each principle, including references from desk research and expert interviews, to support future CFT work.
6. Deliver each principle-specific case study compilation as it is completed, according to a mutually agreed schedule.

Deliverables:

1. A standardized template to be used across all principle-specific case study compilations. This should outline the approach to identifying case studies, conducting desk research and interviews, and structuring individual case studies to ensure consistency.
2. Three standalone case study compilations, one each for Principles 3, 5, and 7 of the Global Charter for Fisheries Transparency. Each compilation should:
    - Include 3–5 case studies with broad geographic representation;
    - Present individual case studies of approximately 1–2 pages each;
    - Clearly describe the national and fisheries specific context, the relevant policy or implementation approach, and observed outcomes or benefits related to advancing the principle; and
    - Be written in clear, accessible language suitable for government and civil society audiences.
    - Draft versions of each compilation will be submitted for CFT review prior to finalization.
3. A well-organized database documenting all sources consulted for each of the three principles, including desk research materials, interviewees, and relevant policy or legal references.

All deliverables produced under this consultancy will be the property of the Coalition for Fisheries Transparency and may be used, adapted, and published by CFT.

Consultancy timeline:

The consultancy contract will be for a period of 6 months, starting February 2, 2026, and ending August 2, 2026. The consultant is expected to work approximately 15–20 hours per month over the duration of the contract.

The CFT Point of Contact will advise on the sequencing of case study compilations and due dates as work progresses.

Progress Reporting:

- Bi-monthly meetings with the CFT Point of Contact on progress.
- Submission of interim updates and draft deliverables for review and feedback according to mutually agreed timelines.

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Payment:
Consultant will be paid per hour worked. The hourly pay band for this project is: $40-55 USD.

Desired consultant attributes:

- Master's degree or higher in a relevant field (e.g., marine policy, international relations, environmental governance, public policy, or a related discipline).
- Professional proficiency in English; additional language skills are a strong asset for research and stakeholder engagement, particularly Spanish, French, Korean, Japanese and/or Mandarin.
- Demonstrated experience conducting qualitative and desk-based research.
- Strong written and interpersonal communication skills, including experience engaging with diverse stakeholders.
- Knowledge of marine and fisheries-related issues, including fisheries management and governance, maritime domain awareness, small-scale fisheries, and related policy frameworks.

Application information
Interested consultants should submit:

- A resume or CV;
- One relevant writing sample (preferably case studies, policy briefs, or similar analytical work); and
- A desired hourly rate and availability.

Materials should be sent to emily@fisheriestransparency.net by January 19th, 2026.

Consultants will be selected based on demonstrated experience with fisheries or marine governance, quality of analytical and writing skills, familiarity with international policy processes, and ability to deliver high-quality outputs within agreed timelines. There will be no travel for this consultancy.