



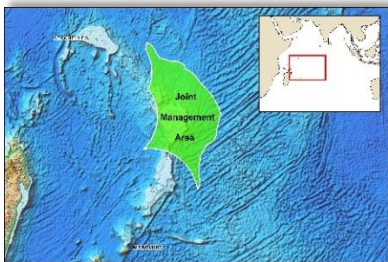
## ***Expression of Interest for sustainable exploratory harvesting of Sea Cucumber - EOI/1/2022***

1. The Mauritius/Seychelles Joint Commission of the Extended Continental Shelf is inviting expressions of interest (EOI) from eligible and qualified operators registered in Mauritius or Seychelles to undertake sustainable exploratory harvesting of sea cucumber in the Joint Management Area (JMA) for an initial staggered period of one year. The Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles have developed a framework setting out the conditions governing sea cucumber fisheries in the JMA. All selected operators will have an obligation to strictly adhere to these conditions.

For the full list of conditions, please contact the Mauritius JMA Focal Point at the address below.

### **2. Eligibility – All EOI should be accompanied by the following information/documents:**

- Proposal and methodology for sea cucumber fishing activities
- Business/Company documents including Certificate of Incorporation, Memorandum and Articles of Association (if applicable);
- Details on storage, processing and market destination
- Valid fishing licence for operators
- Certification in accordance with national standards for divers
- All necessary permits for operating vessels at sea including valid skipper licence
- Experience in offshore fisheries



Since 2011, Mauritius and Seychelles have exercised joint jurisdiction over the seabed and subsoil of the JMA for the purpose of exploring and exploiting the living and non-living resources, including sea cucumber. The current initiative is being undertaken to evaluate the distribution and stocks of sea cucumber in the JMA.

### **3. The submission of EOI with supporting information/documents in sealed envelopes and labelled with the reference “EOI/1/2022 – Sea Cucumber” should be addressed to the following authorities: -**

#### **For operators in Mauritius to:**

Mauritius JMA Focal Point  
c/o Director General  
Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones  
Administration and Exploration  
Level 2, Belmont House  
Intendance Street, Port Louis  
Mauritius

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[mzadministration@govmu.org](mailto:mzadministration@govmu.org)

4. Any request for clarifications in respect of this invitation for EOI should be addressed in writing to the above authority not later than 7 days prior to the closing date.

5. EOI by registered post or hand delivered should reach the above authority **by the 21<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 at 02:00 pm.**

6. EOI received by e-mail shall be rejected.

7. The Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles reserve the right to accept or reject any EOI and to annul the whole EOI exercise without thereby incurring any liability whatsoever towards any participant.

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**