Request for Quotation

Analysis of Digital Aerial Survey Data for Multiple Marine Protected Areas collected for the marine Natural Capital Ecosystem Assessment Project

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# Response to clarification questions received prior to 12:00 BST 14th July 2023

### Questions

1. Can you please explain what is meant by “number of nodes” or will such terminology be explained in the survey sampling protocol shared with the successful bidder?
2. We note the ask for density/abundance for all species, but sample sizes may preclude KDE analysis on all – is it acceptable to prepare KDE only for key species (identified in red in the RFQ)?
3. Could you confirm if the following notification on the Portal is correct?

**Natural England**

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**Withdrawn opportunity - This means that the contract has been withdrawn early. This could be due to a change of circumstances.**

### Answers

1. “Number of nodes” refers to the number of locations, or points, where digital still images were captured along transects during surveys.
2. We understand that small sample sizes may preclude KDE analysis for all species listed in the RFQ for each site. Where KDE cannot be undertaken, including for key species (in red in the RFQ), we request that simple maps of individuals per unit area are plotted along the transects using variable size circles. This will provide an alternative indicator of variability in abundance across the study area.
3. It has been brought to our attention that the original notification for this opportunity was withdrawn due to an issue with the request to provide a quote for optional work elements. The optional quotation element of the RFQ has now been removed and the opportunity reposted. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused and request that you continue to consider bidding for the work in line with the 28th July deadline.