

## Appendix A 2

### **Appendix A. Request to appointment a service provider (SP) to conduct one Fishery Independent Abalone Surveys (FIAS) of the commercial abalone (*Haliotis midae*) resource in Zone B (Danger Point) in the Western Cape in 2025**

Detailed description of goods and services:

Line no.	Description
1.	The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) seeks to appoint a suitable service provider (SP) to conduct one (1) Fishery Independent Abalone Survey (FIAS) of the commercial abalone ( <i>Haliotis midae</i> ) resource in 2025 in Zone B (Danger Point)
2.	The method will include SCUBA diving, with associated dive gear. The scope of the work entails the <i>in situ</i> counting and measuring of abalone of each listed zone annually. The sampling will be non-destructive, and no abalone will be removed from the sea during the process. The survey includes counting and measuring of up to twenty stations (30 m x 2m transects) at shallow sites (2-5 m depth) and up to twelve stations (50 m x 2m transects) at deeper sites (from 6 m depth) in each of the zones. The FIAS protocol (Appendix B) and map of the fishery Zones (Appendix C) are attached for reference. The transects must be followed at fixed locations with GPS coordinates supplied by DFFE abalone section.
3.	The SP must provide the data of the survey in the format required by DFFE after each annual survey has been completed. Electronic copy of the datasheet will be provided by DFFE.
4.	The SP must indicate which zone(s) they are quoting for. One quote for one survey per zone must be provided (i.e. must <b>not</b> provide a total quote for more than one zone). Compliance with the Department of Labour regulations is essential. Supporting documents such as relevant copies of valid qualifications of the team (i.e. dive supervisor(s), skipper(s), and at least four divers and one stand-by diver).
5.	The SP must ensure that at least one DFFE official can participate in the diving survey as a scientific observer, active diver, or stand-by diver, with the specifics to be discussed and agreed upon at the outset. Please note that no compensation is required for the officials.
6.	The suitable SP must sign a confidentiality agreement with DFFE regarding the location of the dive sites.