

## **Expression of interest (EOI)**

### **NATIONAL AQUATIC RESOURCES RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

#### **Invitation for Expression of Interest Jointly Operate the Research Vessel RV Samuddrika**

We are seeking qualified and interested organizations to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the joint operation of our research vessel RV Samuddrika. Our organization operates this research vessel designed for a wide range of marine research activities including oceanography, environmental monitoring, marine biology and geological surveys.

#### **Purpose of the EOI:**

The purpose of this EOI is to identify potential partners who share a mutual interest in collaborative marine research and have the operational expertise and capacity to co-manage and operate the vessel. The selected partner will work with us to maximize the utilization of the vessel for scientific research and exploration, enhancing both organizations' ability to contribute to marine science and environmental conservation.

#### **Key Features of the Research Vessel:**

- **Specifications:** length – 25 m, tonnage – 125 , draft – 1.8 m and endurance – 4 days
- **Facilities:** Equipped with laboratories, sampling equipment, and accommodation for researchers and crew
- **Operational Areas:** Capable of conducting research in various marine environments, including coastal offshore and deep-sea regions.

#### **Scope of Collaboration:**

The successful partner will

- Jointly manage the scheduling and operation of the vessel
- Share operational costs and resources
- Collaborate on the research agenda and funding opportunities
- Ensure compliance with safety and environmental regulations

#### **Submission Guidelines**

Interested parties are requested to submit an EOI detailing the following

1. **Organizational Overview:** Description of your organization, including relevant experience in marine operations and research
2. **Proposed Contribution:** Outline the specific roles, responsibilities, and resources your organization can contribute to the joint operation

3. **Operational Capacity:** Demonstrate technical and logistical capabilities for operating the vessel
4. **Previous Experience:** Provide examples of previous collaborations or similar operations in marine research

**Submission Deadline:**

Please submit your EOI no later than 25, September 2024 to dg@nara.ac.lk

**Evaluation Process:**

EOI will be evaluated based on the organization's experience, proposed contribution, alignment or research interests, and the potential for long-term collaboration.

**Contact Information:**

For any inquiries or further information.

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We look forward to receiving your submission and exploring potential collaboration opportunities.

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