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Name of legal entity	Country	Overall contract value (€)	Proportion carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of consortium members, if any
	Malta	Contract budget: €3.000.000 Bidding budget: €1.505.916	55% 828.253€	50+	MEPA: Malta Environment Protection Authority	Partly financed by the EU/ERDF	1.10.2012 09.07.2014	
Detailed description of project from www.natura2000malta.com						Type and scope of services provided		
 			The project delivers management plans & legislative frameworks for all 34 terrestrial NATUA 2000 sites for the Maltese Islands. The preparation of management plans emanates from legal requirements to prepare conservation measures for protected sites <i>under the Environment and Development Planning Act, as transposed from the EU's Habitat's Directive, Council Directive 92/43/EEC.</i> The involvement of stakeholders (ranging from conservation experts to landowners, residents, businesses, local councils, community and environmental groups, etc.) in the management planning process is necessary to ensure that the management plans are appropriate to each site and can be successfully implemented. <i>It is considered a key element in the gathering of data about each of the Natura 2000 sites and their biodiversity.</i> Another important element is to inform and educate the public and all stakeholders, about the Maltese Natura 2000 sites. The Malta Natura 2000 network recognises the importance of nature conservation in a living and changing landscape. Human husbandry is needed to maintain habitats, and sustainable activities such as farming, tourism, fishing, forestry, sustainable hunting, leisure pursuits and infrastructure are encouraged but must be sensitively managed to ensure that sites are protected from damaging changes. The involvement of stakeholders (ranging from conservation experts to landowners, residents, businesses, local councils, community and environmental groups, etc.) in the management planning process is necessary to ensure that the management plans are appropriate to each site and can be successfully implemented.			1) Production of 34 Natura 2000 Management Plans 2) Production of 8 Legislative Natura 2000 Plans <i>Via:</i> • Site visits and filed work including sampling • Mapping of all 34 sites on GIS system • Legal analyses • Physical environment analyses • Ecosystems analyses • Methodologies development on Malta-wide basis • Conservation status analyses • Conservation objectives analyses • Management plan requirements analyses and management plan procedures Malta-wide • Stakeholders meetings • Public hearing meetings • Compilation of National NATURA 2000 database • Public & stakeholders education • Workshops, conference, meetings and organization of 50+ multiple News & Events, like: • Natura 2000 team takes Natura 2000 exhibitions, e.g. Dingli; Natura 2000 Green Intranet event; Natura 2000 network worth €300bn a year; Do Natura 2000 sites protect the most vulnerable species?; Launch of natura2000malta.com • Publishing of newsletters, conference organization, linkage to EU Member States & Agencies • Day-to-day coordination with the MEPA		