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Geodatabase on Locations of Listed Corals RFP Questions and Answers

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1. *Q: Listed in contractor duties is the requirement to collect existing information from all sources on coral presence/absence. Does this collection of information include field data collection or is it limited to existing published data?*

A: Neither. By "existing information", we are referring to existing data on listed coral species presence/absence data, the great majority of which most likely hasn't been published.

2. *Q: If the first duty (1) of the contractor is partial because of unreliable data or incomplete data, can duty (2) continue with the reliable information?*

A: The primary reason we need a highly-qualified, experienced Indo-Pacific coral scientist is so they can determine the reliability of existing data in order to filter out the unreliable data. Then the reliable data that's collected will be used to develop the geodatabase, regardless of how sparse the reliable data are.

3. *Q: To increase the ease of use for users, can our proposal include web application development to access the GIS database?*

A: Yes, but that's not required..

4. *Q: Can travel be substituted by remote sessions (conference calls, webcasts, etc.), when possible?*

A: No. Travel is necessary for in-person interaction with Territory-based experts in order to find reliable, unpublished data.