

Ireland: Aquaculture services

Call for Tender for the Provision of Services in Trialling the Co-Use of Seaweed Infrastructure for Mussel Seed Collection

Contract or concession award notice – standard regime

1 Buyer

1.1 Buyer

Official name: Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Irish Sea Fisheries Board (BIM)

Legal type of the buyer: Body governed by public law

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2 Procedure

2.1 Procedure

Title: Call for Tender for the Provision of Services in Trialling the Co-Use of Seaweed Infrastructure for Mussel Seed Collection

Description: BIM wishes to invite tenders for Provision of Services in Trialling the Co-Use of Seaweed Infrastructure for Mussel Seed Collection. The primary purpose of this tender is to investigate additional uses of seaweed farming infrastructure. While Ireland's seaweed sector remains at an early stage of development, it is demonstrating growth potential, with increasing production units, expanding cultivated species, and a growing licenced footprint. However, structural and technical constraints continue to limit scale, including underutilisation of existing infrastructure. Addressing these constraints is essential to align national sector development with EU policy objectives. This project will directly address these challenges by demonstrating the co-use of seaweed cultivation infrastructure for mussel spat collection outside the primary seaweed growing season. Seaweed longlines are typically utilised between October and April, leaving infrastructure idle for significant periods of the year. Investigating the feasibility of using this infrastructure for mussel seed collection offers a clear opportunity to maximise asset utilisation, reduce capital costs, and improve farm-level viability. For the mussel sector, this approach has the potential to increase access to spat collection sites, reduce pressure on traditional collection areas, and improve resilience of seed supply. For the seaweed sector, co-use models can generate additional income streams, support earlier site activation, and improve overall economic sustainability. By trialling and evaluating these systems alongside direct seeding and new culture methods, the project will provide evidence-based guidance to support integrated aquaculture development and long-term sectoral growth. The project timeframe is 2026 until the end of 2027. This will facilitate the trialling and data capture of a number of seaweed and mussel growing seasons. For further information on this tender, please see the accompanying tender documents.

Procedure identifier: 89c1d76a-6879-4283-9fbe-e2e0e6c47dc4

Previous notice: 66eb0764-605b-4f38-8c3d-ff4d3a7da961-01

Internal identifier: BIM 2026-06

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1 Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 77800000 Aquaculture services

Additional classification (cpv): 73112000 Marine research services

Additional classification (cpv): 98361000 Aquatic marine services

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2.1.2 Place of performance

Country: Ireland

Anywhere in the given country

2.1.3 Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 200 000 Euro

2.1.4 General information

Legal basis:

Other

5 Lot

5.1 Lot: LOT-0001

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5.1.3 Estimated duration

Duration: 30 Month

5.1.5 Value

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5.1.6 General information

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

5.1.7 Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

5.1.15 Techniques

Framework agreement:

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16 Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Irish Sea Fisheries Board (BIM)

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: The High Court of Ireland

6 Results

Value of all contracts awarded in this notice: 99 520 Euro

6.1 Result lot identifier: LOT-0001

At least one winner was chosen.

6.1.2 Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: Donegal Bay Sea Farms

Tender:

Tender identifier: 000163540

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0001

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: 449021

Date on which the winner was chosen: 11/05/2026

Date of the conclusion of the contract: 10/06/2026

8 Organisations

8.1 ORG-0001

Official name: Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Irish Sea Fisheries Board (BIM)

Registration number: IE8Y56760H

Postal address: West Pier, Old Dunleary Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 A621

Town: Dublin

Postcode: A96 A621

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Email: procurement@bim.ie

Telephone: +353 1 2144100

Internet address: <https://bim.ie>

Buyer profile: <https://bim.ie>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

8.1 ORG-0002

Official name: Donegal Bay Sea Farms

Size of the economic operator: Micro

Registration number: 764952

Postal address: Meentullynagarn

Town: killybegs

Postcode: F94X7V0

Country subdivision (NUTS): Border (IE041)

Country: Ireland

Email: damienkennedy87@hotmail.com

Telephone: 0877594998

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

Winner of these lots: LOT-0001

8.1 ORG-0003

Official name: The High Court of Ireland

Registration number: The High Court of Ireland

Department: The High Court of Ireland

Postal address: Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7

Town: Dublin

Postcode: D07 WDX8

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Email: HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie

Telephone: +353 1 8886000

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1 ORG-0004

Official name: European Dynamics S.A.

Registration number: 002024901000

Department: European Dynamics S.A.

Town: Athens

Postcode: 15125

Country subdivision (NUTS): Βόρειος Τομέας Αθηνών (EL301)

Country: Greece

Email: eproc-esender@eurodyn.com

Telephone: +30 2108094500

Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

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