

**MARINE CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE (MCCS) PROGRAMME
FIRST GRANT CALL
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)**

**CALL TOPIC 2: COASTAL NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE
MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION**

Please note that the FAQs will be updated periodically. Please refer to the [MCCS programme 1st Grant Call website](#) and [IGMS website](#) for the latest version of the FAQs.

T2. CALL TOPIC 2

T2.1 Under the “Impact Outcomes and Pathway to Impact” section, it was mentioned that the project should look to contribute towards informing urban and coastal planners on strategies to promote coastal marine ecosystem health and human well-being, and contribute towards crafting climate policy and investment decisions by government and corporate sector stakeholders.

Is this call seeking for projects to be financially self-sustainable beyond the project, given the investments raised during the project duration? (5 February 2022)

The “Impact Outcomes and Pathway to Impact” section was meant to capture the broad vision for how the research outcomes of awarded MCCS projects should contribute to solutions in the long-term future.

As a research programme, project outcomes should focus on creating strong, robust knowledge, that could inform and guide applications (e.g., in policies) and/or attract investments downstream.

T2.2 One of the deliverables of Call Topic 2 is the development of design guidelines for incorporating coastal and marine ecosystem attributes into nature-based solutions for coastal protection.

Are these design guidelines expected to be in the form of high-level concepts or detailed solutions? (5 February 2022)

In general, we expect design guidelines to address existing knowledge gaps, generate additional information that can be further studied, as well as incorporate information that is produced as part of the other deliverables under the Call Topic. We also place emphasis on guidelines that are quantifiable in nature.

As such, projects that are able to develop detailed nature-based solutions for coastal protection will be evaluated and scored accordingly as this can provide the impetus for practitioners to adopt, apply and implement such solutions.