Contract Opportunity:

Coastal Woodlands - Research Consolidation

Background

1 The Solway Coast and Marine Landscape Connections Project (SCAMP) is currently in a 2-year development phase, running to a proposed end date of March 2027. Website: https://www.solwaycoastmarine.co.uk/.

2 SCAMP is the first project in the UK to be awarded funding under the National Lottery Heritage Fund's 'Landscape Connections' programme (https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/strategic-initiatives/landscape-connections) .

3 The aim of the development phase is to design and detail the work that will take place in the proposed subsequent 8-year delivery phase (i.e. 2027 – 2035).

4 SCAMP is proposing a focus on five key habitats along the Solway Firth, one of which is 'Coastal Woodlands'. For SCAMP purposes, 'Coastal Woodland' is classed as within approximately 5 miles of the coast.

5 A range of projects are being explored and developed under this heading, led by Dumfries & Galloway Woodlands (DGW), a registered charity. (www.dgwoodlands.org.uk.)

Contract Opportunity

6 The phrase 'Coastal Woodlands' has been used elsewhere in the UK, but not often in Dumfries & Galloway.

7 During the Development Phase, DGW will be leading a range of projects that seek to better understand what makes up our coastal woodlands, what we would expect to see and defining characteristics.

8 This 'Research consolidation' contract opportunity seeks to engage a contractor to undertake a review of relevant studies, research and wider work that could inform the SCAMP delivery phase projects.

9 This desktop assessment project will involve assessment of academic journals, industry publications, online resources, books and other initiatives.

10 The self-led research process could include interviews and discussion with other practitioners in the woodland sector.

11 Topics of focus include: *'Coastal Woodlands'*, '*Maritime Woodlands'*, '*Temperate Rainforest'* and others.

12 The ultimate aim will be to consolidate and summarize recent research activities across the UK, and further afield, into a list of recent research findings that can inform the planning of the SCAMP delivery phase Coastal Woodland projects.

13 The output of this contract is a report consolidating findings, compiling recent research and relevant findings that allow the delivery phase projects to be planned making best use of recent work in this sector.

Expressions of Interest

14 Expressions of Interest are sought to undertake this work consolidating and summarize relevant research that could inform planning of the Coastal Woodlands delivery phase projects.

15 This contract will have a total cost of £5,000.

16 Expressions of Interest should include:

- A copy of your CV
- Any initial thoughts about process and ambitions from the project – max 3 paragraphs
- An indication of your daily rate and therefore how much time a £5,000 contract would cover.

17 Expressions of Interest to be submitted to mcnabb.laurie@dgwoodlands.org by 9am on 26th January 2026.

18 Timeline:

- Award Contract + Contract kick off meeting: Feb 2026
- Contract Completion: By 27/04/2026

19 Any queries about the contract or making an expression of interest, please contact mcnabb.laurie@dgwoodlands.org.