

## Alborz ILWM Project, Project Management Support Consultancy, Iran

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<b>Assignment</b>	Providing support to the project's Central Liaison Office and its two PIUs for planning, management, reporting, communication, capacity building, M&E and economic analysis.
<b>Client</b>	Government of Iran
<b>Financing Agency</b>	World Bank
<b>Partners</b>	Yekom (Iran)
<b>Composition of Team</b>	<p><i>Euroconsult Mott MacDonald:</i> Team Leader, Forestry and rangeland specialist, Environmental specialist, Institutional specialist, M&amp;E specialist, Communication advisor, Economist, Training advisor</p> <p><i>Partner(s):</i> National Team Leader, National institutional specialist, Senior water resources specialist, Environment specialist, Social and economic specialist, Irrigation and drainage engineer, Forestry specialist, M&amp;E/MIS/ IT specialist, Training and HRD specialist</p>
<b>Period of Assignment</b>	From April 2006 to January 2012 Staff months: Euroconsult Mott MacDonald: 117; Partner(s): 400
<b>Contract value</b>	Euroconsult Mott MacDonald: € 2,170,000 Partner(s): € 1,000,000
<b>Background</b>	The Islamic Republic of Iran is facing declining water availability and quality, low efficiencies in water use, salinity and waterlogging, inadequate O&M and cost recovery and lack of institutional coordination. In addition, soil erosion is a serious environmental problem in most of the country's watersheds. The Alborz Integrated Land and Water Management Project (AILWMP) in Mazandaran Province will pilot a basin-wide integrated water resources management to address the above issues. The lessons learned can be replicated in other parts of the country.
<b>Description of project</b>	<p>The Alborz Integrated Land and Water Management Project will introduce basin-wide integrated land and water resources management (IWRM) in the basin of the Babol, Talar and Siah rivers. A major development in the basin is the construction of the Alborz Dam on the Babol River. The main changes and challenges in the river basin are upland catchment protection, new surface irrigation development following the construction of the Alborz Dam, management of urban water use and protection of water quality and minimum flows for aquatic biodiversity. The project will assist the Government of Iran in piloting basin-wide integrated water resources management (IWRM) in the Alborz Basin so that the lessons learned can be replicated in the rest of the country.</p> <p>The project includes four main technical assistance consultancies for the five project components: (i) for the development of a master plan for the management of the upper watershed (Component 1), (ii) for support to the irrigation and drainage component (Component 2), (iii) for promoting</p>

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integrated water, and environmental management (Components 3 and 4), and (iv) for project management support (Component 5). The present Project Management Support Consultancy concerns this last component. The consultants will provide project implementation and coordination support to the Central Liaison Office (CLO) and the Project Implementation Units (PIUs) including monitoring and evaluation (M&E) activities.

**Services provided**

The Project Management Support Consultancy will assist the Central Liaison Office in:

- (i) preparing and updating overall project technical, implementation and procurement plans (in consultation with international / national procurement staff),
- (ii) coordinating between different components, agencies and PIUs / consultants in all aspects of project components to achieve targeted project goals,
- (iii) organizing, coordinating and planning for implementation and management of M&E activities (as defined in the project appraisal document),
- (iv) preparing consolidated and synthesized progress reports for submission to the Project Steering Committee and the Bank, and
- (v) providing technical control for management issues and technical and implementation issues.