

Declaration of request for Expression of Interest

For the development and management of Geotourism activities at Duqm Rock Garden in Al Wusta Governorate

In light of the general orientation of the Sultanate to implement the concept of sustainability in all its aspects (environmental - economic - social-cultural); The development and management of geotourism activities are considered the first model in the Sultanate of Oman that deals with nature-related activities in protected areas. The Duqm Rock garden is an area of 3 square kilometers containing magnificent natural sculptured rocks. It is considered to be one of the top geological sites and natural wonders in the Sultanate and around the world. Therefore, Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm (SEZAD) in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism desire to launch nature and GeoPark related activities by offering investment opportunities in the Duqm Rock Garden. Interested Companies, institutions and/or investors are invited to apply for "Expression of Interest" according to the management model which will be agreed upon at a later stage.

Conditions for competition application:

1. Request of "expression of interest" to confirm participation in the development and management (build and operate) of geotourism at the Duqm Rock Garden.
2. An action plan for how to develop and manage geotourism at the Duqm Rock Garden. (i.e. what unique visitor experiences are to be offered).
3. A copy of valid Commercial Registration.
4. Organizational structure of the organization including detailed statements of shareholders and partners.
5. Details of previous experience in delivering and operating high quality, Geotourism projects in protected areas (Geoparks).
6. A funding strategy to support implementation and operation of the geotourism development.
7. A plan to support and engage the community in the development of the geotourism at the Duqm Rock Garden. (i.e. job creation and encouraging local products).
8. Any other documents supporting the investor in the evaluation process.
9. The required documentation shall be placed in a sealed envelope or package (two copies) before 2 pm on Monday , 15 st January 2018 and addressed to:

Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm (SEZAD) or Ministry of Tourism (Directorate General for Tourism Development)
The Development of Duqm Rock Garden nature-based tourism project
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General conditions and competition information are available on the Ministry of Tourism's website:

www.omantourism.gov.om

Note:

- The Ministry of Tourism will organize a field visit to the Duqm Rock Garden on 21 December 2017 at X: 9 am. For an appointment contact +968 25217714 .+968 95737762 . +968 24507514
- Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm (SEZAD) and the Ministry of Tourism are **NOT** obliged to accept the "expression of interest" of any applicant.

