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Vacancy Details

Vacancy Code	VA/2010/72595/ICA/01
Position Title	Senior Fisheries Expert
Position Level	IICA-2
Position status	Non-rotational
Org Unit	EMO/IWC
Duty Station	Manila, Philippines
Duration	12 months (with possibility of extensions for the duration of the project)
Closing Date	12 July 2010

Background

The UNDP/GEF "Sulu-Celebes Sea Regional Fisheries Management Project", executed by UNOPS, aims to improve the condition of fisheries and their habitats in the Sulu-Celebes Sea (SCS) through an integrated, collaborative and participatory management at the local, national and tri-national levels.

The goal of the project is to have an economically and ecologically sustainable marine fisheries in the SCS, for the benefit of communities who are dependent on these resources for livelihood and for the global community who benefit in the conservation of highly diverse marine ecosystems and its ecosystems services.

The five major outcomes of the Project are:

1. Achievement of a regional consensus on trans-boundary priorities and their immediate and root causes by updating an earlier Trans-boundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) for the SCS and focusing on unsustainable exploitation of fisheries;
2. Agreement on regional and national legal, policy and institutional reforms for improved fisheries management through the formulation of a Strategic Action Program (SAP), which will build on the existing Conservation Plan for the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion;
3. Strengthening of institutions and introduction of reforms to catalyze implementation of policies on reducing overfishing and improving fisheries management. The primary target for institutional strengthening is the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion Tri-National Committee and its Sub-Committees, in particular the Sub-Committee on Sustainable Fisheries;
4. Increased fish stocks of small pelagics through the implementation of best fisheries management practices in demonstration sites; and
5. Capture, application and dissemination of knowledge, lessons and best practices within the SCS and other LMEs.

The Project Management Unit (PMU), located at the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Quezon City, is inviting applications for the position of “Senior Fisheries Expert.”

Duties and Responsibilities

Under the supervision of the Project Manager, the Senior Fisheries Expert shall provide technical guidance to regional and sub-regional physical and biological analyses and reports for the TDA-SAP, and undertake all other relevant activities during the TDA-SAP preparation, and provide technical inputs to relevant activities at the demonstration sites. The incumbent will also liaise with project partners including governmental institutions, scientific and non-governmental organisations, and UN and specialised UN agencies for effective implementation of the project activities as approved by the Project Steering Committee (PSC). In particular the Senior Fisheries Expert shall be required to:

- Organise, co-ordinate and guide the activities related to the development of the TDA and SAP, including the development and implementation of contractual activities, as approved by PSC;
- Take the lead in co-ordinating the activities at the demonstration sites, particularly those related to fish stock assessment, understanding the fisheries population dynamics, and developing a fisheries management plan;
- Work with the Project Manager in preparing annual technical and monitoring and evaluation reports to the PSC and donors; prepare quarterly reports covering the progress of the TDA, SAP, and demonstration sites;
- Assist the Project Manager in planning the annual budget for the project components relevant to TDA, SAP, and demonstration sites. Monitor the budgets for these components, ensuring no cost-overruns;
- Assist in facilitating activities on public awareness and public communication; facilitate, organise and engage wider participation of all stakeholders, including government agencies, local government, universities and NGOs;
- Liaise with donor agencies, UN and UN specialised agencies (such as FAO, UNEP, IOC of UNESCO, IMO, NGOs (such as CI, WWF, IUCN, TNC) and other programmes/projects (such as PEMSEA, NOWPAP, NEAR-GOOS) in dealing with management of marine and coastal environment and resources;
- Assist in preparing and editing documents as project outputs;
- Carry out other matters upon the request of the Project Manager.

The selected candidate will be responsible to abide by security policies, administrative instructions, plans and procedures of the UN Security Management System and that of UNOPS.

Required Selection Criteria

Competencies

- Working knowledge of ocean processes, interactions between coral reefs and fish, influence of phytoplankton and zooplankton communities, the monitoring and relationship of these communities and habitats with higher trophic levels, ecosystem-based management;
- Good knowledge on implementation of regional and international programmes and/or projects dealing with fisheries management;
- Working experience in collaborating with national and local government units, non-government organisations, and coastal communities;
- Good computer skills including experience with database software, spreadsheet development, MS Office products;
- Good time/task management skills, filing and record keeping, with a sense of urgency;
- Fluency in written and spoken English required. Knowledge of one or more of the other languages used in the participating countries is desirable.

Education/Experience/Language

- Masters or PhD degree in fisheries or aquaculture with good knowledge of biodiversity/conservation management required;
- Minimum 5-7 years working experience in the field of fisheries management and sustainable use of fishery and aquaculture resources, including experience working in regional and international co-operation;
- Familiarity with implementing UN projects;
- Ability to work fluently in English with knowledge of another language in the region.

Submission of Applications

Qualified candidates may submit their application, including a letter of interest, complete Curriculum Vitae and an updated United Nations Personal History Form (P.11) (available on our website), via e-mail to iwvacancies@unops.org Kindly indicate the vacancy number and the post title in the subject line when applying by email.

Additional Considerations

- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Only those candidates that are short-listed for interviews will be notified.
- Qualified female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.
- UNOPS reserves the right to appoint a candidate at a level below the advertised level of the post.

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