

Project Officer, GIS - IUCN High Seas Initiative

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| Status: | Open (<i>currently receiving applications</i>) |
| Vacancy #: | 123 |
| Unit: | Global Marine Programme |
| Location: | Headquarters, Gland, Switzerland |
| Reporting to: | Project Coordinator, IUCN High Seas Initiative |
| Work percentage: | 100% |
| Function group: | P1 |
| Expected start date: | 01 September 2009 |
| Type of contract: | Max-term (until 28 February 2011) |
| Closing date: | 07 August 2009 |

BACKGROUND

The IUCN Global Marine Programme, with financial support from the German government, is seeking a GIS specialist with a strong marine science and/or conservation planning background to participate in an innovative global project. For information about the Global Marine Programme, see <http://iucn.org/themes/marine/>.

The project is to facilitate and coordinate scientific work relevant to the identification of ecologically and biologically significant areas in the open ocean and seabed beyond national jurisdiction based on scientific criteria adopted by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in May 2008. The Project Officer, GIS will work with a scientific team to facilitate, initiate and coordinate the collection, preparing, storing and visualization of key scientific information at the global and regional levels, building on and making connections between existing data bases and in close collaboration with complementary initiatives such as the Census of Marine Life, the Ocean Biogeographic Classification System and UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre's high seas biodiversity viewer. For information about the project, see: <http://www.highseascriteria.org>

The Project Officer, GIS will be part of a Project Management Team (PMT) under the supervision of Carl Gustaf Lundin, Head of the IUCN Global Marine Programme at IUCN Headquarters in Gland, Switzerland and will also report to the Project Coordinator as well as the Germany Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) on Isle of Vilm, Germany. Good skills in German are required.

The incumbent will be well versed in geospatial desktop (e.g. ArcGIS, GRASS), Internet mapping (e.g. Google Maps, MapServer, GeoServer) and content management software (e.g. Plone, Drupal). Knowledge of statistical applications (e.g. Matlab, R), and relational database design (e.g. MS Access, PostgreSQL) are a plus. Previous experience using conservation planning software (e.g. Marxan, C-Plan) in the context of designing marine managed areas is highly encouraged.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provide technical and scientific support to the Project Management Team;
2. Assist with outreach to data providers and coordinate data collection and processing, including the production of map products;
3. Facilitate and coordinate data acquisition, collection, storage and processing;

4. Assist with the preparation of reports, maps and correspondence with scientists, project partners and policy makers;

REQUIREMENTS

- At least several years' experience using geographical information systems with remote sensing and conservation planning in the marine environment field.
- Desire to contribute to a team effort dedicated to high seas conservation.
- An advanced university degree in a relevant discipline.
- Excellent English written and verbal communications skills. Good skills in German are also required.
- A proven ability to work on a variety of tasks simultaneously, and to perform well under pressure.
- An ability to work effectively within a large decentralised team of professionals of different nationalities and to mobilize it for common goals.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently.
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APPLICATIONS

Applicants are requested to apply online through the HR Management System, by opening the vacancy announcement and pressing the "Apply" button.

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Other job opportunities are published in the IUCN website: <http://www.iucn.org/involved/jobs/>

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The IUCN Global Marine Programme, with financial support from the German Government, is seeking a project coordinator with excellent interpersonal skills and a strong marine science and/or conservation planning background to manage an innovative global project.

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This position may be based in IUCN Headquarters (Gland, Switzerland) or in another office. For this reason no information is provided at this time on the applicable salary scale.

For further information about IUCN's Global Marine Programme, see: <http://iucn.org/themes/marine/>

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Facilitating and coordinating data acquisition, collection, storage and processing;
2. Supervising and managing implementation of the project work plan and finances;
3. Collaborating with a wide network of scientific partners and experts;
4. Managing relations with the Project Advisory Board of intergovernmental organizations and Science Board of experts;
5. Planning meetings of the Advisory Board and Science Board;
6. Organizing or cooperating in the organization of global and/ or regional scientific workshops of experts;
7. Representing the project as necessary in key policy and scientific meetings;
8. Leading fundraising activities;
9. Maintaining contact with BfN;
10. Preparing and disseminating reports in co-operation with the project management team and partners;

REQUIREMENTS

- At least several years of experience in marine science, conservation planning or other relevant area, including experience as a scientific project manager;

- Demonstrated project management skills, as well as proven fundraising abilities;
- An advanced university degree in a relevant discipline;
- Excellent English written and verbal communications skills;
- A proven ability to work on a variety of tasks simultaneously, and to perform well under pressure;
- An ability to work effectively within a large decentralised team of professionals of different nationalities and to mobilize it for common goals;
- Strong interpersonal skills and experience building and working in coalitions;
- Leadership qualities;
- Demonstrated ability to work independently.

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