

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NO. JA12-16

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- Functional Title** : Program Officer –Marine Science for Sustainability
- Level** : NOC/ 1
- Organizational Unit** : UNESCO/IOC Regional Office for the Western Pacific and adjacent regions (WESTPAC Office), UNESCO Regional Bureau for the Asia and Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand
- Contractual Status** : Service Contract
- Duty Station** : WESTPAC office, Bangkok, Thailand
- Duration** : 1 year Service Contract with a probationary period of 3 months (renewable subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funds)
- Deadline for Applications** : 28 July 2016
- Report to work** : As soon as possible

Only candidates resident in Thailand may apply to this post.
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Organizational Setting:

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC/UNESCO) is the competent agency within UN system for ocean science, ocean observatories, ocean services and capacity development. Its mission is to promote international cooperation and to coordinate programmes in research, services and capacity building to learn more about the nature and resources of the oceans and coastal areas, and to apply this knowledge to improved management, sustainable development and protection of the marine environment and the decision making processes of States.

The IOC Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific (WESTPAC), established as a regional subsidiary body of IOC, aims to assist Member States in the improvement of ocean governance towards the sustainability of marine and coastal resources, through the development, coordination and implementation of international programs on marine research, sustained observations, services and capacity development in the Western Pacific and its adjacent regions. WESTPAC focuses on four themes: *understanding ocean processes and climate in the Indo-Pacific; ensuring marine biodiversity, seafood safety and security; safeguarding the health of ocean ecosystems; and enhancing knowledge of emerging ocean science issues.*

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

Under the overall authority of the Director of the UNESCO Regional Bureau for the Asia and Pacific, and the direct supervision of the Head of the WESTPAC Office, the incumbent shall perform the following duties:

1. Promote the active participation of scientists, institutions and countries in the Western Pacific and adjacent regions into WESTPAC collaborative programs and activities on marine scientific research, sustained observations and services, as well as capacity development;
2. Strengthen science-policy interface by Identifying emerging issues, and developing strategies or proposals in line with the mission of IOC, its WESTPAC and ocean-related international conventions or agreements, particularly those aimed to strengthen national and regional capacity for the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly the SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts; and SDG 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development;
3. Assist and coordinate with various WESTPAC stakeholders in the development, implementation and evaluation of projects; monitor and analyze project development and implementation; prepare and review technical documents and reports; liaise with relevant parties; identify and track follow-up actions;
4. Develop national, regional and global working partnership and pursue fund-raising opportunities with various stakeholders, including national governmental agencies, research institutes, universities, related international organizations or programs, donor communities, UNESCO Regional offices, and other IOC primary subsidiary bodies;
5. Organize and provide secretariat support for WESTPAC workshops and meetings, and other capacity building and communication/awareness raising activities relevant to the WESTPAC's overall mission;
6. Develop and deliver useful communication and outreach materials providing timely information on WESTPAC science advances, programmatic directions, and new opportunities to a diverse set of audiences;
7. Represent WESTPAC at events when delegated by the Head of WESTPAC Office.
8. Undertake other relevant assignments as may be instructed by the Head of WESTPAC Office.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Education:** Advanced university degree in oceanography, marine biodiversity, marine ecology or related fields, with a good knowledge about marine environmental and ecosystem stressors
- Experience:** At least 6 years' experience in developing, coordinating and implementing international programs
- Language:**
- Excellent English language proficiency in comprehension, speaking, reading and writing;
 - Ability to write proposals, draft reports and produce news release in a concise style and efficient manner, and communicate complex scientific issues to a broader audience;
 - Knowledge of the language of any country in the region is an advantage
- IT Skills:** Proficiency in standard computer software (word processing, excel, presentations, databases and internet)
- Competencies:**
- Has a balance of forward-looking and pragmatic vision;
 - Technical skills, knowledge of the region, countries and other major stakeholders;
 - Ability to identify issues, and propose problem solutions;
 - Ability to mobilize resources to support the implementation of WESTPAC's mission;
 - Ability to follow up on issues independently with minimal supervision, and to work efficiently in a dynamic and multicultural environment;
 - Demonstrated ability to manage conflicting priorities and to work under pressure.

Apply to:

Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter (referencing the Job Announcement No. **JA 12-16**) accompanied by full resume stating details of educational qualifications and working experience, present income, home and office telephone numbers (by hard copy or email) to:

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