



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No:

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Deadline For Application:

Position Title:	Junior Professional Officer (Biodiversity Mainstreaming)	Grade Level:	P-2
Organizational Unit:		Duty Station:	Bangkok, Thailand
		Duration *:	Fixed-term, 2 years with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	
		CCOG Code:	1R

*The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

- **FAO is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality, background and culture**
- **Qualified female applicants, qualified nationals of non-and under-represented Members and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply**
- **Everyone who works for FAO is required to adhere to the highest standards of integrity and professional conduct, and to uphold FAO's values**
- **FAO, as a Specialized Agency of the United Nations, has a zero-tolerance policy for conduct that is incompatible with its status, objectives and mandate, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination**
- **All selected candidates will undergo rigorous reference and background checks**
- **All applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality**
- **FAO staff are subject to the authority of the Director-General, who may assign them to any of the activities or offices of the Organization.**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) contributes to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda through the FAO Strategic Framework by supporting the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, for *better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life*, leaving no one behind.

Organizational Setting

The Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) is responsible for leading FAO's response to regional priorities for food security, agriculture and rural development through the identification, planning and implementation of FAO's priority activities in the region. It ensures a multidisciplinary approach to programmes, identifies priority areas of action for the Organization in the region and, in collaboration with the Offices, Centres and Divisions at headquarters, develops, promotes and oversees FAO's strategic response to regional priorities. RAP also advises on the incorporation of regional priorities into the Organization's Programme of Work and Budget and implements approved programmes and projects in the region, monitors the level of programme implementation and draws attention to problems and deficiencies. RAP develops and maintains relations with region-wide institutions including the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and regional inter-governmental organizations.

The Junior Professional Officer (Biodiversity Mainstreaming) will be working with the Forestry and Biodiversity officers in RA. The mission of the team is to contribute to the implementation of Regional Priority 2 (Accelerating sustainable natural resources management for biodiversity conservation and climate action) by supporting FAO Members in accessing technical advice and finance for implementing sustainable forest management in Asia and the Pacific through support in the formulation and implementation of field projects funded by a diversity of donors, including the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Current thematic and operational priorities include halting deforestation and building resilience, forest and landscape restoration, and biodiversity mainstreaming across agricultural sectors (incl. forestry). The team is also responsible for the co-leadership, with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) of the GEF8 Indo-Malaya Critical Forest Biome Integrated Programme which involves a regional coordination project and three partner countries (Papua New Guinea, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Thailand). The team further hosts the Secretariat of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC) with 34 Member Nations which provides a platform for regional technical exchange on forestry priorities. Guided by FAO's strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors and the Convention on Biological Diversity Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework, the JPO assignment will focus on mainstreaming (forest) biodiversity across agricultural sectors for resilient agrifood system transformation.

Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer (Biodiversity Mainstreaming) reports to the Senior Forestry Officer and Regional Biodiversity Focal Point in RAP.

The post is located in the Forestry and Biodiversity team of RAP in Bangkok, Thailand.

Technical Focus

The Junior Professional Officer (Biodiversity Mainstreaming) assists with the development and implementation of programmes and activities related to the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity for resilient agrifood systems.

Key Results

Collection and analysis of information, data and statistics and project/meeting services to support programme projects, products

and services.

Key Functions

- Collects and analyses relevant technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional and technology related information, data and/or statistics to support the delivery of programme projects as well as products and services;
- Undertakes analysis, provides technical input for plans and reports and edits/revises technical/scientific documents;
- Participates in the development of improved work methods, tools and systems;
- Updates databases and web pages;
- Participates in multidisciplinary project/work teams;
- Collaborates in the development of training tools and materials and the organization of workshops/seminars, etc.;
- Participates in the organization, conduct and follow-up of meetings, consultations and conferences, the development/production of required materials and the provision of information and assistance to partners.

Specific Functions

- Supports the reviews of emerging lessons learned and remaining gaps in the Asia-Pacific region as regards to climate-sensitive mainstreaming of (forest) biodiversity across agricultural sectors;
- Contributes to developing an assessment tool to strengthen climate-sensitive mainstreaming of forest biodiversity in FAO's operational support to members in achieving resilient agrifood system transformation;
- Contributes to raising awareness on the role of climate-sensitive biodiversity mainstreaming within and outside FAO;
- Provides technical support, as appropriate, to FAO field programme portfolio notably the Global Environment Facility (GEF) 8 Indo-Malaya Critical Forest Biome Integrated Programme;
- Supports relevant work of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission;
- Contributes to resource mobilization opportunities;
- Perform other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in relevant area such as forestry, conservation biology, geography, natural resources management, environmental studies, or related fields.
- Three years of relevant experience, including research or management of biodiversity conservation, sustainable forest management, ecosystem restoration, agroforestry, territorial management, policy development or implementation.
- Working knowledge (proficient – level C) of English and limited knowledge (intermediate – level B) of another FAO official language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish).

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable.
- Extent and relevance of experience in collecting and analysing technical information and data.
- Extent and relevance of knowledge and experience in related fields such as fisheries and aquaculture management, blue economy, policy advice and analysis, food and nutrition security, food systems, fisheries and aquaculture.
- Extent and relevance of experience in the preparation, editing and revision of technical/scientific documents and in organizing meetings and workshops.
- Extent and relevance of experience in establishing and maintaining partnerships with UN agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) as well as donors and government institutions and agencies.
- Working knowledge (proficient – level C) of another FAO language would be an asset.

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.
