



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## Vacancy Announcement No:

Issued on:  
Deadline For Application:

Position Title:	Junior Professional Officer (Biodiversity)	Grade Level:	P-2
		Duty Station:	Santiago, Chile
Organizational Unit:	Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC)	Duration *:	Fixed-term, 2 years with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	
		CCOG Code:	

\*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.

### Organizational Setting

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.

The Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC) 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 offices and divisions at headquarters, develops, promotes and oversees FAO's strategic response to regional priorities. RLC 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. RLC develops and maintains relations with region-wide institutions including the Regional Economic Integration Organizations (REIOs). The Regional Office supports regional policy dialogue on food security, agriculture and rural development issues, facilitates the emergence of regional partnerships, and supports capacity development and resource mobilization for food security, agriculture and rural development in the region.

The post is located in the Regional Office, based in Santiago, Chile

### Reporting Lines

The Junior Professional Officer (Biodiversity) reports to the Senior Policy Officer responsible for better environment.

### Technical Focus

The Junior Professional Officer (Biodiversity) assists with the development and implementation of programmes and activities related to the Better Environment, particularly on mainstreaming biodiversity in productive systems and international agreements associated to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Conference of the Parties (COP) 15 of Biodiversity.

### 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 Members, at their request, to enhance their capacity to mainstream biodiversity;
- Provides assistance to Members on mainstreaming of Biodiversity across policies, programmes and activities;
- Collects information related to the role of biodiversity and its ecosystem services for food security and nutrition globally recognized;
- Assists in the coordination and delivery of FAO's work on strengthening biodiversity.

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### **CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING**

#### **Minimum Requirements**

- Advanced university degree in relevant area such as marine biology, fishery science or aquaculture, ocean science, economics, environmental studies, climate change, food and nutrition, food technology, veterinary sciences, gender policy, maritime law, food law, international law, trade law, rural development, anthropology, statistics, or related fields.
- Three years of relevant experience on biodiversity use and conservation including research or management of fisheries, policy development or implementation, food trade and markets, food safety and quality, field of statistics and data management of fisheries, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes.
- Working knowledge (proficient – level C) of Spanish and limited knowledge (intermediate – level B) of another FAO official language (Arabic, Chinese, English, French or Russian).

#### **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 analyzing 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.

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

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