

Job Description

1. **POSITION TITLE:** TECHNICAL OFFICER, FINANCE FOR NATURE
2. **FUNCTIONAL GROUP:** P1
3. **LOCATION:** Asia Regional Office (ARO), Bangkok, Thailand
4. **DURATION:** 12 months (renewable)
5. **REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Under the overall guidance of the Head, Science and Strategy Group (SSG) of ARO, the reporting responsibilities of this position are as follows:

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| Reporting to: | |
| <u>Direct Reporting Line</u> | <u>Reporting Areas</u> |
| Head, Programme Management, IUCN Asia Regional Office | All |
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| <u>Functional Reporting Line</u> | <u>Reporting Areas</u> |
| Head, Enterprise and Investment Team, IUCN Headquarters | |
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- *Direct reporting line indicates those staff members this position directly reports to, and is responsible for performance appraisals of this position.*
- *Functional Reporting line indicates staff this position reports to or interacts with and who this position is accountable to for the specific function.*

6. COMPLIANCE WITH THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Technical Officer, Finance for Nature is expected to comply with the *IUCN Delegation of Authority (DoA)* current at any particular time, and the sub-delegations issued thereof. Such compliance must be exercised with due diligence and regard for the letter, spirit and purpose of the DoA.

7. BACKGROUND:

IUCN is the largest professional global conservation network dealing with environment and sustainable development with more than 1,500 member organizations including 200+ government and 900+ non-government organizations and over 15,000 voluntary scientists and experts, grouped in seven Commissions in some 160 countries.

IUCN is an equal opportunity employer. We promote personal and professional development. Supervision and mentorship are provided at different levels. Direct supervision and mentorship are provided by the line manager.

IUCN ARO manages the regional programme for Asia through its regional office in Bangkok and network of offices in 12 countries across the region. ARO's Science and Strategy Group (SSG) leads the planning and implementation of IUCN Asia's regional programme agenda and strategy.

One of ARO programme's three strategic themes is "Business and Finance", which covers the economic and socio-political drivers for nature conservation and sustainable development. Under this strategic theme, IUCN Asia addresses key challenges in: i) finance and investment for nature-based solutions; ii) environmentally responsible business models for the private sector; iii) clean, green and climate-smart innovations; and iv) inclusive socio-economic institutions, policies and systems.

8. MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- i. Assists in developing the regional programme's strategic theme on Business and Finance.
- ii. Provides technical expertise support on financial models, approaches and instruments for nature and biodiversity conservation.
- iii. Co-leads in formulating novel project ideas and in grant-writing.

9. SPECIFIC DUTIES:

- i. Assists in further developing the regional programme's strategic theme on Business and Finance.
 - facilitates IUCN Asia peer-learning and experience-sharing, as well as stock-taking of relevant knowledge and practices,
 - explores and helps establish strategic partnerships with relevant national/regional/global institutions and alliances, including the private business and finance sectors.

- represents regional team in relevant events within and beyond IUCN, to help the strategic theme's further development.
- ii. Provides technical expertise support on financial models, approaches and instruments for nature and biodiversity conservation.
 - serves as member in collaborative, multi-disciplinary teams for project planning, implementation and reporting.
 - serves as technical expert for capacity building, policy engagement and field project implementation.
- iii. Co-leads in formulating novel project ideas and in grant-writing
 - facilitates the development of novel project ideas and concepts aligned with regional programme agenda and IUCN programme results framework.
 - leads and/or contributes to proposal development, grant-writing and resource mobilisation.

Please Note: The above TORs contain the main responsibilities and duties of this position. However, in an ever-evolving organisation such as IUCN, staff members are expected to show flexibility in their approach to work and be willing to undertake other tasks that are reasonably allocated to them but which are not part of their regular TORs. Where any task becomes a regular part of staff member's responsibilities, the TORs should be changed in consultation between the manager, the staff member and the HR Unit. Any one of the three may initiate the consultation.

10. POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree either in i) Finance, Economics, Business and related Social Sciences, or ii) other academic specialisations in natural/biophysical sciences with supplementary academic courses, short-term trainings or practical work experiences related to Finance/Economics/Business; Master's degree is highly desirable.
- At least two years of relevant professional experience in research, development, policy and/or academic setting.
- Demonstrated skills in applying methods and tools for financial, economic and business analyses in the project cycle.
- Interest in and knowledge of key nature conservation and sustainable development challenges in Asia.
- Written and spoken proficiency in English.

- Good knowledge of Word, Excel and database interface.
- Excellent interpersonal, organisational and team-building skills.
- Ability to adapt to new environments, and to establish and maintain good working relations with individuals of different cultural backgrounds.