



VACANCY NOTICE – 2023-IPR-D6-FGIV-022396

Project Officer – Scientific Research - Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management Project

Type of contract	Member of the European Commission's contract staff, Function Group IV (article 3b of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants)
Duration of contract	36 months (renewable up to maximum 6 years)
Area	Environment, Marine Sciences, Biodiversity, Natural Resources
Place of employment	Ispra (IT)
Indicative basic salary	3877,47 - 5616,29 € (applicable as of 1 st of July 2022) For more detailed information please consult: Working Conditions

WE ARE

The [Joint Research Centre \(JRC\)](#) provides independent, evidence-based knowledge and science, supporting EU policies to positively impact society.

The current vacancy is with the Nature Conservation and Observations Unit of the Directorate for Sustainable Resources.

The mission of the Directorate for Sustainable Resources is to provide independent scientific evidence to support the development, implementation, evaluation and coherence of EU policies, mainly in the areas of agriculture and rural development, development cooperation, environment and climate change, blue growth and fisheries, bioeconomy, industry and trade.

The Nature Conservation and Observations Unit supports EU policies by providing relevant scientific data, methods and tools, and by collating available knowledge in the field of environment, space and international development.

The Unit focuses on transversal activities that require cross-sectoral integration of scientific evidence, paying particular attention to the identification of knowledge gaps and technical needs in the areas of nature conservation, Earth observation and global sustainable development. The Unit also plays a key role in international dialogues and conventions in these domains.

Further information: <https://rris.biopama.org/>

We offer:

An interesting job opportunity to contribute to our work on improving the understanding of how marine protected and conserved areas contribute to biodiversity and socio-economic objectives, as part of our multi-disciplinary team investigating management effectiveness and governance of such areas and the links between conservation and development.



WE PROPOSE

The jobholder main tasks will include:

- Identifying, gathering, collating and analysing marine data from global/regional sources, in the context of understanding the role and effectiveness of protected and conserved areas.
- Liaising with national and regional agencies and institutions responsible for fisheries, marine and related socio-economic data and knowledge management, specifically in the Africa, Caribbean, Pacific (ACP) region.
- Developing knowledge products for the marine environment and marine protected areas, to be delivered through the BIOPAMA Reference Information System.
- Supporting the development of new methods to analyse and understand the performance of marine protected areas.
- Providing technical and scientific advice to colleagues working on policy aspects of the marine environment and conservation, in particular in the frame of the Global Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity.

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for an experienced marine scientist with proven track record of studying marine protected areas and marine conservation, from a development perspective.

Qualifications and competences:

- At least 5 years of University studies in environmental, physical, geographical or marine sciences (or related field) including Postgraduate University education (MSc and/or PhD) in the related domains
- Minimum 5 years of experience in Geographic Information Systems, applied remote sensing, bioinformatics, marine protected areas management, conservation, fisheries or related field
- Experience in working with distributed/virtual teams in an international, multi-cultural environment.
- Excellent communication (oral and written), coordination and partnership building skills
- Very good knowledge of spoken and written English (C1)

The following will be considered as an asset:

- Experience in bioinformatics and biodiversity information systems.
- Familiarity with key global and regional biodiversity and conservation targets.
- Work experience in Africa, Caribbean or Pacific countries.
- Knowledge of Google Earth Engine, ArcGIS Online or similar geospatial processing services.
- Experience in developing of training materials.
- Relevant publications and published knowledge products.
- Software programming skills.

The majority of the work is based at JRC Ispra, but some travel, including to countries considered "at-risk", may be necessary. Given the global nature of the project, out-of-hours work may be required, in particular to interact with our regional partners.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are **already on a valid CAST FG IV reserve list**, or you **have already applied to one of the calls below**, you can directly submit your application at <http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX>.



If not, before applying to this position, **you must register** for one of the two following:

- the [Call for Expressions of Interest | EU Careers \(europa.eu\)](#) (CAST Permanent FG IV), which is used by a wide range of organisations (institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the European Union), or
- the [specialised call for researchers](#) (JRC Call COM/1/2015/GFIV – Research), which is mainly used by the JRC.

Note that each of the calls above has **different minimum eligibility requirements and different selection tests**.

The JRC cultivates a workplace based on respect for other people and the environment, and embraces non-discriminatory practices and equality of opportunity. In case of equal merit, preference will be given to the gender in minority.