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JOB DESCRIPTION

Position title: Ocean Policy Officer

Reports to: Head of Ocean Policy

Grade: Professional 1 (P1)

Date: June 2022

I. Mission of the Department:

The WWF European Policy Office (EPO) functions as a major policy and public affairs hub of the WWF network and works to achieve WWF's global mission by leading the WWF network to shape EU policies impacting on the European and global environment.

The Ocean Team ensures that there is a coordinated approach across the WWF European network to effectively influence and implement EU ocean policies including the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IUU) Regulation, Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), Maritime Spatial Planning Directive (MSP), International Ocean Governance and SDG 14 agenda. It ensures that Europe's seas and priority footprint areas are productive and resilient and become global flagships for sustainable, equitable, and innovative ocean governance and use.

II. Major Functions:

The Ocean Policy Assistant supports the policy efforts of the EPO ocean team and our ocean conservation advocacy towards the EU decision-making institutions. The Ocean Policy Assistant supports the head of unit, policy officers and the communications department in their political strategy development, establishing and strengthening political relationships and planning, and conducting advocacy actions.

III. Major Duties and Responsibilities:

General

- Offering dedicated Fisheries policy and technical support and capacity to the EPO ocean team, in coordination with the Head of Ocean Policy and other policy officers;
- Actively contributing with expertise in marine and fisheries policy and EU public affairs;
- Monitoring marine policy developments especially in DG Mare and EP PECH Committee and carrying out advocacy activities on these issues together with other policy officers within EPO;
- Interacting and coordinating activities with the WWF EU network on priority marine issues.

Specific

- Regularly share EU policy updates with the WWF European network and assist in the monitoring of political developments on national and European level especially regarding the Common Fisheries Policy revision (e.g. external dimension, bycatch, linked with other EU environmental regulations) and illegal fishing in close collaboration with the Head of Ocean Policy;
- Support the EPO ocean team in planning and carrying out their advocacy work towards the EU decision-making institutions;
- Engage with policy makers to push WWF priorities
- Support the drafting of briefings, positions papers, letters and carrying out research of relevance to the EPO marine team;

- Assist the EPO Marine team in promoting and securing the engagement from the WWF network on the implementation of WWF's European multi-annual European policy strategy;
- Coordinate the 05 work on IUU fishing

IV. Profile:

Required qualification:

- A relevant Degree in economics, EU law, marine science, European studies or similar;
- At least 2 years of experience in fisheries and marine issues.

Required skills and competencies:

- An interest in, and commitment to, environmental and conservation issues;
- Sound knowledge of marine conservation policies and international institutions to protect marine ecosystems and resources;
- Sound knowledge of the EU legislative processes and policy formulation in the European Parliament, Council and European Commission;
- Capacity to engage in public affairs and political environment;
- Capacity to build strong networks and relationships;
- Excellent time management skills, with the ability to balance diverging demands and interests;
- Able to work in a clear, open and structured manner;
- Strong written and verbal communication skills in English, and an ability to communicate complicated messages clearly to different audiences including through written materials and presentations; other EU languages are an advantage;
- Flexible attitude and ability to identify opportunities and work individually;
- Identifies & aligns with the core values of the WWF organisation: Courage, Respect, Integrity, Collaboration.

V. Working Relationships:

Internal

This post is located in Brussels and reports to Head of Ocean Policy. Working closely and maintaining regular contact with WWF European offices and EPO's (policy) staff is of importance.

External

This post interacts closely with EU institutions and stakeholders upon the guidance of WWF EPO.

This job description covers the main tasks and conveys the spirit of the sort of tasks that are anticipated proactively from staff. Other tasks may be assigned as necessary according to organizational needs.