

Vacancy Notice

PALAU MCS COORDINATOR

Introduction

The Bureau of Marine Resources is the body responsible for the management and development of Palau's marine resources. A Marine Sanctuary Office has been established to oversee the implementation of the Palau Marine Sanctuary. The Police Maritime Unit is responsible for surveillance of the Palau EEZ. Effective coordination between all three bodies is essential if IUU fishing is to be controlled in the EEZ and the marine sanctuary provisions enforced.

The Bureau of Marine Resources requires the services of a locally recruited Fisheries Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) Coordinator to assist the Bureau carry out its MCS functions.

Terms of Reference

The MCS Coordinator will:

- i) Ensure effective coordination between the Bureau of Marine Resources, the Marine Sanctuary Office and Maritime Police in relation to surveillance of the Palau EEZ, including where appropriate the development of Standard Operating Procedures.
- ii) Assist in the development of a National Plan of Action on IUU Fishing for Palau.
- iii) Develop a programme to implement the Palau National MCS Strategy 2016-2020.
- iv) Assist in the planning and participation by Palau in regional fisheries surveillance operations.
- v) Develop a plan to increase observer coverage on fishing vessels operating in the Palau EEZ to achieve 5% coverage on longline vessels, including options for using observers for neighbouring countries.
- vi) Facilitate a project for the use of e-monitoring on fishing vessels operating in the Palau EEZ.

Reporting

The adviser will prepare a brief monthly report for the Director of the Bureau of Marine Resources and copied to the Forum Fisheries Agency summarising activities undertaken during the month and planned activities for the upcoming month.

Qualifications and Experience

The position will include training and mentoring on the job – enthusiasm and the ability to learn quickly will be more important than a long period of relevant experience.

Essential:

- High school diploma with good grades in English and maths;
- At least 2 years' experience in the government service, Police or US Military;
- Good written and verbal communication skills;
- Competent with standard computer programmes (Word, Excel).

Desirable:

- A university degree in fisheries, law or public administration or a similar maritime qualification;
- Experience of maritime surveillance, as a fisheries observer or in fisheries management.

Remuneration:

An annual salary (including benefits) of US\$30,000. The position will provide some opportunities for overseas travel and training.

Term of Employment:

A one-year contract will be offered in the first instance. This may be extended subject to performance and the future availability of funding.

Applications:

Applicants should provide a resumé which provides full details of their education and experience; a covering letter which explains their interest in the position and why they are suitable for it; and the names and contact details of three referees.

Applications should be sent or delivered to:

The Director
Bureau of Marine Resources
P.O. Box 359
Koror PW96940
Palau

Attn: Mr Asterio Takashi

Or by email to: astertakasi23@gmail.com

The closing date is 25th May 2016.