
Organizational unit:
UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section

Primary location:
Decentralized with punctual missions to Paris HQ

Recruitment open to: External candidates
Type of contract: Consultant

Monthly salary: 4000 - 4600 EUR

Deadline:
30 November 2017

Main responsibilities

Under the overall authority of the Director-General and under the supervision of the Assistant Director-General for the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (ADG/IOC), the incumbent will assist with the implementation of technical activities at the IOC Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section within the context of the Project on Knowledge, Assessment, and Management for AQUAtic Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services aCROSS EU policies (AQUACROSS Project – H2020);

The incumbent will specifically:

(i) Contribute to implementation of the IOC/MPR activities to H2020 Project AQUACROSS in order to develop the project’s information platform and assist the project coordinator in IOC/MPR Programme in responding to change and challenges in coastal and marine
environments through further development of science based management tools such as Integrated Coastal Area Management (ICAM), Marine Spatial Planning (MSP), Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM), and Large Marine Ecosystem (LME).

(ii) Coordinate the development and maintenance of the AQUACROSS information platform and tools.

   a. Software management: Maintenance of the database infrastructure, data portal and software
   b. Customer support and creation of information products in support to the partners and case studies of AQUACROSS
   c. Support geospatial analysis; writing scripts, geographic indexing, etc.

(iii) Coordinate the integration of data and information management compiled by IOC-UNESCO from all partners of AQUACROSS and the case studies.

(iv) Coordinate the development, implementation and maintenance of story-telling maps for those activities of AQUACROSS led by IOC-UNESCO, as well as contribution to the development of multilingual web-based multimedia products and training materials.

(v) Contribute to the implementation of the AQUACROSS pilot case study at the Intercontinental Biosphere Reserve of the Mediterranean Andalusia (Spain) – Morocco.

(vi) Contribute to enhance the collaboration with relevant public and private stakeholders.

(vii) Contribute to events, meeting reports and scientific papers and the regular reporting of activities to the head of the MPR Section, AQUACROSS Project Coordinator at IOC.

Required qualifications

Education: Advanced university degree (master level or higher) in environmental sciences, information systems and decision support tools.

Work experience: Preferably 10 years of working experience on national and multinational environmental information systems and decision support tools.

Skills and competences:

- Excellent research, analytical and problem solving ability, including taking part in the resolution of issues and in the application of good judgement.

- Very good inter-personal skills and ability to maintain effective partnerships and working relations within a multi-cultural environment; ability to work collaboratively as part of a team to achieve organisational goals.
• Ability to plan own work and manage conflicting priorities; work under pressure.

• Ability to write and speak clearly and effectively, including the ability to draft reports in a concise style and communicate complex scientific information to a broader audience – via visual, written and verbal modes.

• Languages: Very good knowledge of spoken and written English and Spanish. Knowledge of additional working languages of UNESCO and European Union official languages will be an asset.

• Specific knowledge on European databases and information products, GIS software and innovative web applications.

Desirable qualifications:

Education: The consultant should hold a postgraduate degree in marine/coastal resources management, environmental sciences, biological sciences, geological sciences or equivalent combined with the use of information/data management tools.

Work experience: Practical familiarity with design, components and functionalities of the existing water, biodiversity and land European environmental information systems and decision support tools within a shared information context.

Duration:

The Consultant is appointed for 11 months (including a probationary period of 2 months). The contract is not renewable. The appointment is non-career and does not carry any expectancy of renewal or conversion to another contract. Medical health care is not provided.

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How to apply?

Please submit a full CV (using the UNESCO template https://en.unesco.org/careers/media/3705), a motivation letter, three references and a work plan for the activities related to the main responsibilities described in this call, to: Mr. Julian Barbière (j.barbiere@unesco.org) and Mr. Alejandro Iglesias-Campos (a.iglesias-campos@unesco.org) by 15 December 2017 (23.59h, Central European Time).