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Deadline For Application: 23 April 2013

POSITION TITLE:	Fishery Officer (Institutional and Legal Matters)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)	DUTY STATION:	GFCM HQ (Palazzo Blumenstihl) Rome
	Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FI	DURATION *:	Fixed term - 2 years
		POST CODE/N°:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.G.02

**Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply
All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the GFCM Executive Secretary the incumbent will be responsible for institutional and legal issues related to GFCM. This responsibility includes the provision of support to the GFCM Compliance Committee (CoC) and any other relevant GFCM Subsidiary Body, ensuring the liaison between GFCM and relevant organizations at international and regional levels. The incumbent will act through GFCM Executive Secretary and in close collaboration and liaison with the Fisheries Department (FI). S/he will also liaise and consult the Legal Office (LEG), including the General Legal Affairs Service (LEGA) and the Development Law Branch (LEGN), on institutional and legal issues related to GFCM, and, in this regard, ensure that required clearances are obtained. In particular, the incumbent will:

- provide technical support to the GFCM Compliance Committee and its Task Force including providing support to the implementation of their activities;
- prepare GFCM draft recommendations on Fisheries and Aquaculture relating to institutional and legal issues;
- monitor and report on the implementation of GFCM recommendations on fisheries and aquaculture by its Members including the reporting on the incidences of non-compliance with such recommendations as well as non observance of the GFCM conservation and management measures by non-Members;
- facilitate, in close consultation with LEG, any prospective amendment process of the GFCM Agreement, GFCM Rules of Procedure and GFCM Financial Regulations;
- contribute to the preparation of the Sessions of the GFCM and coordinate the submission of relevant working documents to the CoC and the Commission;
- inform GFCM on developments in fisheries and aquaculture policies at the international and regional level and closely follow these developments;
- act as a focal point and contact person for the GFCM vis-à-vis partner organizations that cooperate with GFCM under a Memorandum of Understanding and monitor or assist in the supervision matters relating to the implementation of memoranda in place;
- upgrade the GFCM Compendium of decisions on a regular basis and provide advice to ensure the consistency between the various recommendations and decisions taken by the Commission;
- provide advice to the GFCM Members on the harmonization of national laws relating to compliance with and enforcement of GFCM recommendations/decisions;
- assist in carrying out any duty that might entail legal, institutional and liaison issues, including contacts with Cooperating non Contracting Parties and non-Members;
- perform other related duties as required.

This vacancy supersedes VA FIP-873-13-PRJ. Applicants to this VA who fully meet the minimum requirements need not re-apply as they will be taken automatically into consideration. Applications not meeting the minimum requirements and / or not submitting a Personal History Form will not be taken into consideration.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in International Law or International Relations. A specialization in maritime affairs would be an asset
- Five years of relevant experience related to fisheries and the law of the sea, including with international organizations
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance of experience and familiarity with the law of the sea, with particular emphasis on the work of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs)
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the international institutional and legal frameworks supporting global fisheries governance, including the UN and FAO
- Ability to undertake research and prepare high-quality technical reports on issues relating to fisheries and the law of the sea
- Extent of experience in participating and servicing inter-governmental meetings, including preparing and delivering presentations to large audiences, participating in field missions and ability to create and nurture liaison at national and/or inter-governmental levels
- Extent of knowledge in preparing and implementing programmes and projects, including those related to technical assistance and capacity building
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills in English, and French, Spanish or Arabic

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

* The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments

REMUNERATION

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For guidelines to applicants, please visit the Application Toolkit at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/current-vacancies/project/en/>

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