



Deadline For Application: 14 December 2011

POSITION TITLE:	Fishery Resources Officer	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
		DUTY STATION:	GFCM HQ, Rome
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Economics Division (FIPI) / General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)	DURATION *:	1 year (extendable to 3 years)
		POST CODE/N°:	1076779
		CCOG CODE:	1.H.05

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the general supervision of the GFCM Executive Secretary, and in collaboration with other technical officers in the Secretariat, the Fishery Resources Officer will be responsible for planning, promoting, implementing and providing technical support to programmes and activities on matters related to fisheries in the GFCM Competence Area and will assist the Executive Secretary in the supervision of overall technical matters of the fisheries activities of the Secretariat. In particular, the incumbent will:

- Develop and maintain technical networks with scientific institutions, relevant international organisations, experts and working groups related to fishery science and management from the academic and the technical domains and keep abreast of new publications and the current methods for stock assessment and population dynamics;
- Act as backstopping officer and adviser of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and its specialized working groups in the field of stock assessment and fisheries management;
- Provide advice on methods used in the study of marine population dynamics and stock assessment including ecological and socio-economic considerations to implement Ecosystem Approach;
- Contribute to the improvement of scientific research on fisheries and ecosystems in the Mediterranean and the Black sea
- Analyze scientific data for stock assessment and fisheries management and ensure dissemination of the relevant results among potential users
- Conduct performance evaluations of available assessment models clarifying assumptions, establishing rules and methods on their appropriate use;
- Develop and facilitate implementation of fishery resource management strategies and techniques, including monitoring and analysis of trends;
- Contribute to the elaboration and implementation of national and regional programmes dealing with biological data collection;
- Contribute to the preparation and implementation of work programmes, preparing preliminary budget forecasts and ensuring timely reporting to the SAC;
- Organize, promote and conduct training courses in fish stock assessment and fishery assessment as a tool for advising on fisheries management and promoting the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries;
- Participate, as appropriate, in activities of projects carried out under the general framework of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies;
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in biology, fishery science, marine ecology or closely related discipline;
- Seven years of relevant experience in the quantitative analysis and evaluation of wild marine fish stocks, including practical experience within international settings;
- Working knowledge of English and French.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance and level of academic qualifications;
- Extent and relevance of experience in the quantitative analysis and evaluation of exploited fish stocks and in the provision of technical advice for fishery management;
- Extent and relevance of international experience in fisheries research and fish stock assessment in developed and developing countries, with particular reference to the Mediterranean and Black Sea;
- Extent, relevance and diversity of original research and development work undertaken in the fields of fishery science, marine ecosystems, fish stock assessment and fisheries management as demonstrated by a record of scientific publications and reports produced;
- Demonstrated analytical capacity and knowledge of current global issues, trends, constraints and closely related institutions and international fora related to the assessment, conservation and management of wild fish stocks and ecosystems;
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing in English. Excellent communication skills in French would be an asset;
- Ability to work under pressure and willingness to travel frequently.

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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TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the Guidelines to applicants

Send your application to:

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