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POSITION TITLE:	FISHERY OFFICER (iMarine)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Statistics and Information Branch (FIPS) Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Economic Division (FIP) Fisheries and Aquaculture Department	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 1 year
		POST NUMBER:	unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1H05

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

**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.**

All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

Organizational setting

The Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Economics Division (FIP) is responsible for the economic, social, institutional, governance and policy aspects of all programmes and activities related to fisheries and aquaculture and their development, with particular emphasis on human well-being, food security and poverty reduction; post-harvest utilization, marketing and trade with due regard to the protection of the environment, food security and the well-being of fishing communities; collection, compilation, validation, trend analysis and dissemination of the best available and up-to-date fishery statistics and for the syndication of the FAO information on all aspects of world fisheries and aquaculture.

The function is located in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Information and Statistics Service (FIPS). FIPS is responsible for global statistics and information on fisheries and aquaculture, coordinates the development of international standards for fishery and aquaculture statistics, and supports partnership arrangements for the collation, sharing and dissemination of information. Through the iMarine data infrastructure, FIPS drives the development of a cloud-based platform enabling multi-disciplinary scientific collaboration in support to the ecosystem approach to fisheries and aquaculture. The Fishery Officer (iMarine) will hold a central role in strengthening the capacity and sustainability of this platform, in particular by leading European funded projects that aim at delivering innovative applications and business development strategies

Reporting lines

The Project Officer reports to the Chief, FIPS, and regularly reports progress to counterparts in other involved FI Branches, in particular FIPS, FIR, FIRA, FIPI

Technical focus

Support the development of the iMarine platform by leading the delivery of innovative data services to FAO and its partners in the field of the EAF, Stock assessment, aquaculture inventories, environmental impact assessment, capacity building; act as focal point and technical lead for iMarine related projects; contribute to the iMarine business plan with development of revenue options, and inputs to community governance and data policies.

Key results

Research, technical analysis, and project related services to support the delivery of programme projects, products, and services.

Key functions

- Researches and analyzes technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional, and technology related information, data and statistics and/or related policy issues to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services;
- Produces a variety of technical information, data, statistics and reports as well as input for technical documents and web pages;
- Provides technical support/analysis to various assessments, studies and initiatives and provides technical backstopping to field projects;
- Collaborates in the development of improved/updated tools, systems, processes, and databases;
- Participates on multi-disciplinary teams, and/or leads working groups/teams collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promotes best practices;
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-line tools;
- Promotes knowledge sharing and best practices at international meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations;
- Supports resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

Specific functions

BlueBRIDGE and EGI-Engage projects

- Acts as alternate project manager, including budget holding, project activity status and progress reports, FPMIS records, work plans and consultants' TORs, operational management of projects' activities and technical supervision of consultant's work
- Acts as leader for Work Packages WP5 & WP7 assigned to FAO, and as such contribute to BlueBRIDGE Project's Steering Committee, and Project Executive Committee
- Coordinates inputs regarding all FAO project tasks for both BlueBRIDGE and EGI-Engage projects
- Coordinates documentation from other participating partners for FAO tasks and Work Packages, and inputs from participating communities for the provision of user requirements;
- Compiles vision documents, prepare use cases and translate these into specifications for software designers, maintain a track of activities and contribute to the project description on the Wiki
- Monitors implementation of software facilities through the Redmine system and coordinate validation of delivered VRE functionality with the user community
- Contributes to the development of advocacy and communication material, and generally contribute to project's outreach activities

iMarine Sustainability development

- Identifies new opportunities for VREs, scope their operational boundaries, describe goals and methods, collect functional requirements, and prepare implementation projects
- Oversees delivery of products and services upon approval of VRE development projects
- Contributes to the development of the iMarine business model in close collaboration with CNR counterpart
- Ensures outreach to the iMarine Board / Extended Board

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Computer Science or other related science
- Five years of relevant experience in systems development which included the design, implementation and management of web-based systems
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

Competencies

- Results focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building effective relationships
- Knowledge sharing and Continuous improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent of experience and depth of understanding of IT technologies including system architecture, data modelling-design-implementation, as well as cutting edge technologies such as cloud and semantic web frameworks
- Relevance of experience in Statistical, Geospatial and Fisheries applications in the context of multi-user projects
- Extent of experience with and knowledge of project life-cycle and management, especially in EU FP and H2020 funded projects
- Publications in scientific literature on relevant topics
- Proven analytical skills and ability to multitask
- Proven ability to formulate and develop work plans, products and services, output indicators and delivery mechanism

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
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HOW TO APPLY

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

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