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POSITION TITLE:	Chief Technical Adviser (Forest Assessment & Monitoring)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Forest Management Team, FOMR Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division, FOM Forestry Department, FO	DUTY STATION:	Hanoi, Vietnam
		DURATION *:	Fixed term: 2,5 years*
		POST CODE/N°:	N- Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1H06

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direct supervision of the FAO Representative in Hanoi, the technical guidance of the Lead Technical Officer (LTO) at FAO Headquarters, and in coordination with the National Project Coordinator (NPC), the incumbent will provide technical assistance and support to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and Forest Inventory and Planning Institute (FIPI) in the areas of capacity building, institutional strengthening, planning and implementation of the Support to National Assessment and Long Term Monitoring of the Forest and Tree Resources in Vietnam (NFA) project. In particular, will:

- In collaboration with the national counterpart prepare work-plans for office and field activities of forest resources assessment;
- Work closely with the national counterpart personnel to refine the approach to national forest and tree inventory based on the model approach of FAO including needs of REDD+ monitoring and taking into account the existing national sampling design.
- Participate in the elaboration of a training programme to be dispensed to national project staff in the office and in the field involved and assist the MARD/FIPI in implementing it.
- In collaboration with national counterpart personnel and other national and international personnel, strengthen FIPI for future monitoring of the resources and information management.
- Participate in planning, running and servicing the workshops and seminars in connection with the field of expertise (informative seminar on the NFA approach, workshops on information and capacity building needs, project findings).
- Secure wide consultation in order to establish national consensus on the NFA approach and long term monitoring.
- Identify equipment and supplies for the forest inventory component of the project for procurement.
- Organise and conduct fieldwork.
- Technically supervise field crews during the survey, especially during the start of fieldwork, and provide technical guidance in order to homogenise data collection and interpretation of variables and definitions.
- Organise, analyse and report on field crew outputs.
- Prepare project progress reports on the component of inventory and the end of mission report.
- Provide support to other FAO-Finland Cooperation Programme activities in Vietnam.
- Perform other related duties as required.

***Appointment/promotion to this position is for duration of assignment only**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Forestry or related subject
- Seven years of relevant experience in the field of forest management, forest resources monitoring and assessment
- Working knowledge of English

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience in forest development, monitoring and assessment of forests including forest inventory design/planning and remote sensing
- Relevance of experience in capacity building and project implementation
- Quality of both written and oral communication skills on technical issues
- Extent of experience in forest information system development and information management
- Relevance of experience with UN, intergovernmental and international organizations related to forestry
- Relevance of academic qualifications

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**

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