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Deadline For Application: 21 March 2013

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| POSITION TITLE: | Forestry Officer (Remote Sensing) | GRADE LEVEL: | P4 |
| ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: | Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division (FOM) Forestry Department, FO | DUTY STATION: | Rome |
| | | DURATION *: | Fixed Term: 2 years |
| | | POST CODE/N°: | C/0827525 |
| | | CCOG CODE: | 1.HO6 |

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 overall supervision of the Director, FOM, and the supervision of the Senior Forestry Officer, Global Forest Resources Assessment, FOM, and in close collaboration with other units in FAO, key partner organizations, donors and participating countries, the incumbent will coordinate the remote sensing work of the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA). In particular the incumbent will:

- prepare, coordinate and execute work plan activities for remote sensing inputs into the FRA, including liaison with other units of FAO, partner organizations and country focal points;
- supervise the extraction and processing of sample and wall-to-wall imagery for use in multi-year analyses and other FRA-related analyses;
- evaluate needs for additional remote sensing data that will serve future FRA processes; process and analyse data as part of the FRA reporting process;
- supervise project staff and consultants in the conduct of remote sensing analysis for FRA purposes;
- oversee the technical remote sensing work related to assessment of forest degradation, land use change, fire, forest accessibility and other analyses as assigned;
- prepare training materials and help organize and conduct regional and national workshops;
- prepare information and disseminate periodic and ad hoc reports as well as progress reports within the framework of the Global Forest Resources Assessment Programme;
- prepare background material for and participate in meetings; organize and participate in expert consultations and technical meetings;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in forestry, geography, remote sensing, or a closely related field
- Seven years of relevant experience in the field of forest resources assessment including international experience, part of which is in the assessment of forest change over time using remote sensing
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the two or Arabic, Chinese or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Demonstrated expertise in large-scale application of remote sensing for forest resources assessment
- Level of proficiency in software applications for remote sensing
- Proven supervisory ability and technical leadership
- Excellent drafting ability and communication skills both oral and written
- Extent of experience in organizing and conducting regional and national workshops/ training sessions
- Familiarity with the Global Forest Resources Assessment process

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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<http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>

and complete the on-line application

In order for your application to be properly evaluated, please ensure that all sections of the on-line application are completed.

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