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Deadline For Application: 4 July 2013

POSITION TITLE:	Forestry Officer (Forest Protection and Health)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-4
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division (FOM) Forestry Department (FO)	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 2 years
		POST CODE/N°:	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1.H.06

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

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall guidance of the Director, FOM, and the direct supervision of the Senior Forestry Officer/Team Leader, Forest Resources Management Team, the incumbent will be responsible for providing technical support for the promotion and development of programmes and activities in the field of forest protection and health to increase resilience to shocks, such as insect pests, diseases, invasive species and the impacts of climate change. In particular, the incumbent will:

- contribute to FAO's programme on forest protection and health to help safeguard the health and vitality of the world's forests and forest ecosystems with special reference to prevention and management of harmful forest insects, diseases, invasive species and other threats and risk factors;
- promote and advise member countries on policies and sound strategies and methods of integrated pest management in forests for the protection of forests and forest lands;
- determine causative agents and develop innovative recommendations for member countries to effectively respond to severe outbreaks of insect pests and diseases;
- develop response programmes and help raise resources for their implementation through the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) and other funding mechanisms;
- enable member countries to carry out country-wide permanent pest monitoring, recognising the importance of forest pests as one of the drivers of forest degradation and one of the main indicators of climate change;
- manage global databases on insect pests and diseases, including woody invasive species, in collaboration with the FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment Team, and maintain statistical references;
- plan, organize and participate in international meetings, seminars and workshops on matters related to forest protection and health; support capacity building; generate, compile and disseminate technical information, publications, training course materials and maintain websites;
- provide support and technical backstopping to field projects and to member countries and institutions in forest protection and health with emphasis on prevention of pest incursions through implementation of phytosanitary measures in forestry;
- act as Forestry Departmental focal point to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC);
- provide technical support to the regional invasive species networks and assist with facilitating activities and meetings;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced university degree in Forestry or related discipline with specialization or a post-graduate degree in one of the major fields covered (Entomology, Pathology, Invasive Species, Integrated Pest Management applied to Forestry)
- Seven years of relevant experience in the field of forest health management, including international experience
- Working knowledge of English and limited knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Demonstrated expertise in forest health management in diverse forest types and ecosystems
- Extent and relevance of experience in developing countries and knowledge of global forest health situation
- Ability to effectively plan and organize work and respond promptly to emergencies or unplanned situations as they arise
- Ability to work independently; Vision, inventiveness and initiative
- Interpersonal, motivational, networking and training skills
- Ability to communicate clearly and concisely in English, both orally and in writing
- Proficiency in other official languages would be an asset

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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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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