



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

## PROFESSIONAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT N°: IRC3248

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Deadline For Application: **23 March 2016**

POSITION TITLE:	<b>Forestry Officer (Remote Sensing)</b>	GRADE LEVEL:	<b>P-3</b>
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	<b>Forestry Policy and Resources Division (FOA)</b> Forestry Department, FO	DUTY STATION:	<b>Rome, Italy</b>
		DURATION*:	<b>Fixed-term: 2 years</b>
		POST NUMBER:	<b>unidentified</b>
		CCOG CODE:	<b>1H06</b>

\* 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 Forest Policy and Resources Division leads FAO's work in promoting sustainable forest management and providing leadership on the environmental, social and economic dimensions of forestry, including its contributions to poverty reduction and food security and nutrition. It liaises with member countries, civil society and the private sector in aspects ranging from development of effective forest policies to forest conservation and management issues, and strengthens the role of forests in climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Division also collects, analyses and disseminates information on the world's forest resources and on the production, trade and consumption of wood and non-wood forest products.

The post is located in the Global Forest Resources Assessment Team, and is part of the EU-funded project Improving global forest management through improved global forest information (GCP/GLO/665/EC)

### Reporting Lines

The Forestry Officer reports to the Senior Forestry Officer, Global Forest Resources Assessment Team Leader

### Technical Focus

Remote sensing for forest resources assessment and monitoring

### 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

- Participates in the preparation of strategic and annual work plans and implement tasks and activities of the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) programme related to remote sensing, thus contributing to FAO Strategic Programmes and respective Delivery Mechanisms, including in particular Strategic Programme 2 on increasing and improving the provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner;
- Liaises with other units in FAO, partner organizations and national focal points with respect to remote sensing related activities carried out by the FRA programme;
- Extracts, process and analyse remote sensing data required for the FRA programme, including but not limited to the assessment of the status and changes of land use, land cover and fires;
- Prepares training material and help organize capacity building and conduct workshops when required;
- Prepares information and disseminate periodic, ad hoc and progress reports as part of the FRA programme;
- Prepares a monthly report of his/her activities and outputs achieved under the project to be submitted to the Team Leader for review and certification.

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in forestry, geography, remote sensing or closely related field
- Five years of relevant experience in remote sensing applications for forest resources assessment and monitoring
- Working knowledge of English, and limited knowledge of any of the following: Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish. Working knowledge of French and/or Spanish would be an asset

### 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
- Experience in large scale application of remote sensing for forest resources assessment and satellite image data processing
- Level of proficiency in software applications for remote sensing and satellite image data processing
- Analytical skills, in particular related to forest resources assessment
- Familiarity with the Global Forest Resources Assessment programme.
- Experience in organizing and conducting workshops and training sessions.

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

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills.
- Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which will be followed by a competency-based interview.
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “*How to Apply*”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills.
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list.
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice and the endorsed candidates will be considered for the Employment Roster for a period of 2 years.
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments.

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## REMUNERATION

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## HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/iRecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: [iRecruitment@fao.org](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)

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