Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement No: IRC5682

Position Title:	Forestry Officer (Peatlands)	**Grade Level:**	P-3
		Duty Station:	Italy, Rome
Organizational Unit:	Forest Policy and Resources Division, FOA	**Duration *:**	Fixed term: one year (with possibility of extension)
		Post Number:	2006950
		CCOG Code:	1H06

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 Forestry Policy and Resources Division (FOA) 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 National Forest Monitoring (NFM) Team of the Forestry Department, which supports FAO member countries on all aspects of forest monitoring to provide reliable information for national forest and land use related policy development, planning and sustainable management as well as for satisfying international reporting requirements. The Team also supports countries on technical issues related to National Forest Monitoring Systems (NFMS) and the development of cost effective and reliable Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) processes. The NFM Team develops and maintains *Open Foris,* a set of tools and guidance supporting forest and land use monitoring. The NFM Team has also commenced work on the measurement and monitoring of carbon rich landscapes such as peatlands and mangroves. It works closely with the REDD+ and global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) Teams. The work of the team supports implementation of FAO's Strategic Programme 2 "Making agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable".

Reporting Lines
The Forestry Officer reports to the Team Leader of NFM, under the overall guidance of the REDD+/NFM Coordinator and the Director, FOA.

Technical Focus
The Forestry Officer will be responsible for leading the REDD+/NFM thematic work and country support on Peatlands measurement, monitoring and management as well as the broader forest and land use monitoring work of the Forestry Department while ensuring technical linkage with other FAO teams and partner organizations within the context of FAO's Strategic Framework.

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

Key Functions
- Researches and analyses 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 multidisciplinary 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, online 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
- Provides technical and project management support to the development of a peatland monitoring systems in peatland countries;
- Provides technical advice and liaise with partners on the FAO component of the Global Peatlands Initiative;
- Assists peatland countries in measuring and reporting their peatlands to international agreements and goals;
- Provides advice and support to peatland conservation, management and restoration including paludiculture;
- Supports stakeholder engagement, launching, dissemination, and outreach in relation to the team's work on peatlands monitoring systems;
- Contributes to the Forestry Department's work on forest monitoring;
- Performs other duties as needed.

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CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements
- Advanced university degree in forestry, natural resources management or a related field.
- Five years of relevant experience in forest monitoring or management, including of peatlands.
- 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 and relevance of experience in monitoring and management of peatlands;
- Extent and relevance of experience in capacity building on peatland measurement or management in developing countries;
- Extent and relevance of experience in coordination and management of technical projects;
- Proven record of stakeholder engagement and knowledge management and outreach;
- Extent and relevance of experience in supporting peatland work in the tropical countries.

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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
- 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 recognized 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 two years
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

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

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