

WWF is re-opening the application process for a post-doctoral social scientist.

We seek a highly motivated researcher early in his/her career to join our team. The successful applicant will have strong statistical skills, international field experience, and a passion for policy-relevant conservation science.

The post-doc will join the science program at WWF in Washington, DC, working with me, Helen Fox (WWF-US), Arun Agrawal (U. Michigan), and colleagues around the world to evaluate the ecological and social impacts of marine protected areas (MPAs) and other conservation interventions. This exciting portfolio is part of the emerging WWF Conservation Impact Initiative, which seeks to catalyze rigorous evaluation of conservation interventions and, thus, provide the scientific evidence for more effective conservation policy and practice.

The application deadline is August 13. All applications should be submitted via the WWF website: www.worldwildlife.org/who/careers/jobs.html.

Position announcement: Post-doctoral Social Scientist, Impact Evaluation

World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the global conservation organization, in partnership with the University of Michigan, seeks a post-doctoral social scientist to work with an interdisciplinary team to monitor and evaluate the social and biological impacts of conservation interventions, initially focusing on marine protected areas (MPAs). The initial geographic focus will be Southeast Asia (particularly Indonesia), but may be expanded to include related projects in other locations.

In collaboration with the interdisciplinary team, the post-doc will:

1. Develop and implement rigorous-yet-practical methods for documenting and explaining variation in the socioeconomic and biological impacts of conservation interventions, initially focusing on MPAs. This will entail support to a one-year pilot study in the Bird's Head Seascape in West Papua, Indonesia, to demonstrate proof of concept for an interdisciplinary approach to MPA monitoring and impact evaluation that builds upon theories of common pool resource governance, established MPA monitoring protocols, and the International Forestry Resources and Institutions (IFRI) program.
2. Analyze data and synthesize results from #1 and other monitoring programs, in order to document conservation outcomes and to explore relationships among MPA governance (i.e., conservation interventions), social and ecological context, and conservation outcomes (ecological and social).

3. Based on #1 and #2, develop research design and protocols for a large N program to monitor and evaluate the impacts of MPAs.
4. Synthesize results and insights from an international symposium on the (ecological and social) frontiers of MPA science.
5. Write up of results from the above and other related work for both peer-reviewed publication and internal audiences.

This position has an initial duration of one year, with the possibility of extension based on funding.

Basic requirements: Ph.D. or related experience in a social science (economics, sociology, political science, etc.) or an interdisciplinary Ph.D. with substantial social science training; strong quantitative and statistical skills; and ability to work both independently and in a team.

Additional qualifications include: evaluation training and experience; two years international experience in conservation or related field; experience with qualitative data and interdisciplinary research; foreign language skills. Ability to travel to Indonesia is required.

This position is based in the WWF Conservation Science Program in Washington, DC.

Please submit a cover letter and CV by August 13, 2010.

AA/EOE Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. To apply visit <http://www.worldwildlife.org/who/careers/jobs.html>, job # 10073