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JOB OPPORTUNITY # 18/14

POLICY MANAGER, WWF-MYANMAR

As a part of World Wide Fund for Nature – Greater Mekong, WWF-Myanmar was established in 2014 with the aim to support Myanmar’s development ambitions with a focus on spatial planning and biodiversity conservation in parallel with ecosystem services protection and sustainable livelihoods. WWF-Myanmar is now inviting applications for the position of **Policy Manager** based in Yangon, Myanmar with frequent travel outside of Yangon.

Only Myanmar nationals are eligible to apply.

Major Function

The Policy Manager will oversee all policy and advocacy engagement, give strategic direction and prioritization, liaise with MM government on key policy sector portfolios (energy, water, agriculture, environment, mining), facilitate the extraction of policy messages from field level and ensure communication and advocacy to the relevant levels.

He/she will then:

- Develop and oversee all policy and advocacy engagement
- Give strategic direction and prioritization
- Be the main liaison person with MM government on key policy sector portfolios (energy, water, agriculture, environment, mining)
- Lead the extraction of policy messages from field level and ensures communication and advocacy to the relevant levels
- Lead the outreach to build strategic informal and formal alliances with key governmental and non-governmental partners in Myanmar and beyond
- Promote the incorporation of green economy principles, and especially the value of natural capital, in key policies, structures, and decisions taken by the government of Myanmar
- Liaise with relevant policy-makers to facilitate the assessment of natural capital and establish integrated spatial planning at landscape and national levels and maintain the conservation and ecosystem integrity of priority sites and species
- Lead the development of an operational plan for Myanmar policy priorities to be undertaken, and related communications
- Develop proposals, raise funds for and coordinate the program of work to achieve targets and milestone under the above policy plan
- Liaise with the GM strategy leads and other WWF policy staff in the network

- Liaise with communication and conservation leads to extract and disseminate relevant policy messages, lead in publications and advocacy actions, ensure coherence
- Develop and steer policy partnerships with other NGOs

Required Qualifications

- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in conservation/environmental policy, conservation finance, environmental economics, environmental studies and/or natural resource management or related area. A first university degree with a combination of 10 years of professional and academic qualifications may be accepted in lieu of the advanced degree.
- At least 10 years of experience in development or environment sectors in the Greater Mekong Region/Southeast Asia, 5 years of which should be in leading policy advocacy role (preferably in environment sector)
- Knowledge of environmental issues, policies, regulation and guidelines and the policy/institutional context in Myanmar
- Sound knowledge and experience in policy analysis and positioning
- Experience of working and negotiating with Government officials and/or donors at all levels
- Experience in working with key regional and international institutions, e.g. ADB, ASEAN, JBIC and the Mekong River Commission is an added advantage
- Experience in managing programmes/large projects funded by a diversity of donor sources

Required Skills and Competencies:

- Strong managerial skills including, planning, recruiting, motivating team members, delivering quality outcomes and financial management of large projects
- Technical/professional knowledge and skills about policy advocacy
- Networking, building working relationships with various stakeholders and communicating effectively
- Strategic thinking and ability to deliver constructive feedback

Closing Date: 15 September 2014.

Interested candidates should email vacancy.mm@wfgreatermekong.org or send a hard copy **cover letter** and **curriculum vitae** in English to 15C Than Taman Street, Dagon Township Yangon, stating the position title. Email application documents should be addressed as **Document_Yourfullname**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.