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## JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>Position Title:</b>	<b>Integrated Ocean Governance Project Liaison Officer</b>
<b>Reports to:</b>	WWF Solomon Islands will be responsible for the administrative management for this role.  IUCN ORO's Marine Program will provide technical guidance and support.
<b>Budget:</b>	This position will be funded by the EU through the EDF11 PEUMP project.
<b>Supervises:</b>	Nil
<b>Office:</b>	WWF Solomon Islands
<b>Location:</b>	Honiara, Solomon Islands
<b>Duration:</b>	The successful applicant will receive a contract for the duration of the project which may be further extended upon performance and budget availability.
<b>Date:</b>	January 2020

### I. Background

WWF Solomon Islands (WWF-SI) and IUCN Oceania Regional Office (IUCN-ORO) with support from the South Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP) aim to provide ongoing technical support to the Solomon Island Government to deliver on its efforts on Integrated Oceans Governance.

The four-year project is funded through the Pacific-European Union Marine Partnerships (PEUMP) Program. The PEUMP program is a multi-partner project that aims to improve the economic, social and environmental benefits for 15 Pacific-African Caribbean Pacific (Pacific-ACP) states through stronger regional economic integration and the sustainable management of natural resources and the environment. Pacific-ACP states that are part of the PEUMP program are the Cook Islands, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, Tonga, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste and Vanuatu. The PEUMP program will focus on supporting sustainable management and development of fisheries for food security and economic growth, while addressing climate change resilience and conservation of marine biodiversity.

Natural resources in marine and coastal areas are of high economic importance for Solomon Islands and sustain the livelihoods of coastal communities. In 2016, the Solomon Islands Government committed to delivering Integrated Oceans Governance including an Ocean Policy and a Marine Spatial Plan by 2020.

## **II. Mission of the Function:**

Support the ongoing development and implementation of a Marine Spatial Plan in the Solomon Islands.

## **III. Major Functions:**

- Enhance ecosystem-based management and support more effectively managed marine resources. Towards more resilient coastal and marine economies, more sustainable use of marine biodiversity, to improve climate change adaptation, resilience, and mitigation as well as securing and strengthening local livelihoods.
- Provide strong M&E guidance, database management support to PPO.
- Support the Solomon Islands' commitment to an integrated ocean-wide governance framework, including an Ocean Policy and marine spatial planning.

## **IV. Major Duties and Responsibilities:**

The *Integrated Ocean Governance Project Liaison Officer* will provide the overall coordination and implementation of the following:

- a. Raise awareness of *Ocean12* and integrated ocean governance objectives and outputs.
- b. Coordinate and organize in-country activities and meetings related to integrated ocean governance and marine spatial planning.
- c. Coordinate and organize meetings and workshops for the *Ocean12*, *Ocean12* Technical Working Group and IUCN missions.
- d. Identifying GIS experts in government and supporting institutions and identify who maintains marine spatial planning data (GIS data).
- e. Help identify and access relevant economic and spatial data for the purposes of the tasks assigned.
- f. Liaise, as required, with government ministries and local partners/ stakeholders
- g. Assist in identification of opportunities for incorporating ESV and MSP into development plans, policies, projects, and initiatives, particularly those related to marine protected areas (MPAs) or locally-managed marine areas (LMMAs).
- h. Conduct visits to project sites, as required.
- i. Identify, address, or facilitate addressing, project obstacles and obstacles that may affect implementation of integrated ocean governance and marine spatial planning in the Solomon Islands.

## **V. Selection Criteria:**

1. At least 3 years of relevant work experience in or with marine resource use stakeholders, including government agencies in the Solomon Islands.
2. Educational background and/or experience in marine ecology, biodiversity, or natural resource management desirable.
3. Demonstrated project coordination and professional communication experience.
4. Good networks with relevant ocean stakeholders including government agencies.
5. Strong English language communication and presentation skills.
6. High proficiency in the use of computers, especially with Microsoft Office package.
7. Fluent in Solomon Islands' pidgin.
8. Demonstrated ability to engage comfortably at all levels of government and society in the Solomon Islands.
9. Good interpersonal skills and ability to work in a team.

**VI. Working Relationships:**

**Internal:** Work with IUCN and WWF management and staff (Solomon Islands and Fiji).

**External:** Liaise with government institutions, academic institutions, non-governmental agencies, private sector groups and communities involved with marine and coastal resource management as requested by the Solomon Islands Government Ocean12 leaders (Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Ministry of Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet).

This job description covers the main tasks. Other tasks may be assigned as necessary according to organisational needs.

Approved by WWF-SI Country Mgr: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by Staff member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_