

Announcement for distribution:

The following is an announcement for a position under the American Samoa Coral Reef Monitoring Program that is funded under the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program:

Position Title: Coral Reef Monitoring Fish Ecologist

Project Name: American Samoa Coral Reef Monitoring Program

Position Description and Requirements:

American Samoa Coral Reef Monitoring Program is hiring a:

Coral Reef Monitoring Fish Ecologist

who will provide the scientific and other technical support for the American Samoa Coral Reef Monitoring Program and other programs that conduct research on the status of coral reefs and the distribution of coral reef fishes in the territory. Applicants need to address each of the criteria listed below when applying.

Essential selection criteria:

- ✓ Have at least a Master's Degree in biology, marine biology, fisheries or related field;
- ✓ Be a highly-experienced SCUBA diver with at least 300 dives;
- ✓ Have high coral reef fish species identification skill with identification skill of coral reef invertebrates an advantage;
- ✓ Have been involved in basic or applied coral reef fish research and/or management for at least 3 years and preferably have worked in the south Pacific (Work experience in American Samoa is a definite advantage.);
- ✓ Have experience in coral reef fish monitoring sampling design and implementation;
- ✓ Have significant experience in univariate and multivariate statistics;
- ✓ Have excellent oral and written communication skills in English, including experience with writing and successfully acquiring grants;
- ✓ Have significant experience in writing technical reports and preparing scientific manuscripts and presenting these reports in regional and international conferences;
- ✓ Have experience in managing grants, budget and project staff;

Desirable selection criteria:

- ✓ Have experience working with a diverse group of stakeholders including (and especially local) communities, government agency staff, researchers, educators, and enforcement personnel;

- ✓ Be culturally sensitive and have experience living and working in another culture, preferably a Pacific island community;
- ✓ Have strong inter-personal, leadership and organizational skills;
- ✓ Must be highly motivated and passionate about coral reef conservation,
- ✓ Must be independent worker but also a team player;

Duties and Responsibilities:

- ✓ Train local staff of various programs in established coral reef monitoring protocols used by the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources in coordination with the Chief Fisheries Biologist;
- ✓ Lead local staff in coral reef fish monitoring in established sites;
- ✓ Perform logistic coordination for fieldwork and follow ups on project administration-related activities;
- ✓ Provide technical expertise to other resource management agencies and the public as needed about the territory's marine resources;
- ✓ Participate in relevant management activities through the Coral Reef Advisory Group to help support territorial efforts for science-based management;
- ✓ Draft and publish department biological reports and submit performance reports; and scientific manuscripts; and
- ✓ Report program progress to the Chief Fisheries Biologist of DMWR.

To Apply:

Applicants must send a cover letter and a curriculum vitae and their contact details (phone numbers and email addresses) by Monday September 30th, 2013. Applicants should email these documents to Kristine.bucchianeri@doc.as with email subject: "Coral Reef Monitoring Fish Ecologist Position." Only short-listed applicants will be contacted for interviews.