

Seville, 25 October 2022

Marine Megafauna Scientific Assistant

Vacancy – Terms of reference

A. Job description

JOB TITLE: Marine Megafauna Scientific Assistant -MMSA-

PURPOSE: The MMSA will assist with the assessment, integration and scientific supervision of the marine biology projects of LifeWatch ERIC, being the point of reference to guarantee the scientific integrity, robustness and completion of the marine biology projects within the LifeWatch ERIC related projects framework

LOCATION: LifeWatch ERIC ICT-Core premises in Andalusia (Spain)

FUNDING RESOURCES: Andalusia ERDF POPE 2014-2020 ALBORÁN project; Horizon Europe

COMPENSATION: Competitive salary, commensurate to degrees and relevant experience

B. Main responsibilities

I. S/he will work under the supervision of, and report to; (a) the CTO/Head of ICT-Core Office, (b) the LifeWatch ERIC CEO, and (c) other staff members to whom both could delegate for marine megafauna topics (in particular: cetaceans, chelonians and sharks), and marine biology related projects wherever and whenever necessary;

II. S/he will advise on the implementation of projects related to marine biology: Design of scientific campaigns, data collection and analysis, handling, and sampling of live animals (especially marine megafauna) and support to the redaction of peer-reviewed papers;

III. S/he will be responsible for providing information on marine megafauna, and other marine biology aspects among LifeWatch ERIC facilities related to this type of initiatives, for communication and dissemination purposes, including those related to Citizen Science.

C. The ideal candidate should meet the following requirements

1. A Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences;
2. Minimum 10 years' research experience in marine biology scientific projects, from data gathering; animal handling, sampling, observing and caring; management and processing of data; and reporting, interpretation and delivery of information;
3. Marine field work technical expertise, scientific equipment handling and ability to design and carry out research campaigns in marine megafauna topics. Knowledge of other marine groups will also be well-considered;
4. Accredited professional experience on marine megafauna sampling, handling, observing, and interacting, especially cetaceans;
5. Understanding of marine ecosystems, potential threats, and mitigation;
6. Ability to support the elaboration of publications related to marine megafauna: Publications published to date, book contributions, presentations in conferences and/or workshops related to the subjects discussed will be well-considered;
7. Establishment of relationships with different national and international research groups, in order to facilitate potential collaboration lines in current, and future projects;
8. Excellent presentation and reporting skills, fluency in written and spoken English (LifeWatch ERIC official working language) and Spanish (ICT-Core premises in Spain);
9. Proven organisation and communication skills, proactivity, capacity to work in teams and to tight deadlines, in international environments and multi-language contexts;
10. Ability to work with changing priorities, availability to occasionally work beyond office hours and on weekends as required;
11. Availability to travel abroad according to the specific working needs of this position;
12. High-standard work ethic.

ASSETS

- Proven marine fieldwork certifications and expertise, including but not limited to: scuba diving; weapon license for live animal sampling, and boating sailing skills;
- ICT skills: Proficiency in Microsoft Office package, analytical, and graphical tools appropriate for the work to be performed (GIS; R; or similar). Knowledge of digital and video editing (Adobe package or similar) will also be well-considered;
- Understanding of structure, functioning and regulation of the European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERICs), in particular ICT, biodiversity and ecosystem areas.

D. The vacancy is subject to the following procedure

- A **short covering letter** and **Curriculum Vitae**¹ (EUROPASS format and annexes, 6 pages at the most) shall be submitted to the CTO/Head of ICT-Core cto@lifewatch.eu and in cc to ictoffice@lifewatch.eu and hiring@lifewatch.eu by **11 November 2022**. Please write **“Marine Megafauna Scientific Assistant -MMSA-”** in the email subject;
- S/he will be appointed for a full-time position. A competitive gross salary, based on the qualifications and experience of the candidate, will be offered. Employment will be in Spain, follow Spanish employment law and be subjected to 180-day trial period;
- Her/his main office will be located at the LifeWatch ERIC ICT-Core premises in Seville, Huelva, Cádiz and Málaga (Andalusia-Spain), without prejudice to the establishment of others in the future;
- Start date in office for the appointed Technical Assistant: **November 2022**.

LifeWatch ERIC is an equal opportunity employer, and encourages all qualified candidates to apply, regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, or sexual orientation.

¹Special note for Italian market: According to Italian Privacy Protection Law n. 196/03 any resume not mentioning explicitly the following wording: 'I authorise the use of my personal data in accordance with Italian Privacy Protection Law (30/06/2003, n. 196/03)' will be automatically deleted from our database and consequently not taken into consideration.