



JOB DESCRIPTION

Position:	Project Manager
Division:	Solomon Islands Program
Reports to:	Solomon Islands Country Director
Location:	Solomon Islands (based in Honiara)

The Project Manager will liaise and collaborate with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (MECDM) and members of the Oceans 12+ ministries, and the Central Province Government to provide direct technical assistance to on marine spatial planning, integrated island planning and the establishment of marine protected/management areas. S/he will coordinate WCS-led activity implementation under the Pacific Biodiversity and Sustainable Land-Seascapes (BioScapes) Programme in Solomon Islands, as well as represent WCS to national government, development and NGO partners based in Honiara.

Key Areas of Responsibility

Pacific BioScapes Programme

- Coordinate with SPREP, MECDM (and members of Oceans 12+ technical working group), and Central Province government to collect provincial-level information on ocean uses and values to inform refinement of national ocean zoning.
- Work with the WCS Regional GIS Officer to collate spatial information on resource use into a geographic information system and database of ocean uses.
- Facilitate stakeholder consultations on draft zoning and ocean use maps and deliver hardcopy files to SI Government and SPREP.
- Oversee consultations with communities in Central Province to secure free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) for development of ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) and integrated watershed management plans, including through undertaking gender risk assessments.
- Facilitate the development of at least three community-managed marine EbA plans covering areas of high biodiversity significance and at least five community-managed watershed EbA plans that incorporate water and sanitation safety plans (WSSPs) using gender sensitive and inclusive approaches.
- Facilitate provision of good governance training to community resource management committees to facilitate implementation of EbA plans and WSSPs.
- Coordinate with SPREP and the WCS Regional Communications Specialist to oversee implementation of the Solomon Islands BioScapes Communications & Visibility Plan (“C+V Plan”)
- Support WCS staff and partners to work with the public health and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sectors in Solomon Islands to collate information to support integrated watershed management approaches.
- Facilitate monitoring, evaluation and learning of project outcomes by coordinating project baseline and endline monitoring of core indicators, including by providing support to preparations for a proposed joint expedition by WCS and National Geographic Pristine Seas.
- Support project communities to implement key nature-based solutions and WASH improvements to reduce risks to environmental and public health.

WCS Solomon Islands Operations

- Participate in the development and implementation of WCS Solomon Islands Country Program strategy.
- Represent WCS Solomon Islands interests at local, provincial and national levels.
- Participate in regular WCS Solomon Islands staff meetings.
- Provide oversight to the management of the WCS Solomon Islands Honiara office.
- Support WCS partner researchers to obtain research permits.

As well any and all other work assignments, duties, and/or functions as WCS or its management may designate or instruct in the course of its operation, which may include assignments, duties, and/or functions that vary from the above.

Position Requirements

- At minimum, postgraduate diploma in environmental sciences, natural resource management, ocean sciences or the equivalent and at least 5 years' experience implementing conservation and natural resource management projects in Solomon Islands.
- Experience in developing, implementing and monitoring project workplans and logframes.
- Proven ability to develop and maintain strong working relationships with government and development partners.
- Knowledge of environmental and legal and policy frameworks in Solomon Islands that support community-based resource management and ocean zoning preferred.
- Competencies in English, Solomon Islands pijin and local languages preferred.
- Ability to perform well independently and with teams.
- Strong interpersonal skills, an ability to work well with a wide variety of people in a team setting.
- Willingness and ability to travel to field sites and also international travel if needed.