

**Position:** Senior Wildlife Biologist/Wildlife Section Supervisor  
**Closing Date:** September 20, 2009

**Location:** The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) consists of the northern 14 islands of the Mariana archipelago. The three southern islands of Rota, Tinian and Saipan are the most heavily populated, the latter of which is the seat of the local government and where the Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) is located. The primary duties of this position will occur on Saipan, but also on Rota, Tinian, and the northern islands.

**Nature of work:** The Wildlife Supervisor will be the grant manager for the CNMI DFW-Wildlife Restoration Program and will supervise three Wildlife Biologists and four Wildlife Technicians. The Wildlife Section researches and monitors wildlife of the CNMI including 11 endemic birds (including 7 endangered species), the endangered Mariana Fruit Bat, and other local wildlife such as coconut crabs and feral ungulates.

The three Wildlife Biologists manage individual projects under the DFW's wildlife grants including development permitting, avian translocation projects, and endangered species (birds and bats) research and monitoring. The four Wildlife Technicians support the Wildlife Supervisor and Wildlife Biologists with survey work and data entry.

The Wildlife Supervisor, in coordination with the Wildlife Biologists, will be directly in charge of budgeting and inventory for wildlife projects. The Wildlife Supervisor will organize and be responsible for the timely submission of grant proposals, yearly grant agreements, and annual reports and updating Standard Operating Procedures. He/she will supervise and/or organize the completion of wildlife monitoring surveys on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, and will coordinate with other DFW sections and local and federal government agencies. Additionally, the Wildlife Supervisor will review and comment on legislation and policy that effect the CNMI's fisheries and wildlife natural resources and review scientific research permits. The Wildlife Supervisor will be DFW's representative for multi-agency committees and meetings which may include the local Zoning Board, Coastal Resources Management Board, Water Task Force, Invasive Species Task Force, and conservation area committee meetings. The Wildlife Supervisor will also have the opportunity to develop new projects within the Wildlife Restoration grant.

Additional information on the CNMI's Division of Fish and Wildlife program can be found at <http://www.dfw.gov.mp/Wildlife/Wildlife%20Research.html>.

Living on Saipan provides numerous benefits including diving, snorkeling, swimming, access to gorgeous tropical beaches, no temperate winter climate, great sushi, and living in a diverse multicultural community.

**Qualifications:** This position requires at a minimum a Master's degree in wildlife biology, ecology, ornithology, zoology, mammalogy or closely related field with at least three years experience managing programs, grants, budgets, contracts, and supervising professionals and technicians. Preferred candidates will additionally have broad ecological and environmental survey and research experience and education. They will

be experienced in a broad spectrum of wildlife and habitat surveys including avian, bat, vegetation, endangered species surveys and permitting, and utilizing GIS. A successful candidate will have experience working closely with other local and federal agencies, work well in teams but also be independent and demonstrate initiative in resolving conservation issues. Flexibility, patience, and tolerance in a multicultural community are essential. Will need to travel and work in the field sometimes under strenuous and hot field conditions.

**Eligibility:** Only United States Citizens are eligible for this position

**Term:** This is a one year term appointment renewable upon mutual consent.

**Salary:** \$42,000-46,000 commensurate with experience.

Travel and limited relocation expenses will be paid.

**Contact:** Please send cover letter and CV or Resume, and references via email to Laura Williams, State Wildlife Biologist [lwilliamscnmidfw@gmail.com](mailto:lwilliamscnmidfw@gmail.com). Please contact Laura Williams if you are unable to submit electronically via email or phone at 670.664.6010 or 6000.