WORLDFISH CENTER: REEFBASE PACIFIC PROJECT

POSITIONS VACANT:
(1) REEFBASE PACIFIC COORDINATOR; (2) REEFBASE PACIFIC PROJECT ASSISTANT

The WorldFish Center is an international non-profit research organization, dedicated to reducing poverty and hunger by improving fisheries and aquaculture. The WorldFish Center is also the host of ReefBase (http://www.reefbase.org), the world's leading information system on coral reefs, which aims to provide scientists and managers with quality data and information relevant to the monitoring, conservation and management of these important natural resources.

Applications are invited for two positions under the ReefBase Pacific project, which will mobilize data and information on key issues relevant to the monitoring, conservation and management of coral reefs in the Pacific region. The ReefBase Pacific project is a component of the Coral Reef Initiative for the South Pacific (CRISP), funded by the Agence Française de Développement (French Development Agency).

The positions will operate from the WorldFish Center's Pacific Office within the premises of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) in Noumea, New Caledonia. The key focus of the project will be to facilitate networking, collaboration and sharing of information among main coral reef agencies in the region (e.g. GCRMN, SPC, SPREP, SOPAC, USP, EPHE-CRIOBE), and will have the following general objectives:

• To engage with coral reef professionals in the South Pacific region involved in the research, conservation and management of coral reef resources, in order to identify and share data and information on issues and solutions related to the management of coral reefs and their fisheries.
• To use the network and knowledge base to create an effective information system which can provide managers, researchers and reef users with easy access to a wealth of existing and new information relevant to the management and sustainable use of coral reefs in the Pacific.

Position 1: "REEFBASE PACIFIC COORDINATOR"
Duration: 2 years (full-time)
Location: Noumea, New Caledonia

Responsibilities:
• Networking and active communication with project partners and potential collaborators to facilitate mobilization of coral reef data and information (publications, photos, datasets, maps, etc.) to a central database (ReefBase Pacific)
• an, coordinate, supervise and assist in entry of data and information in the ReefBase Pacific information system (includes supervision and monitoring of the Project Assistant and three project staff in Fiji, Samoa and French Polynesia)
• Collaborate with the ReefBase team (Malaysia) in development of reports, presentations, CD-ROMs, Web pages and other materials on South Pacific coral reefs.

Essential qualifications and experience:
• Bachelor of Science degree in marine science
• Strong communication skills in English
• Strong computing skills (Microsoft Office, Microsoft Access, Internet)
• Working knowledge of South Pacific coral reef fisheries conservation and management

Desirable qualifications:
- Master of Science degree in marine science
- Experience with database management
- Experience with GIS
- Experience with marine resources/fisheries assessment/management
- Proficiency in the French language
- Working familiarity of South Pacific communities and cultures.

Salary and Allowances
This position will be at the 'Regionally Recruited' staff scale of the WorldFish Center. Salary will be in the range 35,716 - 47,310 SDR per year, plus additional benefits. At the time of writing the CFP/SDR exchange rate was 138.59.

Position 2: "REEFBASE PACIFIC PROJECT ASSISTANT"
Duration: 1 year (full-time)
Location: Noumea, New Caledonia

Responsibilities:
- Organizing and filing of data, information, publications and other project materials (both in hardcopy and softcopy)
- Entry of data and information in the ReefBase Pacific information system
- Assist in communication with project partners and potential collaborators
- Collaborate with the ReefBase team (Malaysia) for development of reports, presentations, CD-ROMs, Web pages and other materials on South Pacific coral reefs.

Essential qualifications and experience:
- Bachelor's degree, preferably in marine science or related field
- Fluent in English (oral and written)
- Strong computing skills (Microsoft Office, Microsoft Access, Internet).

Desirable qualifications:
- Experience with databases highly desirable
- Working knowledge of Pacific coral reefs conservation and management
- Proficiency in the French language.

Salary and Allowances
This position will be at Grade G1 of the Support staff category of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, with a salary of 279,994 CFP per month, plus additional benefits.

Eligibility
To be eligible for the position of Reefbase Pacific Project Assistant, applicants must be resident in New Caledonia.

Applications should be addressed to the Regional Director, WorldFish Center - Pacific Office, c/- Secretariat of the Pacific Community, P.O. Box D5, 98848 Noumea Cedex, New Caledonia, to arrive by the close of business of 9 January 2007. Applications may alternatively, or additionally, be submitted by email to worldfish-newcaledonia@cgiar.org, preferably in plain text or Rich Text Format (RTF). Applicants should provide full personal details, and describe how they meet each of the essential and preferred attributes listed as the specific requirements of the advertised position. Relevant previous appointments, present position and salary, and the names and contact details of three referees should also be provided.