Conservation International (CI) is a dynamic international non-governmental environmental conservation organization with offices in more than 40 countries and headquarters in Crystal City, Virginia, USA. In support of its Pacific Islands Program, a vacancy exists for the position of “Regional Implementation Team (RIT) Manager” with the Conservation International office based in Apia, Samoa.

The position of RIT Manager aims to provide a single, responsible point of contact in the Polynesia Micronesia Biodiversity Hotspot to assist the implementation of a major new fund for terrestrial conservation in the hotspot, called the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF). The position will coordinate the Regional Implementation Team, a team established to manage CEPF funds in the hotspot led by the CI Pacific Islands Program, with the support of a Technical Advisory Group and sub-regional partner organisations. Fourteen countries and territories in the Polynesia-Micronesia region are eligible to apply for CEPF funds which will be available for conservation projects meeting CEPF criteria over a five-year period from 2008 to 2013.

The main duties of this position will include, among others:
- Promote alliances and build partnerships in the region for effective conservation;
- Manage and coordinate the operation of the Regional Implementation Team;
- Manage the selection process, review of proposals and communication with potential grantees;
- Review, monitor and report on the grant portfolio and communicate program successes across the region and globally.

Candidates must have the following:
- Advanced university degree in environmental science or related natural resource management field;
- At least five years professional experience in environmental management or related field;
- Strong interest in nature conservation, and in particular in invasive species management and threatened species recovery;
- Demonstrated experience in fund disbursement and grant management.

For a more detailed job description please send an e-mail to: fvalasi@conservation.org

This position is open to both national and international applicants and a generous salary package will be offered to the selected candidate. Interested candidates should write a cover letter explaining how they
meet the selection criteria and send the letter, complete CV and references from three professional referees before close of business on Friday, 4 July, 2008 via e-mail to fvalasi@conservation.org or on disk to: Conservation International, Box 2035, Apia, Samoa Attention: Executive Director (re RIT Manager)

No telephone calls or office visits please. Only candidates to be interviewed will be contacted.

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