Job Description

Job Title: Director of Science
Job ID: 10496
Location: Asia Pacific Region
Full/Part Time: Full-Time
Regular/Temporary: Regular

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The Director of Science provides technical and scientific support and leadership for conservation planning, measures of success, and other initiatives and activities at various scales (regional, ecoregions, projects) within the Asia-Pacific region. Requires use and modification of advanced techniques and practices focusing primarily on forest, freshwater and marine habitat types concentrated in the Asia-Pacific. Requires sufficient knowledge and work experience building teams to effectively collaborate with other scientists and conservation staff within the region and across the organization to identify and resolve technical issues, implement adaptive management and to widely communicate solutions and best practices. The Director of Science serves as the liaison between country programs and the Worldwide Office in communicating and implementing strategic global conservation goals.

Specific duties and responsibilities include:

• Apply diversified knowledge of scientific principles and practices in forest, freshwater and marine systems to lead the coordination and technical support of conservation strategies within the Asia-Pacific region.
• Develop high-leverage strategies for public and private fundraising in coordination with country programs that advance the conservation of biodiversity.
• Lead and participate in analytical projects that address emerging conservation issues and systematically identify research priorities and focuses greater external scientific resources on these priorities.
• Develop and maintain effective working relationships with relevant government agencies and other key partners to advance the scientific work needed to implement ecoregional and site-based conservation. Represents TNC as a leader in the scientific community.
• Lead and manage a comprehensive program of conservation planning which integrates cutting-edge conservation science with effective business models to shape far-reaching, maximum-impact conservation strategies.

Location is negotiable.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS

• Master’s degree in science-related field and 6 years experience or equivalent combination of education and experience.
• Record of peer-reviewed publications relating to species, natural communities, ecosystems, or ecosystem processes or related topics.
• Experience directing a major program of strategic importance, including management/supervision of multi-disciplinary teams
• Experience designing, implementing, and directing complex or multiple projects, including managing finances and coordinating the work of other professionals and partners.
• Experience fundraising and/or writing grants and research proposals.
• Experience establishing relationships with and collaborating with outside partners, state/local/federal agencies, land managers, private landowners or the academic community.
• Excellent working knowledge of common software applications (e.g. Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Web browsers) and ability to use provided computer technology to enhance the quality of work.
• Expert knowledge of current and evolving trends in relevant discipline(s) and regions.
• Experience conceiving and implementing strategic initiatives.
• Knowledge of advanced techniques to modify practices in area of expertise.
• Advanced knowledge of species, natural communities, ecosystem processes, and their conservation needs.
• Communicate clearly via written, spoken, and graphical means in English and other relevant languages.

BENEFITS

The Nature Conservancy offers competitive compensation, excellent benefits, flexible work policies and a collaborative work environment. We also provide professional development opportunities and promote from within. As a result, you will find a culture that supports and inspires conservation achievement and personal development, both within the workplace and beyond.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit resume and cover letter as one document.
All sections of online application must be completed (e.g. work experience and education, even if information is included in resume) to be considered for a position.

EOE STATEMENT

The Nature Conservancy is an Equal Opportunity Employer.