WILDLIFE DIVISION
Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources
American Samoa Government
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POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Chief Wildlife Biologist
Type: 2 year contractual position (full time)
Salary Range: $ 34,000.00 - 36,000.00 per annum, plus benefits

Wildlife Biologist IV
Type: 2 year contractual position (full time)
Salary Range: $ 32,000.00 - 34,000.00 per annum, plus benefits

Description. The Chief Wildlife Biologist will be responsible for the over-all conduct, management and administration of the Wildlife Division programs and its personnel. He/she shall have research, resource management, and administrative responsibilities including, but not limited to: 1) design, conduct, analysis, and write-up of wildlife research projects; 2) collaborate with and/or provide scientific and technical guidance to other Division biologists in the development, implementation, and write-up of their respective projects; 3) preparation and submission of core grant proposals and grant report requirements with assistance from other wildlife staff; 4) identification and application for new funds (outside of core grants) from available competitive grant opportunities in consultation with staff and Department Director; 5) conduct or supervision of ecological impact assessments as may become necessary; 6) evaluation of staff performance and development of opportunities for their professional/technical advancement; 7) oversee procurement of materials and equipment for projects; 8) establish and manage Division-level cost and asset control/tracking systems; and 9) represent the Division and DMWR in professional meetings, workshops, and working groups within and outside of the Territory.

The Wildlife Biologist IV shall assume similar responsibilities as the Chief Biologist but with lesser degree of Division-wide administrative and grant-management responsibilities. He/she shall act as principal investigator for several projects, complementary to the research functions of the Chief Wildlife Biologist, and provide technical support to other Wildlife staff towards the accomplishment of Division project objectives.

Minimum Requirements. Both positions require a Ph.D. degree in Biology, Zoology, Ecology, Wildlife Biology, or a related field, with course units in upper level ecology, biology, zoology, and (bio)statistics. Applicants must have proven skills in grant writing, grant and personnel management, report writing, and statistical analysis of data as
demonstrated in records of previous employment, publication(s) in peer reviewed journals, and participation in research projects. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in tropical ecosystems research, in vertebrate studies (particularly fruit bats and birds), and a strong background in population biology and statistics.

Additional Qualifications. Applicants must be willing and able to accept off-island work assignments and be able to work in rugged conditions (involving backpacking, camping) for periods at a time; ability to operate manual transmission vehicles is a plus.

To Apply: Submit a letter of application stating your interest in the position(s), how your background and experience lend themselves to the job, and how you view the job with respect to future career goals. Provide a curriculum vitae, with a list of three references and their contact information (names, mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers). Copies of select publications considered most pertinent to the positions can be submitted as well. Submit electronic applications to: atagarino@gmail.com and joshua.o.seamon@gmail.com. Applicants should indicate which position they wish to be considered for; those interested in both positions should specify a preference.

Closing Date: Review of applications will begin 06 April, 2009 and will close by 15 April, 2009.