

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Chief Wildlife Biologist

Wildlife Division, Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources, American Samoa

Type: Two year renewable contract (full time)

Salary: \$36,000 per annum, plus housing and benefits

Start Date: August 2011

Description. American Samoa is a US territory in the South Pacific, comprising five tropical volcanic islands and two coral reef atolls. The Wildlife Division of the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources, American Samoa, carries out research and management of birds, fruit bats, other wildlife species and habitat in the islands of American Samoa. The Chief Wildlife Biologist will be responsible for the management of the Wildlife Division programs and staff. He/she will 1) design, conduct, analyze, and report on wildlife research projects; 2) oversee and provide guidance to other Wildlife Division biologists; 3) prepare and submit grant planning documents, grant proposals, budgets, cost and asset-tracking and reports with assistance from other wildlife staff; 4) identify and apply for new Wildlife funds (outside of core grants); 5) provide evaluation, technical advice and expertise to other local and regional agencies; 6) oversee purchasing of materials and equipment for the Wildlife Division; and 7) represent the Division and Department in meetings, workshops, and working groups within and outside of American Samoa.

Minimum Requirements. Ph.D. in Wildlife Biology or a related field. Applicants must have experience in grant proposal and report writing, budgeting and cost-tracking, staff supervision, supervision of wildlife research projects, data analysis and research publications. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in monitoring and survey methodology, particularly in tropical ecosystems with birds and/or fruit bats.

Additional Qualifications. Applicants must be willing and able to accept off-island work assignments and be able to work in rugged conditions (backpacking, camping, hiking in dense forest and steep terrain in a hot, humid climate).

To Apply: Please submit one document containing a cover letter, resume and list of three references and their contact details to Lainie Berry, lainieberry@gmail.com by April 30th, 2011.