

## **Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)**

### **Marine Director, Papua New Guinea**

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) seeks a Marine Director to lead its marine conservation efforts in Papua New Guinea and facilitate participation and support for the Coral Triangle Initiative. WCS focuses on implementing community-based and scientifically sound conservation strategies to improve the management of coastal marine ecosystems, with a particular emphasis on coral reefs. Our operations are based in Kavieng, New Ireland Province, coordinating closely with our PNG Country Program staff based at Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province. The Kavieng office consists of a small team of local and international field biologists, village engagement specialists, and administrative staff. The program primarily focuses on: i) working closely with local communities to manage and protect coastal ecosystems, ii) promotion of sustainable small-scale fisheries, iii) adaptation to climate change, and iv) training and capacity building in marine and coastal conservation.

Although this position will be largely based in Kavieng, time will be spent working at field locations in New Ireland and Manus living in basic village conditions, as well as attending meetings in Port Moresby and elsewhere. The WCS PNG Marine Director position is a full-time position with benefits.

The preferred candidate will have a Masters or PhD in marine science, social sciences, or another appropriate discipline, and will have significant tropical field experience, a background or interest in coastal and marine conservation, and a proven ability to work in an international context and in remote locations. Experience working in Melanesia or other Pacific island regions is preferred, but not required.

To apply, please email cover letter and CV with subject "PNG Marine Director" to [pwatim@wcs.org](mailto:pwatim@wcs.org), and [marineprogram@wcs.org](mailto:marineprogram@wcs.org).

Closing date for applications is August 31, 2011.

