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**Job Type:** full-time temporary position**Opportunity location:** located on Saipan**Closing date (if specified):** 1 Oct 2011**Opportunity Description:**

Closing date is tentative. We will begin reviewing application materials upon their receipt. Interviews will begin when and if we have an acceptable pool of qualified applicants regardless of position closing date.

**Location:** The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) comprises the northern 14 islands of the Mariana archipelago (i.e., all those north of Guam) located between 14 and 20 degrees north of the equator in the western tropical Pacific Ocean. The three southern islands of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan are the most heavily populated, the latter of which is the seat of the local government and where the Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) is located. The base location for this position will be Saipan.

**Nature of Work:** The primary duty of the Wildlife Biologist will be to take part in the daily operations of the DFW Wildlife Section office and oversee and assist with various terrestrial biological projects and routine surveys. The Wildlife Section monitors and conducts research on wildlife populations of the CNMI including 11 endemic species of bird (seven of which are IUCN red-listed), the endangered Mariana Fruit Bat (primarily on Rota), and other local wildlife such as coconut crabs and feral ungulates. The majority of the Wildlife Biologist's duties will occur on Saipan, with occasional trips to neighboring islands, and will include not only work in the field but also data analysis and report writing. Specific duties may generally include participation in and assistance with: quarterly bird surveys, possible coconut crab surveys, capturing and banding birds, radio-telemetry, setting and checking remote nest monitoring cameras and reviewing collected image files, avian color band re-sighting, conservation introduction/translocation, development review and permitting, conservation area management and development, equipment inventory, fiscal year budget proposals and annual report writing, and other odds and ends as needed. The Wildlife Biologist will at times oversee the duties of one to three wildlife technicians and will be prepared to occasionally fill in for other wildlife staff when needed.

Living on Saipan itself provides numerous benefits including good diving, snorkeling, swimming, and other water sports, access to gorgeous tropical beaches, no temperate winter climate, great sashimi and fresh fish, and a chance to live in a diverse multicultural community.

**Qualifications:** Overall, we're looking for a candidate that is committed, adaptable, and patient. Functionally, CNMI DFW is much like any state wildlife agency and/or office found in the mainland U.S. However, in the CNMI there is great potential to do valuable conservation work with species and in an area that are relatively understudied.

The Wildlife Biologist position requires at least a Bachelor's degree in wildlife biology, ecology, ornithology, zoology, mammalogy, or another closely related field, and at least two years of applicable field experience. Experience in a broad spectrum of wildlife and habitat surveys including avian, bat, vegetation, endangered species, and development review and permitting, is a plus. The successful candidate for this position will be a team player while still maintaining their independence and demonstrating initiative. Flexibility, patience, and tolerance are essential in a multicultural community like that of the CNMI. This position does require occasional travel, and work in the field can be strenuous in hot and humid conditions.

**Eligibility and Appointment:** Only United States Citizens or legal U.S. residents can be considered for this position – if you are neither, please do not apply. This is a one year term appointment renewable upon mutual consent. Salary: \$32,000-\$38,000 commensurate with experience. Travel and limited relocation expenses will be paid.

**For more info, contact:**

Please send cover letter and CV or Resume and references via email to Paul Radley at paulradleycnmidf@gmail.com, or via fax at 670.664.6060. Please contact Paul Radley if you are unable to submit electronically at 670.664.6011 or 664.6000.

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