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Dear colleagues,

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With best wishes,
Hannah

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1. Funding & Job opportunities

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1.1 Global Island Partnership (GLIPSA) Coordinator

Work percentage: 100%

Duty station: IUCN Headquarters, Gland, Switzerland

Expected start date: As soon as possible

Duration: 3 years, renewable

Function group: P2 in the IUCN classification system

Reporting to: Programme Manager, Ecosystem Management, with oversight from the GLISPA Steering Committee

BACKGROUND

The Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) Coordinator provides leadership for the growing coalition of Governments and other Partner organisations taking action for the conservation and sustainable development of islands. GLISPA assists islands in addressing one of the world's greatest challenges: to conserve and sustainably use the invaluable island natural resources that support people, cultures, and livelihoods in islands around the world. It brings together island nations and nations with islands - small and large, developing and developed - to mobilize leadership, increase resources and share skills, knowledge, technologies and innovations in a cost-effective and sustainable way that will catalyze action for conservation and sustainable livelihoods on islands. IUCN has been identified by GLISPA partners as the global host for the Partnership's coordination functions, and is seeking to recruit the GLISPA Coordinator.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The GLISPA Coordinator will develop and leverage strong partner relationships with and between governments, international NGOs, multinational institutions, convention Secretariats, and other partners at local, regional and global levels, to advance GLISPA's 2010 Strategy; to promote action for island conservation and sustainable livelihoods. Working with a wide range of partners in the GLISPA network, the GLISPA Coordinator will facilitate stronger collaboration and strategic partnerships between GLISPA commitments by countries and organisations, oversee GLISPA activities (e.g. High Level Events) and catalyse joint approaches to island sustainable development within and across regions. The Coordinator will serve as primary liaison with other island professional entities to keep abreast of new developments and opportunities that may be useful to GLISPA and to report on and share GLISPA's experiences with others. S/he will take initiative to increase global recognition through GLISPA of leadership in island conservation among partners, donors and other target audiences. S/he will help Partners to develop and coordinate funding strategies, for GLISPA activities and commitments, identify funding opportunities, negotiate with bilateral and multilateral agencies, and cultivate public and private donors, working with the GLISPA Steering Committee.

SPECIFIC DUTIES

1. Oversee the coordination of all GLISPA activities, including developing and supporting a strong network of partners, effective and timely communications, advancing GLISPA commitments, fundraising, budget and staff management, and Steering Committee activities.
2. Manage and coordinate the distributed GLISPA Coordination Team, including GLISPA and Partner staff to lead communications, events, and regional coordination.
3. Work with GLISPA members to mobilize new commitments for island conservation and sustainable livelihoods, including protected areas, marine conservation, invasive species, climate change, and other island priority issues.
4. Serve as the GLISPA focal point for the CBD Island Biodiversity Programme of Work (IBPoW), and foster strong partnerships and funding from governments, international organizations, multilateral agencies and other partners to advance the implementation of the IBPoW and related policies through GLISPA commitments;
5. Provide policy and strategy support to various ongoing and emerging island initiatives across regions, including but not limited to multi-country commitments and challenges;
6. Work closely with the GLISPA Steering Committee and members to ensure the success of the GLISPA mission and objectives for the GLISPA 2010 strategy and to enhance the effectiveness of the GLISPA network;
7. Facilitate GLISPA's programme monitoring and reporting.

REQUIREMENTS

- At least 5 to 10 years' experience in environmental management and island conservation at the national and international level, with some field experience;
- Higher education in a subject related to sustainable development;
- Excellent interpersonal and networking skills;
- Strong communications and presentation skills; demonstrated ability to communicate to a wide range of audiences and cultures;
- Demonstrated project management and development skills;
- Ability to work effectively within a decentralized workforce of professionals of different nationalities and to mobilize it for common goals;
- Demonstrated ability to make sound decisions based on analysis, consultation with others, experience, and judgment;
- Ability to work effectively under pressure and meet deadlines;
- Track record in successful fundraising;
- Excellent written and spoken English; knowledge of French and Spanish an asset;
- Willingness to travel frequently.

SALARY

The gross annual salary for this position is in the range from CHF96,160 to CHF120,200, subject to deductions for social security contributions and second-pillar pension, and before tax.

APPLICATIONS

Interested candidates who meet the selection requirements are requested to submit their curriculum vitae, a letter of motivation in English that specifically addresses the requirements and competencies presented above, and the names and contact details of three referees, including one recent employer.

Applications by email are preferred. They should be sent only to the following address before 9 July 2008:

Human Resources Officer
IUCN
Rue Mauverney 28, 1196 Gland, Switzerland
Fax: +41 22 999 0339
E-mail: jobapplications@iucn.org

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2. Workshops & Training Courses

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2.1 International Training Workshop on Non-Timber-Forest-Products (NTFPs) Development and Utilization

September 5-19, 2008
Zhejiang Province, China
Working language: English

Background

Today, the world is challenged by a series of biological security problems such as serious environmental deterioration, dramatic reduction of forests, loss of water and soil, as well as damage of biodiversity. Since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), Rio de Janeiro in 1992, people's awareness on the conservation and sustainable management of forest has been greatly increased. However, the natural forest conservation projects met many new challenges and problems. Because most natural conservation area locates in remote and poverty mountainous region, the livelihood of local people largely rely on the utilization and development of timber resources from the forest, the logging ban may greatly affect the local people's income sources. This problem has now become a focus of sustainable management of forests. How to balance between forest conservation and local economic and livelihood development, and achieve sustainability in both aspects, the whole world is looking for solutions. Up to date, the utilization and development of non-timber-forest-products (NTFPs) is identified and considered to be one of the most important feasible solution for forest sustainable management and local community sustainable development.

The NTFPs can be divided primarily into two categories: one is non-wood-forest-products, including food and oil from trees, medical materials, wild flowers, edible fungus, forest chemical products, wild vegetables and fruits, poultry and livestock under forest, bamboo and rattan, etc.; another is resources derived from the forests, for example, forest eco-tourism and leisure developed from the special natural sceneries and geographical features of the forests, should also be considered NTFPs that may be utilized and developed. In China, there are many successful stories of NTFP utilization and development, for example, in the forest area of Northeast China which locates in the temperate zone, local farmers raise deers and frogs, plant ginsengs, edible fungus; in South China, farmers in forest area develop wild fruits, medical materials, wild flowers, vegetables, bamboos and rattans. All these activities are carried out without damaging the existing forest resources. On one hand, NTFPs provided a solution to the local economic development, on another hand, these activities greatly improved the forest conservation.

China's NTFPs development research started in 1989. For example, China researchers developed Jiaogulan (*Gynostemma pentaphyllum*), the famous antioxidant medicine; and Anji Baicha (*Camellia Sinensis*), which is a special quality tea, which nowadays has become a famous brand. Especially, the village of Baisha in Lin'an County, Zhejiang Province, which had been taking the advantage of local NTFPs and natural sceneries in developing eco-tourism and leisure products, has now become a well-known affluent eco-village. These successful experiences had provided models for other developing countries.

This workshop is dedicated to promoting the exchange of NTFPs development technologies and products through providing a platform for China and the other developing countries to learn from each other.

Workshop Organizers

MOST is a central governmental agency under the state Council and it is responsible for the nation's science and technology activities. One of the important missions of MOST is to strengthen international cooperation in science and technology.

INBAR (International Network for Bamboo and Rattan) is a non-profit international organization that develops, provides and promotes appropriate technologies and other bamboo and rattan based solutions to improve the well-being of producers and users of bamboo and rattan within a context of a sustainable bamboo and rattan resource base.

Lin'an Modern Forestry Technology Service Center (LMFTSC) is a non-government organization in Lin'an, Zhejiang Province of China who provides training and consultative services to the governments, farmers and enterprises. It collaborates with INBAR in carrying out international training workshops for 7 years. It works with a number of Chinese forestry research institutes and universities and has been involved in more than 40 provincial forestry research.

Objectives

Through carrying out the training workshop, to share with other participating countries the experiences and technologies of China in the development and utilization of non-timber forest resources, sustainable development, management of forests, and the production, utilization and marketing technologies of the NTFPs.

Program

Participants will register on September 4th 2008 in Hangzhou (Capital city of Zhejiang Province, China), and departure will be on September 20th 2008, totaling 15 days. The main indoor courses will include:

- 1) Sustainable management and development of NTFPs
- 2) A Guide on the sustainable development of forest ecology
- 3) Present status and main experiences of China's eco-tourism development
- 4) China's medical plant utilization and development
- 5) Utilization and development of wild edible fungus
- 6) Development of wild vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 7) The comprehensive development of forest bio-chemical products
- 8) The main experiences in the sustainable development of China's bamboo sector and the bamboo processing technologies
- 9) The impact of NTFPs on poverty alleviation and rural sustainable development in the forest area
- 10) The role of government in promoting NTFPs

Field visit program will be arranged in combination with the indoor courses during the workshop.

During the workshop, 70% of the time will be for field visit, the participants will be able to see various kinds of bamboo products and their processing technologies, as well as the processing and industrialization of other NTFPs, such as medicinal plants, fungus, flowers, fruits and nuts.

The participants will attend the ["International Symposium on Integrated Sustainable Livelihood Development in Mountain Forest Areas"](#) from September 15 to 19.

Participants are welcome to submit papers and make presentations during the ["International Symposium on Integrated Sustainable Livelihood Development in Mountain Forest Areas"](#), please kindly note the deadline for abstract and paper submission.

Note: Detailed programs will be provided in the Agenda of the Training Workshop.

Fees

Tuition of the workshop is USD 350.00 per person. All participants from developing countries can be exempt from the tuition. Expense for food, accommodation and local transportation is USD 55.00 /person per day for shared room and USD 65/person per day for single room. All participants will be responsible for their own travel to and from the workshop as well as health insurance during the Workshop. To learn about details and other fees, please contact organizer.

Participants

Professionals in NTFPs development, natural forest conservation and sustainable development, including researchers, technicians from related departments of governments and NGOs, technicians and engineers from enterprises, supervisors working in grass-root agencies whose works are related to the topics of this workshop, who should be able to provide effective information exchange, training activities after they return to their own country. Because the Workshop working language will be English, participants must have basic English listening and speaking abilities. Principally, participants

of this workshop should at least be graduated from a professional school or have similar education background.

The Workshop will provide an opportunity for each participant to exchange information/ knowledge/ experiences with the other participants, Participants who would like to give a presentation during the workshop are required to send their presentation to us by email before August 10th, 2008 to facilitate editing of training materials.

Climate during the Workshop

Hangzhou Zhejiang Province locates in the sub-tropical zone, the highest temperature will be 26 - 30°C, the lowest temperature will be 15°C - 18°C, with plenteous sunshine. It is suggested that an umbrella should be taken during the Workshop. There is no local epidemic. For further details on vaccinations contact your local health service.

Transportation and Registration

Registration for the training workshop will be on *September 5th*, 2008 in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province. The departure of participants will be on *September 19th*. Our staff will pick up participants at the International Airport of Hangzhou. There are flights from Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen to Hangzhou everyday and it will not be difficult for you to select comfortable flights.

Application

Please download from the INBAR website www.inbar.int the application forms. Application should be completed and returned by August 10th, 2008.

Please send application to:

International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)

Coordinator: Zhu Zhaohua, Jin Wei, Dao Xia

Tel: 86-10-64706161 ext. 209

Fax: 86-10-64703166

Email: zhzhu@inbar.int, Wjin@inbar.int, xdao@inbar.int

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2.2 First Australia/OCENIAFOODS Training Course on Production, Compilation and Use of Food Composition Data in Nutrition

Please check out this website for information about this interesting course:

<http://www.sseau.unsw.edu.au/docs/foodcomp/index.htm>

!!! NEWS FLASH: The organisers have extended the deadline for applications to 1 July 2008. !!!

Co-organizers:

- The University of New South Wales
- International Network of Food Data Systems
- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
- OCEANIA FOODS
- European Food Information Resource Network
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community
- The University of the South Pacific
- Nutrition Society of Australia

For more information on the course, and registration forms, please visit the website. To contact the course organisers, send an e-mail to foodcompositioncourse@unsw.edu.au.

Extended Deadline - July 1, 2008 - Last day to apply

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3. Publications & Information

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3.1 IUCN Magazine "World Conservation" May 2008 issue

Globalization: The good, the bad and the ugly

IUCN's magazine World Conservation examines conservation, development, economics and society in the 21st century.

The latest issue looks at the effects of globalization on the environment: both good and bad.

From fish to food, tourism to technology, what can the environmental community do to ensure globalization follows a more sustainable path?

Read or download the full May issue at www.iucn.org/worldconservation (also available in French and Spanish).

Order a free printed copy of the May issue or request a free regular subscription from <http://208.112.69.59/subscribe/worldconservation.cfm>.

The next issue, to be published in September 2008, will be a special issue marking IUCN's 60th anniversary. We will look back over 60 years of conservation and ahead to the challenges and solutions that will shape the environmental agenda in the coming decades.

In this issue:

Perverse subsidies

Miles better? Fair miles v food miles

Plundering the Pacific

Mobile connectivity – boon for environment

Growing appetite for wildlife products

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4. ICUC-related information

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4.1 SAB update

it is with great pleasure that I post the information that Prof. Ruth Oninag'o has agreed to extend her services to the ICUC Scientific Advisory Board until end of December 2008. This will ensure the necessary continuity on the SAB.

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5. ICUC network

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In this section we introduce new and old subscribers to ICUC-News to encourage greater interaction and benefit from the great diversity of readers. If you haven't done so, please send a brief introduction of yourself and your interest in underutilised crops to h.jaenicke@cgiar.org. We will not publish your email or phone contacts and if anyone is interested to establish direct contact, please write an email to me.

- **Christina Lakatos**. A communications specialist at the International Food Policy Research Institute. I am interested in communicating IFPRI's research on underutilized crops.
- **Mr Mageshbabu**. Confederation of Indian Industry, interested in all crops.

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