

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Environmental Law Specialist
Job Reference No:	AD1229
Programme:	Cross-Programmatic
Grade:	D+
Line Manager:	Senior Programme Officer

Main Purpose of the Job

To contribute to the UNEP-WCMC's growing body of work related to biodiversity governance, and to lead and support activities involving legal analysis and the development and implementation of nature-positive policies at both national and international levels. This will include providing dedicated support to UNEP-WCMC's efforts to inform policies on deforestation-free supply chains and other strategic areas. The role will also build on and contribute to UNEP-WCMC's work in support of intergovernmental agreements and their effective and coherent implementation at all relevant levels.

Key Areas of Responsibility

The key areas of responsibility are to:

- Both lead and contribute to the development and delivery of projects that require legal analysis or otherwise support the efficient and coherent implementation of intergovernmental agreements and processes at all relevant levels.
- Provide legal analysis through critically assessing legislative frameworks and their interplay, to then provide advice that helps inform the development and implementation of biodiversity-related policy at all appropriate levels.
- Oversee the delivery of policy-relevant analyses relating to international environmental governance, including through preparing and reviewing outputs and ensuring that outputs are consistently delivered to the high quality reflective of UNEP-WCMC's standard.
- Contribute to delivery of the Centre's strategy by working with internal and external partners to develop new projects and areas of work, in particular with a view to strengthening the governance aspects of the Centre's work to support implementation of intergovernmental agreements and processes at all relevant levels.

In addressing these areas of responsibility, the environmental law specialist will:

- Collaborate closely with colleagues from across UNEP-WCMC that are involved in project implementation and development in order to help ensure quality control with respect to issues around environmental legislation and biodiversity governance.

- Oversee project components, contributing technical expertise to ensure delivery of project outputs of appropriate accuracy and quality.
- Represent UNEP-WCMC effectively at external meetings and workshops, ensuring a high level of professionalism.
- Develop relationships with other organizations and individuals working on relevant areas of expertise, both as a support network and to foster institutional cooperation/partnerships to drive forward our work.

Other Duties

The post holder will also be expected to extend his/her own knowledge of international environmental law and policy issues relevant to UNEP-WCMC's work on an on-going basis and to contribute to UNEP-WCMC planning and strategy development. Other duties may be assigned by the Head of Programme or Senior Management from time to time commensurate with the post holder's qualifications and experience.

This post is likely to require some overseas travel to relevant fora to represent UNEP-WCMC and present our outputs to external stakeholders.