

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Job Title:	Environmental Law Specialist
Programme:	Cross-programmatic
Job Reference No:	AD1229
Grade:	D+
QUALIFICATIONS / EDUCATION	
Essential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-graduate degree in international environmental law/policy or similar 	Desirable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialism in deforestation, trade and environment and/or other relevant international environmental topics
EXPERIENCE	
Essential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience in relation to international environmental legal frameworks and policies, in particular a sound working knowledge of at least one of the following: the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols; other biodiversity-related conventions; other multilateral environmental agreements or global policy processes related to biodiversity Experience of conducting legal research, analysing and synthesising legal and scientific information, and the production of high-quality policy-relevant reports that require interpretation of international law, particularly in the context of efforts to conserve and restore biodiversity Knowledge and/or experience on the interlinkages between trade and environment, including with respect to relevant international processes and instruments Demonstrated experience of working at the science/policy interface in the field of international biodiversity governance, forest policy and/or trade policy 	Desirable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of legal analysis and providing legal advice to clients in relation to international environmental law and/or trade (e.g., WTO rules) Knowledge and/or experience in relation to wider global and/or regional initiatives that aim to tackle illegal logging and move towards deforestation-free supply chains Practical experience of working on sustainable supply chains, traceability or timber trade issues (for example the EU Timber Regulation and the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Action Plan) Experience of implementing projects and/or project components to a high standard, to time and to budget. Proposal development, budgeting and fundraising experience Previous experience of representing similar organisations at international fora or governmental representation

SKILLS

- Strong critical, analytical and innovative thinking skills and the ability to apply these skills to the production of accurate analyses of legal questions tailored to the needs of decision makers;
- Excellent writing and proofreading skills with the ability to produce relevant, concise and well-presented reports for government officials;
- Meticulous attention to detail and motivation to ensure that our outputs are consistently of high quality;
- Excellent IT skills (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and citation software);
- Ability to work to tight deadlines, flexibility to balance competing demands on time and confidence to seek support or delegate, as appropriate;
- Strong communications skills (written and spoken) and ability to represent UNEP-WCMC at international meetings and to present our work to international audiences;
- Excellent inter-personal skills and the ability to work in a team environment as well as autonomously; and
- Fluency in written and spoken English is essential to this role

TYPE OF PERSON REQUIRED

The successful candidate will be a highly proactive individual with an enthusiasm for environmental law and a commitment to finding solutions to global biodiversity challenges, particularly relating to the overexploitation of nature. They will have excellent skills in legal analysis and interpretation, as well as a drive to research new areas and take on new challenges. They will also have excellent skills in writing, editing and critically reviewing policy reports to a high standard, and will be able to work under pressure and on multiple projects as part of a team. They are a supportive and engaging, open-minded team player. The candidate will have strong critical, analytical and innovative thinking skills and be driven to contribute to project implementation and project development. We anticipate an individual with the ability to draw on their existing experience to be able to make an immediate and significant contribution to the current and future work of the programme and the Centre.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

The post holder will be expected to interact in a professional manner with clients and partners, including government officials. They may be required to travel, including internationally.

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