



Opportunity with Dakshin Foundation

Number of vacancies: One

Position: Consultant, Concept paper on coastal commons

Chief responsibilities: To carry out an in-depth literature review of the coastal commons in India, with reference to community commons in general and synthesising it into a concept paper.

Last date to apply: 26th October, 2018. Position will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is identified so apply fast!

Project details:

Position: We are looking for a suitable candidate to work as consultant to write a concept paper on Coastal Commons in India after making a thorough literature review of the topic vis-à-vis Community Commons in general. The candidate should be highly self-motivated, independent, resourceful and capable of fulfilling the following responsibilities for this position:

1. Conduct an in-depth literature review on Coastal commons in India and the processes of commoning; comparing it with community commons in general.
2. Analyse the literature regarding pros and cons of commoning of resources.
3. Comparison of coastal commons with Forest Rights.
4. Summarise the literature review in a concept paper on 'Coastal Commons in India'

Location: Looking for someone preferably based in Bangalore.

Candidates must possess the following basic qualifications/skills:

- At least two years of relevant experience after Master's degree in sociology, development/ sustainability studies, law, social work, anthropology, geography or other related disciplines. Candidates who have completed MPhil or PhD would be preferred.
- Experience and ability to grasp wide number of concepts and ideas related to the topic and to analyse them within the parameters of the research.
- Strong research and writing skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.
- A broad understanding of issues related to community commons, familiarity with environmental and legal frameworks and salient trends pertaining to commons, conservation, development, livelihoods and rights issues around India, and interest in in-depth engagement with these topics.

Candidates with the following additional qualifications/skills will be preferred:

- Work experience in the social and environmental sector
- An understanding of coastal and fisheries related issues and experience working with coastal communities and grassroots governance

Remuneration: Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and work experience, in line with our internal policy.

Duration: Duration of the consultancy will be discussed with the short-listed candidates.

How to apply:

- Submit a complete CV along with a cover letter (not exceeding one page) clearly conveying why you consider yourself a suitable candidate for this position.
- Provide the names of two referees along with their contact details in the CV.
- Submit a writing sample with your application.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Last date to apply is 26th October 2018. This position will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is identified; interested individuals are therefore requested to apply immediately. Short listed candidates will be invited for a personal interview.

Please email your application with subject line “Attn Pallavi : application for position of Consultant” to apply.dakshinfoundation@gmail.com

About us:

Dakshin Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation based in Bangalore, India, with field offices and interventions carried out all along the Indian coastline and oceanic islands. Our mission is to inform and advocate conservation and natural resource management, while promoting and supporting sustainable livelihoods, social development and environmental justice. To learn more about our interventions and research projects please take a look at our website, www.dakshin.org.

Dakshin's Communities and Resource Governance Programme focuses on strengthening the formal and informal laws and institutions governing India's marine and coastal ecosystems. Our projects under this Programme seek to demystify coastal policies, enhance community inclusion and representation in coastal decision-making, and advocate for better environmental and coastal legislations around the country. The Programme also aims to strengthen networks and campaigns for coastal conservation and fisher rights around India by facilitating platforms for effective sharing of knowledge and experiences and dialogues between diverse coastal stakeholders.