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Announcement of Vacancy

Reef Fish Ecology in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India

Long-term Ecological Observatories (LTEO) - Marine Theme

Number of vacancies: One

Position: Senior Research Fellow

Chief Responsibilities:

1. Collect data on community composition of coral reef associated fish communities at the LTEO sites in the Andaman Islands, database maintenance, data analysis and dissemination of results.
2. Assist in planning, organising and coordinating fieldwork and logistics and liaise with other researchers and thematic areas of the LTEO.

Project Details:

We invite applications from suitable candidates for the position of a **Senior Research Fellow** for the Reef Fish Ecology component as part of the Marine Theme in the MOEFCC's Long-Term Ecological Observatories (LTEO) programme on biodiversity and climate change. While this appointment is for a long term position, we will offer an initial one-year contract to the successful applicant. The contract will be renewed depending on the performance of the candidate.

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This position demands that the candidate be a highly self-motivated, independent and enterprising individual who will fulfil the following responsibilities of this position:

1. Collect in-water data on diversity, abundance and size classes of reef fishes using SCUBA diving.
2. Assist in developing and testing protocols and setting up permanent plots for the long-term monitoring of reef fish communities at the LTEO sites in the Andaman Islands.
3. Planning and executing field expeditions including logistics, field data collection, equipment purchases and boat hires, etc.
4. Ensure timely completion of the project deliverables and targets including fieldwork, data entry, analysis and report writing.

Location:

The position will be based in Bangalore but will involve long duration field trips to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The candidate will work out of the Andaman Nicobar Environment Team (ANET) field station during this duration.

Candidates must possess the following qualifications/skills:

1. A Master's degree in natural sciences, preferably in marine biology, ecology or zoology.
2. A valid SCUBA certification (at least to the level of a PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent).
3. A minimum of two years of experience (post-Masters) and knowledge of collecting environmental data, preferably on coral reefs or related marine ecosystems.
4. Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.

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Candidates with the following additional skills will be given preference:

1. Quantitative skills including statistics and study design along with working knowledge of R and GIS.
2. Rescue diver certification and/or a minimum of 50 dives.
3. Basic knowledge of fish identification and taxonomy and interest in the natural history of coral reef ecosystems.
4. Planning and organisation skills, ability to pay attention to detail and multitasking abilities.
5. Demonstrable experience in developing and implementing independent project ideas and proposals.

Potential candidates are also encouraged to use this opportunity to pursue a Ph.D. degree with Dakshin Foundation focusing on (but not restricted to) coral reef ecology in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Remuneration:

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and work experience in accordance with the GOI and Dakshin Foundation scales.

How to apply:

The deadline for submitting applications is 31st October 2021. Please email your interest in applying for the position to apply.dakshinfoundation@gmail.com with the subject line '**Senior Research Fellow – LTEO Reef Fish**' and you will be sent an online form to fill the necessary details to process your application.

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About Dakshin Foundation

Dakshin Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental organization. Our mission is to inform and advocate conservation and natural resource management while promoting and supporting sustainable livelihoods, social development and environmental justice. We adopt interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches in our research and conservation interventions, drawing from the fields of ecology, conservation biology, sociology, economics, and law. Our work aims at building community capacities for conservation and enhancing community stakes and rights in environmental decision-making, towards strengthening networks and supporting advocacy campaigns. Our goal is to promote ecologically and socially appropriate approaches to conservation and management in coastal, marine and mountain ecosystems in India.

About LTEO

The Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change is launching the Long Term Ecological Observatories (LTEO) Programme, a multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary, all India coordinated project, which will be led by the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. In its first phase, the LTEO programme will monitor a range of themes and taxa across the Indian subcontinent including soil, forests, grasslands, invertebrates, fish, herpetofauna, birds, animal movement and marine ecosystems. The work will be initiated at 6 index sites representing different biomes including the Northwestern Arid Zone, Western Himalaya, Eastern Himalaya, Central India, Western Ghats and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The entire project will be managed by a Coordination Cell at the Indian Institute of Science.

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