

Job Opportunities

Project Manager – Responsible Production (Spanish Speaker)

Proforest is seeking an experienced Spanish speaking professional to support their growing programmes and consultancy services in responsible production. This is an exciting opportunity to work with major international brands, consumer goods clients and agricultural & forestry production companies to develop and implement their responsible production strategies, particularly in relation to forestry and agricultural commodities.

About Proforest

Proforest is a dynamic non-profit organisation with global presence that has established itself as a leader in the development and implementation of sustainable production and responsible sourcing.

Proforest provides practical support to producers, processors, purchasers and investors to help them work in environmentally and socially responsible ways. As demand for sustainably sourced commodities increases, producers, processors, purchasers and investors in natural resources all need to demonstrate that they are meeting commitments to environmental and social responsibility. This is a complex task in a challenging commercial environment. We work at every stage of the supply chain, from production and processing, through to purchasing and investment. Our 15 years' experience covers the management of forests, oil palm, soy, sugarcane, rubber and beef, at a range of scales that includes smallholders, communities and forest-dependent people through to multinational businesses. We focus on the opportunities for conservation and social benefits within the production landscape, and never lose sight of the need for pragmatic and workable practices.”

We work at all levels throughout commodity supply chains – from international policy and legislation to practical operations on the ground – to support the development and implementation of workable environmental and social standards and safeguards that help to produce and source natural resources sustainably.

Position summary

The position offers an exciting opportunity to take a leading role in the management and delivery of Proforest's programmes and services, in both the forest products and agricultural commodities sectors. The role involves participating in a range of projects to deliver a variety of services such as policy advice, field assessments and audits, research and training. We work with major brands such as PepsiCo, Cargill

and Nestlé and producers like Olam and Wilmar as well as NGOs such as WWF and FSC and governments (eg DFID). The post is based in Cali (Colombia) and may involve international travel and fieldwork, in Colombia and Latin-American.

Responsibilities

- Manage and deliver responsible production projects, programmes and partnerships. This includes proposal writing, budgeting, technical work (including fieldwork where relevant), managing client relationships and reporting;
- Support other related projects and programmes as required, especially in relation to sustainability standards and certification schemes;
- Maintain a clear understanding of the current policy and strategic factors relating to the sustainable management and sourcing of forestry and agricultural commodities;
- Build and maintain relationships with relevant key stakeholders such as sustainability initiatives, support agencies, civil society among others.;
- Contribute to the development of the relevant Proforest consultancy service areas, including involvement in activities such as planning, business development and monitoring of progress against objectives.

Qualifications, Experience, Qualities

Essential Qualifications, Experience, Skills:

- Tertiary level (masters or equivalent) qualification in a relevant discipline (e.g. natural resources management, conservation, agriculture, forestry, social sciences);
- A minimum of 5 years relevant work experience;
- Fluency in Spanish and English;
- GIS proficiency;
- Understanding of environmental and social sustainability issues affecting the forest products and agricultural commodities sectors (especially in sugar and palm oil);
- Awareness of the motivations and drivers relating to responsible production and sourcing in international agricultural supply chains;
- Excellent project management skills (including time-management, problem-solving and organisational abilities);
- Highly developed interpersonal and team working skills, as well as proven ability to operate in a multi-cultural environment;
- Ability and willingness to travel and work on short assignments in remote locations;
- Excellent verbal & written communication skills, including presentation skills;
- Experience of working in Latin America.

Highly desirable:

- Experience and/or knowledge related to sustainability standards, auditing, and certification, in the context of natural resource management (forestry, agriculture, fisheries, REDD+) and social and environmental topics;
- Experience related to working in forest management and/or agricultural commodity production systems as well as concepts such as High Conservation Values (HCV), High Carbon Stocks (HCS) and Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC);
- Experience in consultation and working with various stakeholders including large companies, small and medium enterprises, NGOs, financing institutions, government aid agencies, smallholders and local communities;
- Working knowledge in Portuguese.

To apply

Please send your CV (3 pages maximum) and cover letter explaining your suitability for the position (1-page maximum) to personnel@proforest.net with the subject “Latin America Project Management application”

Application Deadline: 30th April 2017

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