TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Local Coordinator for the Enhanced Monitoring Program of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)

Manta and Posorja (Ecuador)

Description:

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) invites applications for provision of professional services as Local Coordinator within the Enhanced Monitoring Program of the IATTC, referred to in its Resolution C-21-04, paragraph 6. This is a full-time work for a duration of up to 24 months.

The IATTC is the regional fisheries management organization responsible for the implementation of the 2003 Antigua Convention, the main objective of which is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fish stocks covered by the Convention. The Commission employs a staff qualified in matters pertaining to this Convention, including administrative, scientific and technical areas, under the supervision of the Director. More information about the IATTC can be found at www.iattc.org.

IATTC Resolution C-21-04 establishes the conservation measures for tropical tunas in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) during the triennium 2022-2024. One of these measures aims at controlling the fishing mortality on bigeye tuna through the establishment of an Individual Vessel Limit (IVL) scheme for bigeye catches. The Enhanced Monitoring Program main objective will be to assess precisely the amount of bigeye tuna caught by each vessel in the purse-seine fleet operating in Eastern Pacific Ocean, using both existing data sources (e.g. observer, logbook and cannery data), and a new enhanced port-sampling program. This new Enhanced Tuna Port-Sampling Program will involve collection of data on tuna catch composition by teams of sampling technicians in the main ports of unloading of bigeye tuna catch in the region, mainly Manta and Posorja in Ecuador, but also in other important ports in other countries.

Working as part of an interdisciplinary team of IATTC staff members and teams of port samplers, the selected applicant will be responsible for local and regional coordination of the Program Port Sampling Teams, their sampling activities, their travel, and transmission of the data they collect to IATTC Headquarters, during the triennial management cycle of 2022-2024. The position will be based in IATTC Field Office in Manta Ecuador. The selected applicant will be interacting closely with the staff of the IATTC field offices located in the territory of various members of the Commission, and the Enhanced Monitoring Program Coordinator in La Jolla, California. The selected applicant will be under the direct supervision of that Coordinator.

Functions and duties

Functions and duties of the selected applicant will include, among others:

- Taking a leading role in local coordination of the enhanced monitoring sampling teams, including travel and other logistics;

- Monitoring the implementation of the program’s scientific protocols by the samplers and informing IATTC the Enhanced Monitoring Program Coordinator regarding problems, challenges and any perceived need for deviations from protocol;
• Keeping the sampling program on schedule so as to minimize impacts to vessel unloading;
• Coordinating the recruitment and selection of port-sampling technicians, as necessary;
• Preparing and transmitting well-sampling data in a timely manner to IATTC data handlers and the Enhanced Monitoring Program Coordinator.

Selection Criteria:
The applicant should have, as a minimum, a graduate degree in biology, or the equivalent, or in business and administration or in project management, or the equivalent, and experience in the biological aspects of fisheries. Practical experience in coordinating the collection of biological samples in the field will be an asset.

Candidates should also possess the following skills:
• Familiarity with purse seine fisheries operations, including unloading.
• Strong computer-related skills, including use of software for spreadsheets (Excel), databases (ACCESS), and word processing (Word).
• Willingness to work both in an office setting and at ports where tuna vessel are unloaded.
• Willingness to travel domestically and internationally, if needed.
• Strong inter-personal skills and experience working as a part of a team, as well as working independently.
• Strong leadership skills.
• Excellent communication skills, both oral and written.
• Fluency in Spanish.

Additionally, possession of the following skills is desirable and will be considered as an asset:
• Fluency in English. The IATTC is a bilingual organization.

Salary and benefits:
Commensurate with qualifications, skills, and experience, the base salary will be US$ 90,431 year. Allowances include annual leave with pay, sick leave with pay, medical and accident insurance.

In the case of a selected applicant residing outside Manta, the costs of relocation to that city, including travel and eventually shipping of household/personal effects, will be covered by the Commission, in accordance with its rules and is coordinated with the selected applicant.

Start date:  
the candidate selected for the post should be available to report work in Manta on 15 August 2022, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Applications
Applications may be submitted in either English or Spanish and should be sent no later than 17 July 2022 in electronic format to

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Applications should include the following:

- A cover letter containing a statement of purpose of the application and succinct descriptions of the applicant’s experiences and abilities.
- Curriculum Vitae – preferably the applicant should fill, electronically or in hardcopy, the IATTC personal history form that can accessed at
  - https://www.iattc.org/StaffVacancies/IATTCPersonalHistoryForm.pdf
- Official copy of transcripts and college degree.
- List of training courses, special skills, certificates and licenses, honors, or awards that relate to the specific description of this announcement. Please do not include copies of certificates.
- List of publications
- A list of persons with a recent knowledge of the applicant’s character, qualifications and experience.
- A health certificate or statement issued by a competent medical doctor indicating that the candidate is physically able to perform the functions of the position as described in this announcement or is otherwise in good health.
- A statement as to whether or not the applicant’s current supervisor may be contacted.

Additional Information
Please consult the IATTC website at www.iattc.org for more information about IATTC and its mission.