



FFA

APPLICANT INFORMATION PACKAGE

MONITORING, CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE

ASSISTANT (MCSA)

This position is a “Position advertised Locally” and is open to residents of Solomon Islands only.

CLOSING DATE – 18th FEBRUARY 2021

HOW TO APPLY -

Please read the instructions contained in this package

To apply please submit the following:

- (a) An introductory letter
- (b) A completed HR1 Application form for the Position (available on website)
- (c) A current Curriculum Vitae

All applications are to be addressed to; *Manager Human Resources, Forum Fisheries Agency, 1 FFA Road, Honiara, Solomon Islands*

All applications to be submitted by email to recruitment@ffa.int

For any enquiries: please contact recruitment@ffa.int

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2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE FORUM FISHERIES AGENCY

The information offered in this package is for information only and does not form part of the employment contract.

The Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) traces its origins to the South Pacific Forum meeting in Port Moresby in 1977 which adopted a Declaration on the Law of the Sea and the establishment of a regional fisheries agency and outlined its functions. In recent years FFA has been mandated to concentrate on the management and development of the tuna fishery in the Central and Western Pacific Ocean. The Agency is responsible for assisting its 17 members to coordinate sustainable tuna fishery management policies in their exclusive economic zone waters, and for promoting the development of their tuna fishery resources.

The 16 country members and 1 territory member of the FFA are Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

Under the 1979 FFA Convention, the FFA consists of the Forum Fisheries Committee (FFC) which is the governing body, and a Secretariat. The Secretariat, with a current establishment of approximately eighty-five positions, is organised into four divisions: Fisheries Management, Fisheries Development, Fisheries Operations, and Corporate Services. FFA is led by an executive management unit headed by the Director-General. In order to provide greater ministerial oversight of the fisheries sector the FFC Ministerial Meeting was established and was elevated to the highest policy making organ of the FFA.

The Vision of the Members of the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency is: “Our people will enjoy the greatest possible social and economic benefits from the sustainable use of offshore fisheries resources.”

The Mission of the Forum Fisheries Agency is: “Empowering FFA Members to take collective and national action for the sustainable use of offshore fisheries resources.”

The work of the Agency is delivered through two programs: Fisheries Management and Fisheries Development.

The Fisheries Management program assists FFA members to refine and maintain effective policy and legal frameworks to support the sustainable management of their tuna fisheries resources. Appropriate technical services are also provided under this program to support regional and sub-regional fishery management.

The Fisheries Development program assists FFA members with long term social, economic and development planning for the fisheries sector, in response to the Forum Leaders’ call to identify ways to ensure greater returns from the sustainable use of fisheries resources.

The core operations of the Agency are funded by member and donor contributions from Member Governments. The Agency also receives funding from a variety of non-member donors and from cost recovery for services.

FFA is an equal opportunity employer with professional staff currently employed from Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and the USA, with staff attachments from Japan and Australia.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Reference:	
Job Title:	MCS Assistant
Work Unit:	Fisheries Operations
Responsible To:	Surveillance Operations Officers
Responsible For:	No staff to supervise
Job Purpose:	This job exists to-: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide administrative and operational support to the Operations of the RFSC and contribute to the achievement of Fisheries Operations objectives.
Date:	January 2021

The Leaders' Vision

Vision of the Members of the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency

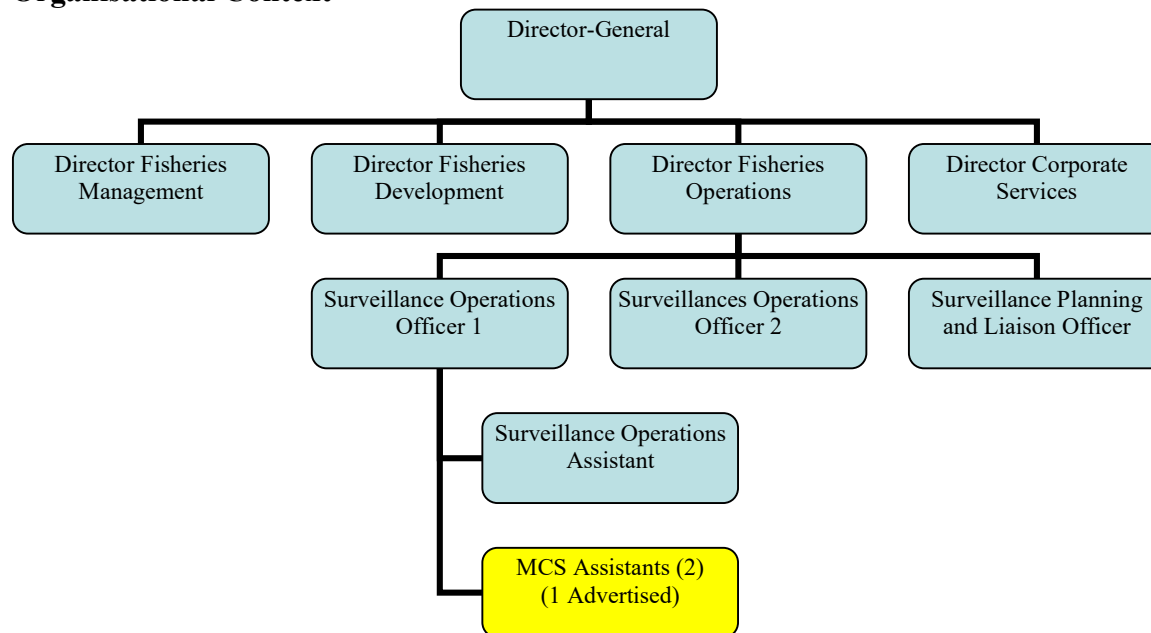
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Mission for the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency

Empowering FFA Members to take collective and national action for the sustainable use of offshore fisheries resources

FFA Strategic Plan 2020-2025

Organisational Context



Key Result Areas

This encompasses the following major functions or Key Result Areas

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Fisheries Surveillance Centre Operations 2. Database and Information Management 3. Information & Communication
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The performance requirements of the Key Result Areas are broadly described below;

Jobholder is accountable for	Jobholder is successful when
<p>RFSC Operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in the efficient and effective operation of the RFSC. • Assist in providing on-site support for major regional surveillance operations. • Conduct daily analysis of available data to present an accurate Regional Surveillance Picture (RSP) • Assist in the upkeep and maintenance of RFSC Standard Operating Procedures • Administrative and logistic support to the RFSC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCS services provided by the RFSC are efficient and effective. • Regional operations are conducted successfully. • The Regional Surveillance Picture is accurate. • The RFSC Standard Operation Procedures is updated.
<p>Database and Information Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the testing of operations support tools. • Assist in the effective management of members data provided to the RFSC as per the FFA ISMS policy • Maintain proper records of all information and supporting documents provided to the RFSC during and after a MCS Operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful testing and delivery of operation support tools. • Timely and accurate provision of data to the RFSC by members. • Information and supporting documents used during a MCS operation is accurately labelled and stored.
<p>Information & Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in the timely analysis and dissemination of surveillance information to member countries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Surveillance Picture is disseminated in a timely and accurate manner. • The required information is provided on a

Jobholder is accountable for	Jobholder is successful when
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in the provision of VMS snapshots, VOI reports and other information to member countries in support of investigation/prosecution of IUU and other MDA risks. Assist in the upkeep of the FFA MCS tools 	<p>timely and accurate manner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFA MCS systems (RIMFs and Eops) are updated.

Note:

The above performance requirements are provided as a guide only. The precise performance measures for this job will need further discussion between the jobholder and supervisor as part of the performance development process.

Work Complexity

<p>The most challenging duties typically undertaken:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducting daily analysis of available to provide an accurate and comprehensive surveillance picture in supporting members and surveillance providers MCS activities.

Functional Relationships & Relationship Skills:

Key internal and/or external contacts	Nature of Contact most typical
<p>External Maintain excellent working relationships with member countries MCS officers, surveillance providers and emerging technology partners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alert members of illegal activities and providing accurate VOI Alerts and feedback to surveillance and technology providers on MCS activities.
<p>Internal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director Fisheries Operations Surveillance Operations Officers <p>FFA Support and Professional Staffs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive instructions and directions and provide information when required Receive instructions and directions and provide information/progress reports of work when required.

Level of Delegation

The jobholder:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The jobholder will carry out activities within the defined standard procedures with very minimum supervision. Guidance and advice is provided by the Surveillance Operations Officer , Surveillance Planning Liaison Officer, Surveillance Operations Assistant or Director Fisheries Operations. The jobholder will report to the Surveillance Operations Officers on any complex issues arising from the performance of duties.

Person Specification

Essential	Desirable
<p>Qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate/Diploma in maritime or fisheries related fields. <p>Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 3 years’ experience in Maritime/Fisheries MCS and Enforcement background <p>Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated ability to communicate fluently both oral and written in English. • Analytical skills to be able to do simple and complex analysis of data. • Word processing and above average IT skills • Sound knowledge of Member countries Fisheries Laws and Offences • Demonstrated ability to manage multiple tasks associated with the role • Self-motivated and conduct task with less supervision • Demonstrated ability to manage multiple tasks associated with the role <p>Knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broader understanding of MCS in the region and drivers of non-compliance in fisheries 	<p>Knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic knowledge of a wide range of MCS databases, the use in supporting Members and conduct of regional fisheries surveillance operations

This section is designed to capture the expertise required for the role at a 100% fully effective level. (This does not necessarily reflect what the current jobholder has). This may be a combination of knowledge/experience, qualifications or equivalent level of learning through experience or key skills, attributes or specific competencies.

Key Skills/Attributes/Job Specific Competencies

The following levels would typically be expected for the 100% fully effective level:

Expert Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the contribution and the functions of the RFSC in supporting regional objectives for sustainable fisheries.
Advanced Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent broader knowledge on MCS from a regional perspective and the drivers of non-compliance issues in Member countries and WCPFC High Seas
Working Knowledge Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of Member countries fisheries offices Knowledge of conduct of regional operations
Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of FFA in the Region

Key Behaviours

All employees are measured against the following Key Behaviours as part of Performance Development

- Commitment/Personal Accountability
- Professional/Technical Expertise
- Teamwork
- Customer Focus
- Effective Communications & Relationships
- Leadership
- Coaching and Development (for Managers only)
- Strategic Perspective (for Managers only)

Personal Attributes

- Relevant Qualifications
- Excellent Analytical Skills
- Excellent Communication Skills
- Results orientation
- Ability to manage and work well in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural teams.
- Ability to work in an organized and systematic manner.
- Ability to transfer information/knowledge to a non-technical audience
- Recognizes and responds appropriately to the ideas, interests and concerns of others
- Builds trust and engenders morale by displaying open, transparent and credible behaviour
- Respects individual/ cultural differences
- Utilizes diversity to foster teamwork
- Ensures others understanding of, involvement in, adaptation to a change process

Change to Job Description:

From time to time it may be necessary to consider changes in the job description in response to the changing nature of our work environment-including technological requirements or statutory changes. Such change may be initiated as necessary by your Director. This Job Description may also be reviewed as part of the preparation for performance planning for the annual performance cycle.

4. REMUNERATION PACKAGE – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Duration:	Appointment is for a term of four years and may be renewable for a further term(s) based on the needs of FFA at the time, its funding situation and proven merit and work performance.
Grade:	Appointment will be at Band 5 of FFA’s authorised salary scale for Positions Advertised Locally
Salary:	The basic salary range for this position is; <i>Band 5</i> <i>Min. SBD\$60,027.00 Midpt. SBD\$70,034.00 Max. SBD\$90,040.00</i> Commencing salary is normally at 85% of the midpoint of the Band. The Director General may appoint at a higher level of the bottom half of the salary range if circumstances justify.
Term:	Appointment is subject to a satisfactory medical examination, as well as a 6 months’ probationary period. The probationary period may be varied by the Director General. An appointment is terminated by (i) completion of term of contract (ii) one month’s notice by either party (iii) without notice by either party paying one month salary in lieu of notice or (iv) dismissed with or without notice as a disciplinary measure.
Superannuation	FFA will make superannuation payment as required by the laws of Solomon Islands.
Insurance:	Limited cover for Personal Accident, Life, and Medical & Repatriation Insurance are provided. Reasonable family medical (including medical repatriation), dental and optical expenses are met.
Annual Leave:	22 working days per annum
Sick Leave	36 working days per annum.
Other	Provisions also exist for family, compassionate, maternity, and special (without pay) leave
Public Holidays:	In accordance with Solomon Islands public holidays.
Leave	Entitled to one return fare a year to their home island for themselves, spouse and dependent children providing they do not already enjoy such an entitlement from another source.
Medical Benefits:	All employees and their dependants are entitled to have all reasonable medical, dental and optical expenses reimbursed, as stipulated under the terms and conditions of the FFA in-house Medical Scheme. FFA medical scheme is covered by insurance against exceeding limits.

Definition of Dependent child”	Means a staff member’s unmarried, legally and financially dependent, naturally or legally adopted child who is – (a) under the age of 16 years of age; (b) under the age of 19 years of age if enrolled in, and undertaking full-time studies at a secondary school; (c) under 25 years of age and enrolled in and undertaking full-time study at a university or a tertiary institution; or (d) certified by a Medical Practitioner to be mentally or physically incapacitated
Other Allowances:	Housing Allowance of SB\$72,000 pa. paid at SB\$6,000 per month

* Not applicable to permanent resident or citizen of Solomon Islands.

Solomon Islands nationals should be aware that all allowances and benefits are subject to PAYE tax deductions.

Both men and women are invited to apply.