

## Senior Technical Officer – Knowledge-base

<b>Reporting to:</b>	Head of Programme and Strategy Biodiversity & Ecological Networks
<b>Full-time/Part-time:</b>	Full-time, 36 hours per week
<b>Location:</b>	Ede office, Netherlands
<b>Grade:</b>	€ 2908 – € 4867

## Working relations

### **INSIDE Wetlands International:**

Programme Heads (Livelihoods, Water, Biodiversity),\_Global Corporate Relations Manager, Shell Partnership Adviser, other members of Shell partnership team, Communication team,\_Global Support Team, Wageningen Office support staff and the expert network of Wetlands International.

### **OUTSIDE Wetlands International:**

Network of partner organisations, including conservation NGO's, Multilateral Environment Agreements (e.g. Ramsar Convention) Shell and its partners, National Governments, other holders of wetland knowledge..

## Overall purpose of the job

The STO will lead advanced knowledge development on key thematic areas of WI's work, including under the Shell partnership, so that stakeholders and decision-makers are well informed about the status and trends of wetlands, their biodiversity, socio-economic values and priorities for action, making Wetlands International one of the leading authorities on wetland knowledge.

## Tasks and Responsibilities

- (1) Develop the strategies, networks and initiatives, manage technical expertise and coordinate implementation of activities (including "Red Listing" threatened and otherwise vulnerable wetlands) to strengthen WI's science/knowledge base (in particular, global wetlands database/index).
- (2) Manage incorporation of information into the science/knowledge base from global quickscans/risk assessments, vulnerability/GIS mapping and other relevant sources of information globally.
- (3) Develop science/knowledge base to be a readily- and widely-used clearing house for information on wetlands globally, for relevant stakeholders, including policy makers.
- (4) Coordinate database/GIS support to developing the science/knowledge base.
- (5) Any other duties assigned by the line manager.

## Profile

The successful candidate will be an experienced and innovative manager in the field of international conservation or sustainable development, with experience in knowledge management.

## Qualifications and Experience

- Around 10+ years experience in development, management and implementation of major international programmes/projects – preferably in technical/scientific institutional context, with experience in community-based initiatives.
- Qualifications and/or experience of social/environmental knowledge and its application to wetland conservation and wise use.
- Demonstrated expertise in knowledge management and knowledgebase development
- Demonstrated successful experience in the development, management and implementation of major international programmes/projects, including management of complex partnerships and budgets.
- Strong preference for extensive experience with governments and either international environmental NGOs or other institutions (with corporate exposure) or corporates (with exposure to international environmental matters).
- Understanding of use of knowledge in informing policy, strategy and advocacy.

- Understanding of oil, gas (or other extraction industries) an advantage.
- Extensive networking and interpersonal skills, with strong network of contacts of relevant individuals, institutions, governments and organisations.
- Teamplayer, with excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Fluent verbal and written English essential. Other language skills an advantage.
- Good working knowledge of information technology and management systems.
- Sensitivity to cultural and gender matters.