



### **Port-based Outreach Expert, Suva (Fiji)**

The Common Oceans Tuna Project, also known as “Sustainable Management of Tuna Fisheries and Biodiversity Conservation in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ)”, is the largest of four projects that constitute the Common Oceans Programme. The objective of the project is to achieve responsibility, efficiency and sustainability in tuna production and biodiversity conservation in the ABNJ, through the systematic application of an ecosystem approach in tuna fisheries.

The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is the implementing agency for the project. BirdLife International, through its local partner, BirdLife South Africa (BLSA), is implementing the seabird bycatch component of the Common Oceans Tuna Project. The main outcomes of this element of the Project are i) that the use of best practice seabird bycatch mitigation measures is enhanced and accelerated by this fleet, and ii) that information collected through port-visits of vessels on the use of seabird bycatch mitigation measures, is assessed in terms of its value for monitoring purposes. The main focus of the pilot project will be to build awareness and capacity amongst crews and observers in relation to the use of seabird bycatch mitigation measures, and to collect proxy information on the extent of use of these measures.

Following on from an ongoing pilot project on port-based outreach for longline fishing crews visiting Cape Town harbour in South Africa, FAO is looking to employ a Port-based Outreach (PBO) Officer to design and implement a similar initiative in the port of Suva, Fiji, to help build awareness and capacity in the use of seabird bycatch mitigation measures amongst Chinese longline fishing crews operating in the Pacific, as well as gather information on their use of these measures.

#### **Primary Responsibilities**

Under the overall supervision of the BLSA Common Oceans Project Coordinator and the Seabird Conservation Programme Manager and with guidance from the Port-based Outreach Officer (Cape Town), the outreach expert will:

- Develop the agenda, prepare supporting information for, and coordinate a PBO inception workshop for this initiative targeting the Chinese longline fleet visiting Suva. This will introduce the initiative to all key stakeholders (including government, industry, BirdLife staff and invited experts), and develop and agree the framework for implementation;
- Arrange logistics and related travel for the inception workshop;

- Informed by the discussions and outcomes of the inception workshop, develop and finalise a port-based monitoring protocol (including sampling regime), checklist and overall work-plan for implementing the PBO work in Suva;
- Arrange for provision and development/translation of outreach/training materials to be used during PBO work with Chinese vessels and crew;
- Ensure ongoing liaison with relevant industry and government contacts to facilitate effective implementation of the project, through for example access to vessels and relevant data;
- Informed by the work-plan, organise and participate in port-visits of Chinese longline vessels to provide outreach material and training in the use of the mitigation measures, and collect and assess proxy information on the use of seabird bycatch mitigation measures;
- Keep accurate records and collect and curate data systematically.
- Undertake analyses of data, prepare reports and disseminate information and results of the pilot project to appropriate internal and external fora.

#### **Inherent Requirements:**

- have a relevant tertiary qualification, preferably to postgraduate level;
- at least two years of relevant fisheries or project management experience is preferred;
- Familiarity with longline fishing operations and seabird bycatch mitigation measures; exposure to maritime or fishing industry and/or at-sea experience would be advantageous.

#### **Recommendations:**

- be able to organise, manage and co-ordinate meetings and workshops;
- have excellent communication, networking and interpersonal skills, and be able to engage with a broad range of stakeholders of different nationalities, including fishing crew, industry and government representatives;
- be fluent in spoken and written Mandarin (Chinese) and English;
- be a Fijian citizen or have permanent Fijian residency ;
- have a valid passport;
- have a valid light passenger vehicle (International) driver's licence.

#### **General**

The successful candidate will report to the BLSA Common Oceans Project Coordinator. The position is based in Suva, Fiji. The post holder will be recruited by FAO as a National Project Personnel. The initial term of the contract will be for a period of 6 months. The contract may be extended to 12 months, subject to funding, performance and other requirements.

The successful candidate from the BirdLife selection process will be nominated by BirdLife to FAO, who is responsible for making the final offer of employment, following and subject to the satisfactory completion of the FAO process for appointing consultants.

Applicants are requested to submit a comprehensive CV with three contactable references, as well as a 1 page motivation as to how they see their role in this post. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence. Emails should be sent to Bronwyn.maree@birdlife.org.za, with the subject title Port-based Outreach Officer, Common Oceans Tuna Project.

Candidates who have not been contacted within 14 days of the closing date must please assume that their applications were not successful. Correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates.

BLSA and FAO reserve the right not to make an appointment.

Closing date: 30 June 2017, 17h00 GMT+2