

Job Vacancy 'biotech policy expert'

eCOAST is an applied research centre in marine environmental sciences and a spin-off company from Ghent University (Belgium). We work on a wide range of topics: from marine ecology over sustainable fisheries and aquaculture to marine law and policy. You can find more information on our website www.ecoast.be.

To strengthen our team, eCOAST is looking for a **biotech policy expert**. You will work on European projects, such as the PharmaSea project (www.pharma-sea.eu) and the MaCuMBA project (www.macumbaproject.eu), but you will also be responsible for developing your own client portfolio. You already have a substantial relevant network in the international (marine) biotech scene.

Job description/Your role

- being responsible for the 'biotech policy' division of eCOAST;
- managing a diversity of (EU) projects, and guiding/daily supervision of project staff in these projects;
- identifying new research and/or consultancy opportunities, both within your own network as well as with new contacts;
- Interacting/collaborating with different national and international stakeholders;
- writing and presenting research reports;
- organizing international training sessions and workshops on biotech and biotech policy-related topics.

Your profile

- Biotechnology policy expert, preferably holding a PhD degree; or similar through experience;
- At least 5 years relevant working experience;
- You already have a substantial network with industry and/or in EU projects;
- You have experience with managing projects;
- You are an acknowledged expert in the legal and policy field surrounding (marine) biotechnology, mainly on the Nagoya Protocol;
- You have a good understanding of both the technical and legal aspects of biotechnology research and development;
- You can demonstrate strong verbal and written communication skills;
- You are a pro-active person and ambitious person;
- You are willing to travel within and outside Europe;
- You are fluent in English; knowledge of another EU language is desirable.

Our offer

- A fulltime or part-time, permanent contract;
- Possibility to grow within the organization;
- the responsibility and freedom to really make a difference;
- You will be based in Ostend (Belgium);
- Competitive salary package;
- A young and dynamic work environment;
- Flexible working hours.

This vacancy will stay open till a suitable candidate has been appointed. Please send your application letter, including your CV and the names of 2 referees, to jobs@ecoast.be