

Employment Opportunity

Positions	Research Assistant: Fisheries / Marine Resource Management & Conservation
Duration	12 months initially, with possible extension up to two (2) years (24 months)
Location	Colombo (with travel to Negombo, Chilaw)
Overview	The Research Assistant will assist with the design, planning, coordination and implementation fisheries and marine resource management and conservation activities on the west coast (Chilaw and Negombo). The successful candidates will work with the skippers, boat owners, officers from the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DFAR) and pelagikos staff to reduce the impact of Sri Lanka's offshore and high-seas fisheries on protected species; increase transparency in coastal fisheries management and support the DFAR to implement actions to reduce illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing at the national level.

Main Tasks: The successful candidate will be responsible for

- 1) Collecting and analyzing data on fisheries and marine resources with fishing communities, officers from the DFAR and the seafood industry.
- 2) Facilitating discussions between fishing communities, DFAR and the seafood to improve management and conservation of fisheries and marine resources.
- 3) Documenting / disseminating the processes and impacts of improving management and conservation of fisheries and marine resources

Qualifications: The successful candidate *will have*

- ✓ **A Bachelor's degree** in a relevant subject for example fisheries, marine science, zoology, biological science, environmental science
- ✓ **Excellent communications skills** in Sinhala and good communication skills in English to work effectively with officers of the DFAR, fishing communities, the seafood industry and pelagikos colleagues.
- ✓ **Good field data collection skills;** the ability to analyse data in Microsoft Excel and write short reports in Microsoft Word
- ✓ **Enthusiasm and willingness** to work and travel independently in fishing villages and fishery harbours along the west coast, from Chilaw to Negombo.
- ✓ **A valid motorcycle license would be an advantage**

To apply, please email your Curriculum Vitae to eranga@pelagikos.lk

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