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Job offer: Project Assistant for Geodata Management

Full Time (30h/w) – Limited for 2.5 years – Schönbrunn (Vienna), Austria

The **Forest Biodiversity Unit at the Department for Forest Biodiversity and Nature Conservation** of the Austrian Federal Research and Training Centre for Forests, Natural Hazards and Landscape (BFW), Vienna is seeking a GIS analyst (MSc or equivalent) to contribute to our dynamic team as a project assistant and support a European consortium with geodata processing and visualisation as well as project management. This is a unique career opportunity to work in a collaborative environment engaged in biodiversity informatics, research, and conservation.

Your responsibilities

With your work you will communicate with a large team of researchers, actively reach out to collate and streamline information on a national and sub-national level and contribute to managing research output regarding restoration approaches such as:

- Assembling data from restoration activities and local research in geodatabases
- Synthesise collection of data from different sources and expert knowledge provided by various project partners
- Contribute in making information on how different policies, contractual relations, motivations and incentives drive restoration activities spatially explicit
- Help to provide geoinformation for spatial planning and decision support tools.

You focus on the management of geodata will help to facilitate efficient knowledge collection and data transfer and thus provide an important link to research at the Forest Biodiversity Unit.

Thus you will be contributing to creating a best practice information database which subsequently will serve as an input into a regeneration support tool as well as additional guidelines for selected restoration applications.

Your profile

The research will be carried out at the Austrian Research Centre for Forests (BFW) in collaboration with the team in the Forest Biodiversity Unit. The candidate is expected to provide applicable knowledge on open-source geospatial analysis and cartographic visualisation for researchers in the field as well as show strong communication in an international and interdisciplinary working environment (English required/Spanish welcome).



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Minimum Qualifications:

- M.Sc. degree or equivalent and proven experience in GIS
- Experience in developing scripts and codes to analyse and cartographically visualize data is required
- A structured approach to work with good time management and proactive communication with project partners as well as time and information management is critical
- We will give special consideration to team players with a background in conservation biology, ecology, forestry, civil engineering or environmental sciences
- Experience with basic research principles and methods as well as some applied statistics is also a benefit

Others

Located close to Schönbrunn Palace in the city of Vienna, our scientists and staff are committed to creating a workplace culture that respects and celebrates diversity and values the well-being of all employees. This is a 30 hour, 2.5-years term position beginning as soon as possible. The gross monthly salary is at least EUR 2,115.30 based on salary scale for federal employees in evaluation group v1/1.

Reference is made to § 43 in conjunction with § 11b and § 11c of the Federal Equal Treatment Act, according to which women who are as equally qualified as male applicants will be given preference when the position is entrusted.

If we have raised your interest, please send **your application including a cover letter detailing your motivation, your CV and contact information for two references by 3107.2021** (commencement of duties: 01.09.2021).

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