

National long-term expert for GIZ biodiversity project Internationally Recruited Staff

Location: Jordan

Closing Date: 30 August 2014

Main project objectives

GIZ is launching the 5-year project *“Sustainable use of ecosystem services”* in Jordan. The project aims to promote biodiversity protection and the sustainable use of ecosystem services. The main objective is to raise awareness for the importance that biodiversity protection is considered in the formulation of Jordan’s national policies. Capacity Building measures will focus on the adaptation of ecotourism and pasture management to climate change and address all relevant levels of society including civil based/farmer based organizations as well as the relevant stakeholders of the private and the public sector. Pilot projects demonstrating the sustainable use and protection of ecosystems shall be carried out and will serve as good examples to demonstrate how the use of ecosystem services can be managed sustainably but nevertheless still contribute to the socio-economic development of the involved communities in the area.

About GOPA

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Main responsibilities

- The national long term expert is responsible for the implementation of pilot projects in the field of pasture management and ecotourism and for this will cooperate closely with the international expert.
- Support feasibility studies/analysis of potentials of pilot projects in the field of pasture management and ecotourism in selected governorates and communities in the region East of Jordan Valley. Existing practices and experiences shall be taken into account.
- Establish self-regulating community groups in the field of ecotourism and pasture management in cooperation with existing community based organizations and farmer based organizations (CBOs and FBOs) and in cooperation with the private sector.
- Implementation of 6 pilot projects in the field of pasture management and ecotourism in which project activities are adapted to climate change and involve CBO and FBOs, the private sector and members of public administration.
- Monitoring of project results in particular considering if the project has managed to generate socio-economic development based on ecosystem services.

Education, qualifications and experience

Degree in agriculture or forestry. Proven coordination and negotiation skills as well as advisory skills. Experience in designing and coordinating pilot projects in cooperation with bodies of public administration, private sector and non-governmental organizations. Good knowledge of natural resource management and ecotourism. Experience in project monitoring and data analysis as well as in the development of technologies adapted to local needs with the participation of self-regulating community groups. Spoken and written proficiency in English and Arabic, knowledge of German is an advantage.

Terms of appointment, salary and benefits

For the planning and coordination of project activities GOPA Consultants is looking for a national expert for the duration of 58 months. The project duration is 5 years from December 2014 until September 2019. The project office will most likely be in Amman.

How to apply

Interested candidates may send their CV as soon as possible but latest till August 10th to Caroline Fischler (caroline.fischler@gopa.de).