

## **LEASE ISLANDS FIELD OFFICER**

### **About Coral Triangle Center (CTC)**

The Coral Triangle Center (CTC) is a foundation based in Indonesia that trains marine resources managers and educates all groups that interact with coastlines and reefs within the Coral Triangle. The applied training and learning programs are adaptive, innovative, and customized for different stakeholders to abate threats, address constraints and promote sustainable practices. The Coral Triangle Center provides training in marine natural resources management, supports marine protected areas, coordinates a learning network of Marine Protected Area practitioners, connects the public and private sector on coastal issues, and is developing a learning center of excellence in tropical marine conservation. Check our website at [www.coraltrianglecenter.org](http://www.coraltrianglecenter.org).

Our field learning sites provide an ideal setting for implementing cutting-edge conservation management on the ground. We support our partner MPA sites to become exemplar models of sustainable management where wider practitioners from across the region can trial the lessons they have learned, observe, and gain field experiences necessary for becoming excellent guardians of our seas.

At the site level, CTC is currently working to support the implementation and improvement of management effectiveness of MPAs in Bali, North Maluku, and Maluku Provinces in Indonesia and Atauro Islands, Liquica, and Manufahi District in Timor-Leste. CTC is also committed to supporting the development of potential new MPAs in the Coral Triangle Region. CTC is also committed to working with governments, indigenous peoples, universities, scientists, and other institutions to improve the effectiveness of MPA management that is adaptive and based on the latest scientific knowledge.

CTC supports the process of establishing the Lease Islands MPA until it is declared by a Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Regulation in 2021. The Lease Islands MPA has marine ecosystems of coral reefs, seagrass, and mangroves, which support abundant marine life, including the endangered and threatened species of dugong (*Dugong dugon*).

Starting July 2022, CTC is collaborating with Yayasan Baileo Maluku to run two years project: Kalesang Dugong - Empowering Communities for Dugong Conservation in The Lease Islands, funded by the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF). The project will cover three outcomes, which are: (i) Safeguarding Dugong and its critical habitat in the Lease Islands MPA, (ii) Improving local governance and law enforcement in protecting Dugong and its critical habitat, and (iii) Capacity-building and awareness-raising for local communities about the importance of Dugong and its critical habitat.

In the long term, hopefully, the project can support the Lease Islands MPA management authority and the local community to conserve the rich marine biodiversity and resources to be used sustainably based on local wisdom to improve the people's welfare in Lease islands.

## **Essential Functions**

The role of the Lease Islands Field Officer (LIFO) is to support and ensure the implementation of the Kalesang dugong project on Lease following the assigned work plan. LIFO will assist the Maluku MPA Coordinator in achieving the Kalesang Dugong Project objectives by collaborating with the Baileo

Foundation team, indigenous peoples in the target villages, government elements, and the Lease Islands MPA management unit. LIFO also supports the implementation of ecological surveys of dugongs and their habitats, socio-economic surveys, outreach, and community awareness-raising in target villages and the Lease Islands MPA.

With support from the Maluku MPA Coordinator and the Kalesang Dugong Project Team, LIFO, together with the project partner of the Baileo Foundation Team, will organize and facilitate meetings with local communities, traditional leaders, community groups including women's groups, village governments, and other related stakeholders to obtain agreements on the management of dugongs and natural resources in the target village and the Lease Islands MPA. LIFO should be familiar with and respect the Adat/traditional system in the Lease Islands. LIFO position will work and live on Saparua Island and travel to neighboring islands as needed.

## **Reporting and Coordination Line:**

**Lease Islands Field Officer** will directly report to CTC Maluku MPA Coordinator.

## **Qualification and required knowledge and skills**

- A bachelor's degree in natural resources management, marine or fisheries management, social science, or a related subject. Working experiences in marine conservation, community development, or related field will be an advantage.
- Familiar with marine conservation, community development, and sustainable fisheries issues.
- Strong knowledge of local customary especially marine tenure.
- Proven skills in facilitation works, community organizing, and community involvement.
- Having experience in ecological and socio-economic surveys is an advantage.
- Have adequate knowledge of legal frameworks related to marine resources and marine conservation.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Trustworthy, attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, and organized in work.
- Willing to be placed in designated duty station.
- Ability to meet set targets and work independently.
- Basic level ability to communicate in English, both spoken and writing.
- Proficiency in MS Office applications (word, excel, and PowerPoint).

### **Responsibility/Oversight – Financial and Supervisory**

Ensure that his/her works, travel-related requests and reporting, complying with CTC policies and procedures and external (donor/legal).

### **Working Condition:**

- He/she should be able to work independently to achieve the set target with minimum supervision.
- Evening and weekend work to achieve program goals may be required.
- Duties require communicating effectively with various stakeholders.
- Work may require hours of physical exercise while collecting field data.
- 80% of travel may be required at short notice and possibly to remote and distant locations.
- Ability to work effectively under pressure and meet deadlines.

**Please send your CV and application letter to: [hrecruitment@coraltrianglecenter.org](mailto:hrecruitment@coraltrianglecenter.org) (Closing date for application: 16 September 2022)**