

Fisheries Habitat Restoration Specialist

I.M. Systems Group, Inc. (IMSG) www.imsig.com <<http://www.imsig.com/>> is looking to hire a Fisheries Habitat Restoration Specialist to work at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Restoration Center(RC) to assist the Southwest/Pacific Islands Team in the oversight and implementation of habitat restoration and marine debris projects in the Pacific Islands region, which includes the Hawaiian archipelago, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The restoration specialist will be based at NOAA Fisheries Service, Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO) in Honolulu, HI and will serve under the direction of the RC's Southwest Regional Supervisor (Santa Rosa, CA.) and Assistant Regional Administrator, Habitat Conservation Division, PIRO. The successful candidate will work under an annually renewable contract (subject to the availability of funding) with NOAA.

For more information about the Restoration Center, please visit the web site at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/>
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Responsibilities:

- Provide restoration planning and oversight expertise to support NOAA's Community-based Restoration Program which provides funding and technical assistance to organizations to implement habitat restoration and marine debris projects that benefit living marine resources.
- Identify and evaluate restoration/marine debris projects for potential funding, participate on multi-disciplinary teams to plan and execute restoration/marine debris projects, and provide technical assistance to local organizations in developing proposals for and implementing restoration/marine debris projects.
- Oversee projects throughout the Pacific Islands region from the main Hawaiian Islands and the northwestern Hawaiian Islands to the U.S. Pacific Islands territories. Restoration projects may involve tidal wetlands, riparian/riverine habitats, and coral reefs. There will be a particular emphasis on coral reef ecology and restoration projects involving invasive aquatic species control, upland erosion control, and watershed restoration, as well as marine debris removal and prevention.
- The job will involve the following: field investigations (including site evaluation, and baseline and post-restoration monitoring); technical evaluation of proposals, project design and/or engineering plans, outreach campaigns; development of project scopes of work; project oversight; and public outreach and education.

- Close interaction with various components of NOAA, other federal, state and local government agencies, academic institutions, non-profit organizations, and industry will be essential.
- Represent PIRO and provide oversight for various marine debris projects, programs and regional initiatives.

Requirements:

Required Qualifications:

- Candidates should possess a solid knowledge of the Pacific Islands coastal and marine ecosystems, monitoring methods for specific habitat types and resources, and life histories and habitat requirements of coral and fish species. · Candidates with strong backgrounds in coral reef conservation, hydrology, and outreach/education are especially encouraged to apply. · Candidates should have strong oral and written communication skills, including the ability to communicate clearly with the public and non-scientists.
- Willingness to travel within the region is a must.
- All applicants must be U.S. Citizens or permanent resident aliens from U.S. colleges or universities.

Desirable Qualifications:

- Experience with applied habitat restoration.
- Experience with state and Federal regulatory processes; knowledge and/or experience working with the Federal Endangered Species Act (Section 7), National Environmental Policy Act, and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106.
- Experience working on interdisciplinary teams. · Experience with grants management and/or grant programs.

Education Requirements:

- Candidates should possess a Masters degree in one of the marine sciences, fishery biology, ecology, hydrology, or a related field. A candidate with a Bachelors degree with relevant work and field experience will be considered.

To Apply:

Please send your resume, cover letter and three references in word format to jobs@imsg.com <<mailto:jobs@imsg.com>> with the following subject heading: NOAA08013 - Fisheries Habitat Restoration Specialist. Applicants are encouraged to describe how their knowledge and skills fulfill the requirements of the position.

The salary range is from 50-55k per year, depending upon the applicant's qualifications.

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