



Junior Professional (m/f/d) intermittent for Forest Policy in Beijing, PR of China

Company Description:

Founded in 1979, DFS Deutsche Forstservice GmbH is a German consulting company specialised in natural resource management and in particular forest sector development. Drawing upon more than 40 years of experience, having implemented projects in more than 90 countries, we are a proficient and reliable partner in all phases of the project cycle.

Our mission is to enhance the sustainable management of natural resources for the benefit of people and biodiversity.

Services offered range from identification, design, appraisal, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation to backstopping of natural resource management projects world-wide, with three main areas of expertise: Forest Resource Management, Environment and Climate Change, and Sustainable Development.

Job Description:

We are looking for a Junior Professional in Forest Policy for a project on Sustainable Forest Management Planning and National Forest Policy Development in China, funded by the BMEL (Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft).

As a Junior Professional you will work under guidance of a senior teamleader with increasing responsibility in the areas of project management, incl. technical, financial, and administrative project planning. The duty station will be located in Beijing. Starting date is January 2024 on a 2.5-years contract with possible extension of 18 months (approx. 140 Working Days per year).

Key responsibilities will include:

- Support the team leader in the provision of advice on the forest policy component at ministry level, i.e. the National Forest and Grassland Administration.
- Work in close partnership with the responsible agencies under NFGA; e.g. for the joint preparation of work plans, etc.;
- Systematic knowledge aggregation and exchange with other forestry development projects in China;
- Identify best practices and feed them into the forest policy development process;
- Responsible coordination of all project activities related to the forest policy component;
- Conducting and supervising studies in the context of forest policy issues;
- Preparation of and participation in annual meetings of the bilateral technical working group on forestry;
- Compile project PR material upon request by the teamleader;
- Contribute to project reports and prepare any other documents upon request by the project teamleader.

Qualifications:

- University degree (at least M.Sc.) in Forestry/Forest Policy, or similar field;
- More than 2 years of work experience in forestry and in the coordination of international projects in the forest sector;
- Solid knowledge of forest policy issues, preferably of China;
- Experience in the cooperation with project partner organisations, i.e. ministries or sub-ordinated bureaus;
- Strong writing, communication and presentation skills;
- Advanced proficiency in standard MS Office applications;
- Intercultural competence, resilience and communication skills at local, national and international level;
- High level of adaptability to stay approximately six (6) months per year in Beijing;
- Fluent written and spoken English language skills; Mandarin language skills would be an asset.

We Offer:

DFS offers a future-oriented workplace in a multicultural team with a strong orientation on values and the joint aim to provide the best solutions for our clients and partners in the developing world. The contract will be a 2½ year term contract with the option for an extension of 18 months, in case the project will be extended.

Interested candidates are invited to send their complete application (cover letter, CV, work references / certificates) by email to: silvia.schroetter@dfs-online.de until **15.10.2023**

