



Junior Professional (m/f/d) for Forestry in Shanxi Province, 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 Forestry 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 the 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 Zhong Cun State Forest Farm, with frequent travelling in the region. Starting date is January 2024 on a 2.5-years contract with possible extension of 18 months (full-time position).

Key responsibilities will include:

- Support the team leader in the provision of advice on the forest management component at provincial level, i.e. Shanxi Forest and Grassland Bureau (SFGB) and sub-ordinated bureaus at county or township level.
- Work in close partnership with the responsible bureaus under SFGB; especially the technicians at Zhong Cun State Forest Farm (ZCSFF);
- Organize day-to-day collaboration jointly with counterparts of ZCSFF, incl. preparation of work plans;
- Provide technical training to members of ZCSFF and other project SFFs;
- Assist ZCSFF staff with implementation and monitoring of the 10 yrs forest management plan;
- Advise on knowledge transfer to other SFFs in Shanxi Province, under the supervision of the project teamleader;
- Support elaboration of forest management plans for other SFFs in Shanxi Province;
- 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 (B.Sc. or higher) in Forestry;
- Working experience in forestry, preferably as part of the training to qualify as a district forester in Germany (at least one-year preparatory service, i.e. QE3).
- First experience with project management tasks as well as the ability to work in a team and strong communication and networking skills;
- Strong writing, communication and presentation skills;
- Advanced proficiency in standard MS Office applications;
- Intercultural competence, resilience and communication skills at local level;
- High level of adaptability to stay in the remote location Zhongcun, Shanxi Province; previous (work) experience in China/Asia would be advantageous;
- Fluent written and spoken English language skills; Mandarin language skills would be a strong 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**

