

BESTTuna PhD position 5a

PhD position Exploring innovative market mechanisms for incentivised tuna management in the Coral Triangle and Western Pacific

We are looking for

Applications are being invited for a PhD student to conduct research through the BESTTuna programme; attached to the Environmental Policy Group (ENP) and Business economics Group (BEC) at Wageningen University, and in partnership with the University of the Philippines Mindanao (UPM). You will conduct independent research on the possibility for incentive-based approaches to mitigate the impacts of overfishing of tuna stocks in the Coral Triangle and Western Pacific. You will develop your PhD project in line with questions on what lessons can be transferred from fisheries in other parts of the world, what the institutional arrangements and actors can support the creation of incentive based management and what social and economic trade-offs emerge from such forms of management. The post will be based in Wageningen but expected to spend extended periods of time at the University of the Philippines in Mindanao.

BESTTuna is a major research programme funded by the Interdisciplinary Research and Education Fund (INREF) that supports cooperative research between research groups at Wageningen University (The Netherlands), Bogor University (Indonesia), The University of the Philippines, the University of the South Pacific (Fiji) and the WWF-Coral Triangle Initiative. The objective of BESTTuna is to study the design of effective and equitable state and market-based governance arrangements to achieve sustainable trans-boundary tuna management in the Coral Triangle and Western Pacific. As an interdisciplinary programme emphasis is given to social, political, economic and ecological dimensions.

We ask

- An Masters degree in political science, economics, sociology or geography or any other related field
- Sufficient mathematical and modelling skills
- Some knowledge of fisheries management
- Capacity to carry out independent fieldwork in an international setting
- A collaborative and team oriented attitude, with an open mind for other scientific approaches
- A strong ambition to upgrade your knowledge and academic skills
- Candidates with a scientific publication record are preferred.
- The position is open for citizens of Pacific nations only.

We require

Wageningen University has the following admission criteria for PhD students: English proficiency of 6.5 for IELTS, with a minimum of 6.0 for each academic module. You also need an acceptance of the candidate by the supervisors and the equivalent of a Dutch MSc degree. For further information on the specific application criteria see:

<http://www.wageningenuniversity.nl/UK/informationfor/PhD+programmes/Application/>

We offer

The 4-years PhD study will be developed according to a sandwich formula, with a maximum of 28 months of field work in the Philippines, and a minimum of 20 months data analysis, writing and training in Wageningen, the Netherlands.

The candidate will be employed by the University of the Philippines Mindanao for the duration of the study. For a period of 24 months an allowance is available in accordance with the Dutch fellowship program to cover additional costs of living and accommodation in the Netherlands of €190 per month. Furthermore the PhD candidate will receive a settling in allowance, a book allowance and a health- and third party insurance during the months spent in Wageningen and international travel costs and the costs for visa for the Netherlands will be paid for.

To apply

Send your application, a covering letter with your motivation and a CV, before the 1st of March 2012 to Simon Bush by email (simon.bush@wur.nl). **Please indicate the number of the BESTTuna PhD position you are applying for clearly in your cover letter.**

Additional information

See www.besttuna.wur.nl or contact Simon Bush (simon.bush@wur.nl), Paul Berentsen (paul.berentsen@wur.nl) or Larry Digal (larryd927@yahoo.com)