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Bioversity International undertakes, encourages and supports research and other activities aimed at improving the well being of present and future generations of people by enhancing conservation and the deployment of agricultural biodiversity on farms and in forests, with special emphasis on the needs of developing countries. The organization is active in over 100 countries worldwide, and has more than 300 staff working from some 20 country offices. It is one of 15 centres supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Bioversity's headquarters are located in Maccarese, near Rome, Italy. Bioversity is now seeking a suitably qualified candidate for the position of:

Global Project Coordinator for the Conservation of the Wild Relatives of Crops

(1 Year Consultancy)

The appointee will be based in the headquarters of Bioversity International, Rome, Italy, and will work as part of the Organization's Understanding and Managing Biodiversity Programme, under the direct supervision of Dr. Laura Snook, Director, to provide primary support to the implementation of the multi-country UNEP/GEF funded project "In-situ Conservation of Crop Wild Relatives Through Enhanced Information Management and Field Application". More specifically, as the overall leader of the global project responsible for project administration and management; the appointee will undertake the following duties:

- Provide scientific and technical advice to the project, especially in relation to implementation of activities for *in situ* conservation of populations of the wild relatives of crops.
- Prepare project implementation progress reports for Bioversity and UNEP;
- Monitor financial and budgetary status of the project;
- Ensure that the delivery of the project's milestones, outputs and the mid term review recommendations are efficiently and effectively met according to the project's schedule;
- Ensure that partner institutions in Armenia, Bolivia, Madagascar, Sri Lanka and Uzbekistan, and partner international agencies Bioversity, FAO, BGCI, IUCN, and UNEP-WCMC are provided with proper directions for execution of the project in accordance with relevant Bioversity and GEF/UNEP regulations;
- Ensure communications between and amongst international and national levels of project execution function efficiently and effectively, including interactions with high level government officials;
- Serve as Secretary for the International Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee, oversee logistical arrangements for their annual committee meetings and ensure recommendations are implemented;
- Supervise one program assistant and oversee the work of five national project coordinators and the implementation of subcontracts associated with project development undertaken in the partner countries or by specified international partners;
- Promote the project and conservation of crop wild relatives through scientific publications and participitation in relevent global events;
- Pursue opportunities for additional funding for projects on conservation and use of crop wild relatives.

Minimum qualifications and competencies

- Advanced University degree (Masters or PhD) in a relevant biological subject.
- At least 10 years post-graduate experience in the field relevant to biodiversity conservation, including experience in leading large multi-country projects and / or working in an international or multi-cultural environment.
- Demonstrated ability to write technical reports and publications for different audiences and to develop project proposals.
- Proven experience in project administration and management.
- Familiarity with information management procedures for biological materials highly desirable.
- Fluency in written and spoken English; working knowledge of French, Spanish and/or Russian is desirable.
- Willingness and ability to travel frequently

Terms and conditions: This is a consultancy opportunity and all consultancy fees and conditions will be administered in line with Bioversity's approved policy for consultants.

Applications: A letter of application (responding to the minimum qualifications and competencies) and *Curriculum Vitae* in English, with names and full contact details of at least three referees, including telephone, fax and email address, should be sent to the Human Resources Unit, Bioversity International, Via dei Tre Denari 472/a, 00057 Maccarese, Rome, Italy. Fax +39 066118341, E-mail: **bioversityvacancy@cgiar.org** not later than **3 February 2008**. *Please quote source of advertisement*.

Bioversity is an equal opportunity employer and strives for staff diversity in gender and nationality. Women and candidates from developing countries are particularly encouraged to apply. All received applications will be acknowledged, but only short listed applicants will be further contacted.

*With effect from 1 December 2006, IPGRI and INIBAP operate under the name "**Bioversity International",** Bioversity for short. This new name echoes our new strategy, which focuses on improving people's lives through biodiversity research.*