



Terms of Reference

Title: Project Intern

Reports To: PRISE Project Coordinator

I – BACKGROUND

In recent years, the unprecedented increase in Infrastructural development in West Africa has become a serious cause of the destruction of wetland habitats and loss of mangrove or seagrass beds. The increase in oil and gas exploration, manufacturing and transportation industries also pose great risks on coastal ecosystems. Hence, the need for a solid knowledge base on the major biodiversity sites, as well as environmental impact and strategic environmental assessments, in order to ensure sustainable management of coastal zones as industrial development keeps increasing.







In relation, Wetland International Afrique (WIA) is currently implementing a project (Projet de réduction de l'impact des infrastructures sur les écosystèmes côtiers en Afrique de l'Ouest, PRISE), which is funded by the MAVA foundation and is geared towards assessing the effects of infrastructural development on coastal wetlands and also reducing negative effects of infrastructure development on major biodiversity sites in five West African countries. These include: Senegal, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Cape Verde and Mauritania, with target sites in Fleuve Senegal and delta du Saloum, Iles de Kapatchez, Iles de Bijagos, Boa Vista and Banc d'Arguin respectively.

II – OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this post is to provide technical assistance for the PRISE project. The Intern will assist with the day-to-day research-related management tasks for the smooth running of the PRISE project. S/he will participate in meetings, proposal write-ups and any other relevant assignments from his/her supervisor.

III – DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The specific duties and responsibilities of intern will include:

-  Conduct desk research on institutions, researchers and research trends related to coastal wetlands, mangroves, seagrasses and turtle nurseries.
-  Write minutes of meetings and translate project documents as needed.
-  Participate in training activities organized by the PRISE 1 project whenever deemed necessary.
-  Deputize for his supervisor in meetings and other relevant activities as the need arises.
-  Translate project documents (English and French) to facilitate communication when needed.
-  Conduct own / assigned research for the continuity of the PRISE 1 project and related projects.

- ✚ Participate in the ResilienSEA project scholarship program after a favorable evaluation.

V – COMPETENCIES

The desired qualifications of the prospective candidates for this position include the following:

- ✚ At least a master's degree in life sciences / environment or related fields.
- ✚ Candidates must be bilingual (English and French).
- ✚ Candidates with experience in conducting marine research have an added advantage.
- ✚ A working knowledge of basic science / computer tools is required.
- ✚ Knowledge of climate change and remote sensing techniques is an additional asset.

VI – DURATION & DUTY STATION

The duration of the position is **three months** at the WIA headquarters, with a possibility of renewal.

V – SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applicants are invited to send their cover letter and resume to the Wetlands International Africa office (email address: wetlands@wetlands-africa.org) no later than April 6, 2018.