



**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**

**Vacancy Announcement No: FAO/SRB/2018/007**

**Deadline: 19 February 2018**

**Job Title: Forest Biodiversity Specialist**

Project: GCP/SRB/002/GFF

Location: Belgrade, Serbia

Remuneration: Equivalent to UN Service Contract SB4/3

Expected Date of Assignment: ASAP

Duration: WAE 126 days in 12 months period

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED**

Background: Under the overall supervision of the Assistant Director General / Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia (REU), the direct technical supervision of the Forestry Officer (REU), day to day supervision of the National Project Coordinator and in close coordination with GEF National Project Director, the Forest Biodiversity Specialist works in close cooperation with the international Forest Biodiversity Expert and the national Biologist, the NFI Coordinator (Component 1) and the Forest Management Specialists team, as well as other international and national experts as appropriate.

The Forest Biodiversity Specialist will carry out the following tasks:

- Assist the Forest Biodiversity Expert designing methodology for collecting biodiversity information as part of the National Forest Inventory NFI.
- Assist the Forest Biodiversity Expert in designing methodology for assessing forest biodiversity and nature values for elaboration of Forest Management Plans and Forest Development Plans.
- Perform training needs assessment, elaborate training material for NFI field surveyors and perform training based on the methodology.
- Contribute to the review of at least 15 forest management guidelines prepared by the Forest Management Specialists team (component 2) from a perspective of biodiversity.
- Perform evaluation of the current status of forest biodiversity, impacts and threats for Obedska Bara and Tara National Parks.
- Design and implement the Nature Value Assessment and mapping of key biotopes in four selected FMUs within and outside protected areas.
- Participate in trainings for forest planners and managers performed by the Forest Management Specialists team.
- Advise on biodiversity-related management practices and training activities in the pilot FMUs and forest regions.
- Perform other duties as required.

The above-mentioned tasks will be performed during the course of the project as appropriate.

#### **Key competencies/qualifications and experience:**

- Advanced university degree in biology or forestry;
- At least 8 years of work experience in assessment and management of forest biodiversity;
- Sound knowledge of the Forestry sector in Serbia;
- Full working knowledge of Serbian and limited working capacity in English;
- Strong ability to work under pressure and against tight deadlines;
- Strong drafting and interpersonal skills, honesty, orientation on achievements.

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:** Please submit a Letter of Interest and Curriculum Vitae by email quoting in the subject line **VA: FAO/SRB/2018/007** and send to:

[FAO-RS@fao.org](mailto:FAO-RS@fao.org)

Kindly note that this is a local position open to nationals of Serbia and to individuals who have a valid residence / work permit.

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**Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.**