Job Description
EIA Forest Campaigner – Law and Policy

About us
We investigate and campaign against environmental crime and abuse.

Our undercover investigations expose transnational wildlife crime, with a focus on elephants and tigers, and forest crimes such as illegal logging and deforestation for cash crops like palm oil. We work to safeguard global marine ecosystems by addressing the threats posed by plastic pollution, bycatch and commercial exploitation of whales, dolphins and porpoises. Finally, we reduce the impact of climate change by campaigning to eliminate powerful refrigerant greenhouse gases, exposing related illicit trade and improving energy efficiency in the cooling sector.

About role

As part of a dynamic team of people you will help implement EIA’s forest campaign goals and when relevant, field investigations. This role will involve providing legal analysis to support the forests team’s objectives, including the application of laws applying to financial institutions such as sanctions law as well as corporate due diligence laws. The role will also involve sustaining EIA’s relationships with partners and allies internationally as well as helping to formulate and plan ongoing campaign goals together with EIA’s experienced UK-based forest team.

Salary

£35,000 - £37,000

Deadline for applications

31st December 2021

Main purpose of position:

As part of the Forest team lead on legal and advocacy strategy for the campaign. This will also include desk-based and field-based investigative activities with experienced staff, as required.

Organisational matters:

Reports to the Forest Team Campaign Leader, Grade (Campaign Officer grade 2)
Hybrid working negotiable
Responsibilities:

Assist in campaign related research as directed and participate in both desk-based and field-based investigative activities with experienced staff, as required.

- Provide expert support in relation to legal issues that affect the forests team's work, including the application of sanctions law to the timber trade, the application of laws governing timber harvesting and the timber trade, and due diligence regulations applied to forest-risk commodities
- Identify campaigning opportunities related to emerging regulations related to forest-risk commodities and laws covering financial flows such as sanctions law
- Assist in monitoring illegal timber flows within producer countries and to consumer markets
- Identify investigative opportunities in line with the Forest campaign strategy
- Liaise, collaborate and communicate constructively with partners on the ground.
- Collate, analyse and manage documented research or investigative findings for use in achieving defined campaign strategies
- Assist in both internal and external report and briefing writing and production as required
- Represent EIA and its forest campaign to external audiences, as required by senior team members

Strategic Planning

- Contribute to the production of annual campaign strategies for EIA Forest Campaign
- Advise EIA campaigners of strategic investigative or advocacy opportunities
- Contribute to EIA's Long Term Strategic Planning