

Job Description for Consultant – Oceans

About EIA

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 the role

The Ocean Campaign seeks to improve the status of marine ecosystems and wildlife by reducing threats posed by marine plastic pollution, bycatch and commercial exploitation of whales, dolphins and porpoises. This consultancy role focuses on EIA's work on marine plastic pollution. EIA is seeking to establish a global framework convention to address marine plastic pollution through UNEA, with a specific target to agree a negotiating mandate under the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) at its 5th meeting in 2021. The consultant will be tasked with supporting the African regional component of this work.

Salary

£6,125 (daily rate of £250 for 24.5 days)

Main purpose of position:

In support of its objective to secure a comprehensive multilateral framework on plastic and plastic pollution, one headlined by the adoption of a new legally binding international instrument, EIA seeks to promote African regional engagement and support.

EIA has identified, as a key opportunity, the discussions taking place under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), in particular the fourth meeting of its Ad Hoc Open-Ended Expert Group (AHOEEG) on marine litter, which is scheduled for Spring 2020 (AHOEEG-4) in a location to be determined.

To this end, the Consultant will undertake the following activities:

AHOEEG-4:

In coordination with the EIA team:

- Develop and maintain contact with key delegations in upcoming AHOEEG-4 meeting;
- Engage with key delegates to advance regional interests and demands and to support a comprehensive multilateral framework on plastic and plastic pollution, in particular a new legally binding convention, in advance of AHOEEG-4;
- Attend AHOEEG-4 to promote and secure favourable outcomes; and
- Engage in other activities and leverage presence in other forums to advance this work.

Consultant will work in close coordination and communication with EIA staff on the above activities and, in consultation with EIA and where reasonable, engage in such other activities as are identified as supportive of the overall objective.

Organisational matters:

The Ocean Consultant will be managed by the Senior Lawyer and will work in cooperation with relevant members of staff in all Departments to fulfil the responsibilities below. In the absence of their manager, the Ocean Consultant will report to the Head of Ocean Campaign.

Responsibilities:

Strategic Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation:

- Support the implementation of EIA's oceans campaign strategy, with particular focus on the international plastics treaty strategy regional work in Africa

Research, Publications & Campaigning:

- Attend relevant international meetings and represent the campaign to a range of contacts, such as politicians, civil society and industry
- Develop and maintain a network of external contacts
- Participate in project planning and reporting

Information Management:

- Write notes from meetings and significant telephone calls and circulate to the rest of the team
- Prepare final report for the project outlining activities undertaken and key deliverables

Financial Planning and Budget Management:

- Work according to agreed budget

Income Generation:

- No responsibilities

Human Resource Management:

- No line management responsibilities