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## **Vacancy Announcement**

### **Assistant Scientist (Early Life History Research) for the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)**

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) invites applications for the position of Assistant Scientist. This is a full time appointment to work at the headquarters of this international organization, located in La Jolla, California, U.S.A.

The IATTC is the regional fisheries management organization responsible for the implementation of the 2003 Antigua Convention, the object of which is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the stocks of tunas and tuna-like species and other species of fish taken by vessels fishing for tunas and tuna like species in the eastern Pacific Ocean. The IATTC employs a scientific staff that operates under the supervision of the Director of the Commission and of its Coordinator of Scientific Research. The functions of the scientific staff are defined in article XIII of the Convention and include, among others, conducting scientific research, providing information and scientific advice and collecting statistical data. More information about the IATTC can be found at [www.iattc.org](http://www.iattc.org).

The selected applicant will be expected to work as part of the Early Life History Research Group. The duties of the selected applicant may include, among others:

- Analysis of larval and juvenile tuna samples and physical data collected during experiments.
- Analysis of experimental data and database management, and procurement of equipment for the IATTC's Achotines Laboratory in Panama.
- Temporary field assignments to the IATTC's Achotines Laboratory in Panama to assist in ecological experiments with larval and juvenile tunas.
- Other travels as required.
- Contribution to the preparation of scientific publications resulting from experimental studies conducted by the research group.

### **Selection Criteria**

A Bachelor's degree (BA) in life science, or a relevant work experience.

Candidates should also possess the following skills:

- Knowledge of PC-based databases, particularly MS Access.
- Knowledge of commonly-used biostatistical programs
- Willingness to travel when necessary.
- Good interpersonal skills and experience working as part of a team, as well as working independently.
- Working knowledge of English or Spanish. Fluency in both languages, written and oral, will be considered as an asset.

### **Salary and Allowances**

Commensurate with qualifications, skills and experience. The base salary for an applicant with a BA will be equivalent to an adjusted US Federal pay grade GS-6 level (\$45,990 to \$53,657/year).

Allowances include annual leave with pay, sick leave with pay, medical, dental and life insurance and a defined contribution pension plan.

### **Availability**

The candidate chosen for the post should be available to report at IATTC headquarters in early May, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter.

### **Applications**

Applications may be submitted in either English or Spanish and should be sent no later than March 31, 2020 in electronic format to [tmusano@iattc.org](mailto:tmusano@iattc.org), or to the following address:

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Applications should include the following:

- A cover letter containing a statement of purpose of the application and succinct descriptions of the applicant's experiences and abilities.
- Curriculum Vitae – preferably the applicant should fill, electronically or in hardcopy, the IATTC personal history form that can be accessed at <http://www.iattc.org/StaffVacancies/IATTCPersonalHistoryForm.pdf>
- List of training courses, special skills, certificates and licenses, honors, or awards that relate to the specific description of this announcement. Please do not include copies of certificates.
- List of publications
- List of persons with a recent knowledge of the applicant's character, qualifications and experience.
- The selected candidate will be required to provide a health certificate confirming good health and the ability to physically perform the functions of the position.
- A statement as to whether or not the applicant's current supervisor may be contacted.

### **Additional Information**

Please consult the IATTC website at [www.iattc.org](http://www.iattc.org) for complete information on IATTC duties and the application process.