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Vacancy Announcement

Associate Scientist for the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) invites applications for the position of Associate Scientist. This is a full-time appointment to work at the headquarters of this international organization, which are 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 main objective of which is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fish stocks covered by the Convention. 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.

The selected applicant will work within the Life History and Behavior Group within the Biology Program on various projects, including, but not limited to, age and growth of tropical tunas, reproductive biology of tunas, and analyses of conventional and archival tuna tagging data. The applicant will also have the opportunity to participate in at sea field work primarily consisting of tuna tagging cruises. The applicant will also be expected to contribute to the preparation of scientific reports and publications resulting from experimental studies.

Selection Criteria

The applicant should have, as a minimum, a Bachelor of Science degree (BS) in life sciences or a related field and relevant work experience.

Candidates should also possess the following skills:

- Experience with fish aging techniques, including otolith extraction, slide preparation, light microscopy, and image analyses methodologies
- Experience with PC-based databases, particularly MS Access and SQL server
- Familiarity with commonly used statistical programs. A working knowledge of R is an asset
- Experience spending extensive time at sea as an observer or on research cruises is highly beneficial
- Good interpersonal skills and experience working as part of a team, as well as the ability to work independently

Desirable qualities.

- Working knowledge of English; ability to communicate in Spanish or fluency in both languages will be considered as an asset.

Salary and Allowances

Commensurate with qualifications, skills and experience, with a base salary equivalent to a GS-9:1 level or \$63,988/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 begin work in early January 2022, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Applications

Applications should be sent no later than 15 November 2021, in electronic format, to tmusano@iattc.org.

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 <https://www.iattc.org/StaffVacancies/IATTC-Personal-History-Form.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 persons with a recent knowledge of the applicant's character, qualifications, and experience
- A statement as to whether the applicant's current supervisor may be contacted
- List of publications
- 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

Additional Information

Please consult the IATTC website at www.iattc.org for complete information on IATTC duties and the application process.