

**Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience in the Coral Triangle (SOMACORE)
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**Job Description
Fisheries Site Advisor
(Band 4)**

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The coastal and marine areas of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste – the so-called Coral Triangle (CT) - represent the global centre of marine biodiversity. The associated ecosystem goods and services provide the source of local livelihoods and national blue economies, but at the same time they are increasingly at risk due to human and climate change induced stress factors.

The vast size of the coral triangle and its complex ecological connectivity patterns necessitate a large-scale approach to the management and conservation of its marine resources. Under the jointly implemented Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF), the Governments of the six CTI countries and a range of national and regional partners have initiated targeted efforts with a specific focus on three transboundary seascapes. Currently these are at different stages, with remaining gaps in key policy frameworks and capacities.

The regional programme “Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience in the Coral Triangle” (SOMACORE) aims to support national and regional stakeholders in their efforts to scale up proven practices in a multilevel approach across the six CT countries.

The foreseen measures and activities in each country and seascape include support for the development and implementation of sectoral strategies and action plans, and the promotion of cross-sectoral cooperation on local and national level. Scaling successful solutions is core to this programme and is supported through the work at various levels and the involvement of different stakeholder groups. Knowledge exchange, joint learning, capacity development, technical support and policy advocacy aim to promote replication of good practices.

GIZ is responsible for the coordination of efforts toward the delivery of the outputs and outcome of the programme and works with the governments of the six CT countries, the Regional Secretariat of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) and a consortium of NGO partners, operating globally, regionally, nationally and locally.

In the Philippines, the planned ecosystem-based approach on fisheries management activities requires close coordination with the local government units and fisheries sector specifically in the Municipality of Taytay, Palawan. Taytay has been identified as one of the focus areas to strengthen ecosystem-resource management practices within the Philippine Sulu Sulawesi Seascape.

Main Role

The Fisheries Site Advisor will coordinate the implementation of the ecosystem-based resource management activities. This role includes contribution on technical and organizational support on organising activities related to ecosystem approach on fisheries management, fisheries management areas, threatened and migratory marine species, and seascapes.

Major Functions/Duties

The incumbent performs the following major functions/duties:

- Coordinate with key stakeholders and project partners and facilitate implementation of EAFM activities in Taytay, Palawan.
- Provide technical assistance across all outputs as required for the timely, effective, and efficient implementation of activities.
- Assist in the effective information flow and facilitate exchange between the SOMACORE Programme team, and relevant implementing partners and key stakeholders.
- Assist in the organisation and implementation of SOMACORE activities at the local and provincial levels.
- Contribute to the monitoring and evaluation, documentation, and reporting of activities.

Competency Requirements**Professional Advice**

- Provides technical assistance to partners and other stakeholders in the area of expertise (fisheries, fisheries resources and management, protection and regulation of threatened and migratory species, and other related topics) through:
 - Prepare activity designs and technical reports
 - Monitor trends and development of strategic EAFM measures in the area

Capacity Development

- Support the performance capabilities of partners and other stakeholders through
 - Identification of key CRM and FRM stakeholders in identified interventions and activities
 - Technical advice on capacity development needs of the fisheries sector

Partnership and Stakeholder Engagement:

- Ensure gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) approach are applied in organizing and engaging communities and stakeholders
- Coordinate the partnerships aimed at achieving SOMACORE outputs in Palawan, specifically in Taytay.
- Prepare monthly reports summarizing project progress and milestones.
- Contribute to organizational priorities beyond the project's scope and engage in special initiatives as required.

Quality Management

- Ensures quality of the project measures including technical design / supervision / implementation through
 - conceptualizing and implementing participatory processes in determining / setting success indicators and quality standards
 - ensuring the implementation of agreed and established monitoring and evaluation plans and frameworks

Information, Knowledge Management, and Public Relations

- Ensures the documentation and utilization of technical expertise, lessons learnt and best practices through:
 - monitoring, documentation and reporting of progress and results

- contributing to learning sessions on subject matter expertise, publications, scientific technical papers and posters

Coordination and Management

Contributes to the overall management of the project through e.g.:

- establishing contacts and dialogues with stakeholders for needs analysis
- facilitation of project planning and implementation
- cooperating with other relevant development initiatives

General Corporate Tasks

Performs other tasks relevant to the job or organization unit when the need arises (e.g. assisting/ writing proposals); participates in task teams and other corporate entrepreneurial or strategy-linked endeavours

Language Proficiency:

- Must be fluent in both English and Filipino for effective communication at all levels.

Professional Qualifications

- A University Degree in Fisheries, Marine Biology, Environmental Science, or other relevant courses.
- Minimum of 3 years of professional experience in fisheries management, coastal and marine resource management.
- Excellent working knowledge of MS Office (especially Excel) and digital communication software, including MS Teams, Outlook and willing to learn GIZ-internal software for company-wide monitoring purposes
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and Filipino
- Demonstrated organisation and project management skills
- Ability to relate with people of diverse cultures and at all levels of a hierarchical organisation and cooperate with colleagues
- Strong communicator with the ability to transmit knowledge in a user-oriented way
- Result- and performance-oriented
- Strategic and solution-oriented thinking
- Integrity, accountability, and authenticity

Reporting Relationship/Duty Station

The Fisheries Site Advisor will report to the SOMACORE Chief Advisor and will be based in BFAR Provincial Fisheries Office in Puerto Princesa City. Frequent local business trips are expected within the scope of the project implementation.

Period of the Assignment

Earliest possible date until 30 June 2027.