

## **GIZ Pacific Island Region**

### **National Coordinator - Pacific Blue Economy (Solomon Islands)**

#### **Project Background**

The GIZ Pacific Blue Economy Project aims to strengthen integrated ocean management and resilience in South Pacific countries, including Solomon Islands, on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. It intends to improve legal, organizational, and financial frameworks for sustainable ocean-based development, balancing economic growth in sectors like fisheries, aquaculture, and marine tourism with environmental protection, biodiversity conservation, and climate adaptation. Aligned with Solomon Islands' National Development Strategy 2016-2035 and the National Ocean Policy 2019, the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan including the National Climate Change Policy, the project integrates into the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

#### **Main Role:**

The National Coordinator (**Solomon Islands**) will provide technical leadership and in-country coordination for the Pacific Blue Economy project, supporting the design and implementation of activities in Honiara and targeted provinces. In addition, the role will advise on Blue Economy policy development, promote sustainable ocean-based livelihoods, strengthen climate resilience and inclusive economic growth, and support business development and value chains linked to fisheries and marine resources. The position will also contribute to improving monitoring systems/databases and strengthening ocean science, while coordinating with Ocean12 partners and national institutions.

#### **Reporting Relationship:**

The National Coordinator reports directly to the Head of Project for Blue Economy and at the national-level, report to the Permanent Secretary of the MECDM (or delegate). The position will be based with the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (MECDM) in Honiara, Solomon Islands

#### **Major Functions:**

- Provide technical advice to Solomon Islands Government institutions on integrating Blue Economy policies into national frameworks (National Development Strategy, National Ocean Policy) aligned with the 2050 Blue Pacific Strategy.
- Coordinate and lead implementation of project activities at national and provincial levels, including feasibility studies, pilot interventions, business incubation, and value chain development for ocean-based livelihoods.
- Support the finalisation and implementation of the draft Mangrove Policy.
- Deliver capacity building and training for local governments, communities, private sector and traditional authorities in sustainable fisheries, marine tourism, entrepreneurship, value chains, monitoring systems, databases, and ocean science.
- Ensure effective coordination and collaboration with Ocean12 programmes, OCCD (MFAET), and key partners including the National Ocean Advisor (Bezos Earth Fund Project).
- Organise planning, monitoring, evaluation, reporting, and documentation processes in line with GIZ standards and results-based management, including the use of digital tools for data tracking.
- Develop and manage Terms of Reference (TORs) for local and regional contracts and ensure compliance with GIZ rules and regulations.
- Facilitate business development initiatives by identifying market opportunities, supporting entrepreneur training, and strengthening partnerships for scalable blue economy enterprises.
- Build and maintain strong partnerships with government, private sector, communities, and regional stakeholders (e.g., FFA), ensuring inclusive stakeholder engagement and dialogue.
- Ensure quality assurance and mainstream cross-cutting priorities such as gender equality, climate resilience, and customary marine tenure across all activities.
- Lead knowledge management through preparation of reports, tracking indicators, documenting lessons learned, and developing Solomon Islands-specific guidelines on sustainable ocean resource management and blue economy development.

#### **Experiences & Qualification:**

- Advanced degree in Marine Science, Environmental Economics, Natural Resource Management, Ocean Governance, Climate/Environmental Policy, Development Studies, Business Administration (with ocean focus), or related field.
- At least 5 years of professional experience in blue economy, coastal/marine management, climate programs, business development, value chain analysis, monitoring systems/databases, or ocean science, preferably in Pacific donor-funded projects and advising Solomon Islands or regional bodies.

#### **The following skills will be desirable:**

- Proven expertise in results-based management, M&E (including databases), multi-stakeholder coordination, policy advisory, blue/climate finance, customary marine tenure, and ocean science in Solomon Islands contexts.
- Strong skills in business development, value chain facilitation for ocean resources (e.g., fisheries supply chains), private sector engagement, monitoring system design, and ocean data management.
- Excellent communication abilities to engage diverse audiences; proficiency in English and Solomon Islands Pidgin preferred; familiarity with Pacific institutions.
- Proficient in MS Office, ICT tools, data management software, and databases; based in Honiara with readiness for provincial and regional travel.

**Our offer:**

Remuneration package to commensurate with qualification and experience. To source full Terms of Reference of the role, please email: Ms. Salote Dau

All applications including achievement- oriented CV with details of 3 referees and accompanying documents should be sent by email to Ms. Salote Dau, Senior HR Officer on [salote.dau@giz.de](mailto:salote.dau@giz.de) or by post/ hand delivered **no later than 4.00p.m Wednesday, 27 May, 2026** addressed to:

**This position is open to Solomon Islands nationals only.**

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