

GIZ Pacific Island Region National Coordinator – Marine Litter Prevention Tonga

Main Role:

The **CleanSeas: Marine Litter Prevention in Pacific Island Countries** project is implemented by GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN). The project works in **Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands** in partnership with relevant government ministries. To support these objectives in Tonga, GIZ is seeking a **National Coordinator - Marine Litter Prevention** based in Nuku'alofa, Tonga, to support and work on these outcomes with the Waste Management and Pollution Control Division within the Tonga Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDECC).

Reporting Relationship:

The National Coordinator – Marine Litter Prevention will be based within the Waste Management and Pollution Control Division of MEIDECC, supporting the implementation of the regional **CleanSeas – Marine Litter Prevention in Pacific Island Countries** project in Tonga. The role provides technical expertise on plastics, waste management, and marine litter prevention while coordinating national project activities, stakeholder engagement, reporting, and collaboration with regional partners, including SPC and SPREP, to advance sustainable waste management and environmental protection initiatives.

Major Functions:

The National Coordinator – Marine Litter Prevention will provide technical support and advisory services to Tonga's Waste Management & Pollution Control Division and the CleanSeas Project Management Unit (PMU) to strengthen national efforts on plastic waste management, marine litter prevention, and circular economy approaches.

Key responsibilities include:

- Supporting the planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of activities related to plastic waste management, marine litter prevention, and sustainable waste management solutions.
- Providing technical advice and inputs to support the development and improvement of policies, legal frameworks, guidelines, and initiatives, including single-use plastics and extended producer responsibility mechanisms.
- Preparing technical reports, policy briefs, submissions, and other project-related documentation.
- Supporting field activities, including waste audits, monitoring exercises, and community-based initiatives, while ensuring gender-responsive and inclusive approaches.
- Facilitating collaboration between national stakeholders, regional partners, government agencies, private sector, civil society, and development partners.
- Supporting Tonga's engagement with regional mechanisms, including recycling and resource recovery initiatives such as the Moana Taka mechanism.
- Contributing to knowledge management through the documentation of lessons learned, good practices, awareness activities, and behaviour change initiatives targeting communities, schools, and businesses.
- Supporting CleanSeas project planning, reporting, monitoring, and coordination processes, including assisting consultants and technical experts during assignments in Tonga.
- Supporting the management of project activities, including consultancy arrangements and other tasks required by the Waste Management & Pollution Control Division and the CleanSeas PMU.

Experiences & Qualification:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent in ecology, marine sciences, biology, or any other relevant field.
- At least 5 years of professional experience in the fields of circular economy, (plastic) waste management and prevention and other relevant fields.
- A minimum of 5 years of relevant professional experience in implementation of international projects.

The following skills will be desirable:

- Sound awareness of gender-sensitive issues
- Dedicated, reliable team player with good diplomatic and intercultural skills
- Experience with an international and inter-cultural working environment
- Excellent organizational skills
- High standards of confidentiality and loyalty

Our offer:

Remuneration package to commensurate with qualification and experience. To source full Terms of Reference of the role, please email: Ms. Salote Dau. **(This position is open to Tongan nationals only).**

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 or by post/ hand delivered **no later than 4.00p.m Friday, 24 July 2026 addressed** to:

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