

GIZ Pacific Island Region

Technical Advisor – Marine Litter Prevention Samoa

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 Samoa, GIZ is seeking a **Technical Advisor - Marine Litter Prevention** based in Apia, who will work closely with the Waste Management & Pollution Control Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment.

Reporting Relationship:

The Technical Advisor reports directly to the **GIZ Head of Project for CleanSeas**. The incumbent will be embedded within the Waste management & Pollution Control Division (WMPCDE) within the Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment (MNRE) to support the national implementation of the regional project “CleanSeas – Marine Litter Prevention in Pacific Island Countries” in Samoa on contract from GIZ.

Major Functions:

The Technical Advisor – Marine Litter Prevention Samoa role serves a dual function by providing technical support on plastics and waste management to the WMPCD while also contributing to project implementation, monitoring, and reporting as part of the CleanSeas Project Management Unit (PMU). The advisor will work closely with both the WMPCD and PMU, as well as regional partners, the Pacific Community and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, to advance marine litter prevention initiatives in Samoa.

Key responsibilities include:

- Provide technical advice and support to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) Waste Management & Pollution Control Division (WMPCD) and the CleanSeas Project Management Unit (PMU) on plastic waste management, marine litter prevention, and circular economy initiatives.
- Support the development, review, and implementation of policies, legislation, regulations, and incentive mechanisms related to waste management, including single-use plastics, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and the Samoa Waste Levy.
- Assist in planning, implementing, monitoring, and reporting on national waste management and marine litter prevention activities and projects.
- Prepare technical reports, policy briefs, submissions, and other documentation to support evidence-based decision-making.
- Coordinate and strengthen collaboration between government agencies, private sector stakeholders, civil society organizations, development partners, and regional project partners.
- Facilitate Samoa’s participation in national and regional forums, technical working groups, and knowledge-sharing initiatives related to waste management and marine pollution.
- Support waste audits, monitoring exercises, field activities, and the implementation of recycling and resource recovery initiatives, including the regional Moana Taka recycling mechanism.
- Contribute to the design and delivery of capacity-building, awareness-raising, and behaviour change programmes targeting communities, schools, businesses, and other stakeholders.
- Document, share, and promote lessons learned, best practices, and innovative approaches to plastic waste management and marine litter prevention.
- Support project planning, monitoring, reporting, consultant management, and other operational activities required for successful implementation of the CleanSeas project.
- Ensure gender-responsive and inclusive approaches are integrated across all project activities and stakeholder engagement processes.
- Maintain close day-to-day coordination with the WMPCD through physical placement within the Division to provide timely technical support and facilitate effective implementation of priorities.

Experiences & Qualification:

- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent in waste management, ecology, environmental sciences or any other relevant field
- At least 5 years of professional experience in the fields of waste management, marine litter prevention and other relevant fields.
- A minimum of 5 years of relevant professional experience in implementation of international projects.
- A minimum of 5 years of relevant professional experience in waste management, environmental protection in the Pacific or similar Small Island States to Samoa.

The following skills will be desirable:

- Sound knowledge and awareness of Samoan cultural protocols, traditional governance structures, and community engagement practices, with the ability to work respectfully and effectively within villages, communities, and stakeholder settings.
- Dedicated, reliable team player with strong diplomatic interpersonal, and intercultural communication skills.
- Experience working in both professional and community-based environments in Samoa, with the capacity to bridge international project objectives with local realities and practical implementation needs.
- Excellent organizational and coordination skills.
- High standards of professionalism, confidentiality, loyalty and commitment to supporting national priorities.

Our offer:

Remuneration package to commensurate with qualification and experience. To source full Terms of Reference of the role, please email: Ms. Salote Dau, Senior HR Officer on Salote.Dau@giz.de (**This position is open to Samoan 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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