

GIZ Pacific Island Region

National Coordinator – Pacific Blue Economy (Vanuatu)

Project Background

The **GIZ Pacific Blue Economy Project (November 2025–September 2028)** supports Vanuatu and other South Pacific countries in strengthening integrated ocean management and resilience. It promotes sustainable ocean-based economic growth in sectors such as fisheries, aquaculture, and marine tourism while protecting marine ecosystems, biodiversity, and supporting climate adaptation. The project aligns with Vanuatu's **National Sustainable Development Plan 2016–2030**, relevant maritime legislation, and the **2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent**.

Main Role:

Based in Port Vila, the National Coordinator will provide technical leadership and local coordination for project activities across Vanuatu. The role will support sustainable ocean-based livelihoods, climate resilience, inclusive economic growth, business development, and value chains for ocean resources, including fisheries and marine products. The position will advise on blue economy policies, project design and implementation, and work closely with partner institutions to advance national priorities. The role reports to the GIZ Pacific Blue Economy Project Director based in Suva, Fiji.

Reporting Relationship:

The National Coordinator reports directly to the Head of Project for Blue Economy and will be based in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

Major Functions:

- Advising government institutions on integrating blue economy priorities into national development plans, maritime legislation, and regional frameworks.
- Coordinating project activities at national and island levels, including feasibility studies, pilot initiatives, business incubation, and value chain development.
- Supporting capacity building for local governments, communities, private sector actors, and traditional authorities in sustainable fisheries, marine tourism, business development, and ocean-based livelihoods.
- Promoting business development, market opportunities, entrepreneurship, innovation, and investment in blue economy sectors, including fisheries, seafood processing, seaweed farming, and ecotourism.
- Developing and strengthening sustainable value chains for ocean resources, covering harvesting, processing, logistics, marketing, and service delivery.
- Facilitating multi-stakeholder partnerships and dialogue, ensuring local interests, cultural contexts, and traditional knowledge are reflected in project activities.
- Ensuring quality assurance and mainstreaming cross-cutting priorities, including gender equality, climate resilience, and customary marine tenure.
- Leading planning, monitoring, evaluation, reporting, documentation, and knowledge management in line with GIZ standards and results-based management.
- Documenting lessons learned, best practices, success stories, business models, and value chain achievements, and developing Vanuatu-specific guidelines for sustainable ocean resource management and blue economy development.

Experiences & Qualification:

- Advanced degree in Marine Science, Environmental Economics, Natural Resource Management, Climate/Environmental Policy, Development Studies, Business Administration with an ocean focus, or a related field.
- At least **5 years of relevant professional experience** in blue economy, coastal and marine management, climate programmes, business development, or value chain analysis.
- Experience working with **Pacific donor-funded projects**, and familiarity with **Vanuatu or regional institutions**, is highly desirable.

Competence and Experience:

- Proven expertise in **results-based management, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), multi-stakeholder coordination, policy advisory, blue/climate finance, and customary marine tenure** in Vanuatu.
- Strong experience in **business development, ocean resource value chain facilitation** (including fisheries supply chains), and **private sector engagement**.
- Excellent **communication and stakeholder engagement skills**, with the ability to work effectively with diverse audiences. **English and Bislama proficiency** preferred, with familiarity with Pacific regional institutions.
- Proficient in **Microsoft Office, ICT tools, and data management**, with the ability to work from **Port Vila and undertake regional travel** as required.

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 Vanuatu 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, 14 August 2026 addressed** to:

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