

The Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ is a research institution within the Helmholtz Association. It provides scientific contributions to the safeguarding of the natural basis of life and of human development potentialities for current and future generations under the challenges of global and climate change. In this way the UFZ contributes towards a sustainable development.

The **Department of Conservation Biology** is offering a half-time position for a

Research Scientist (m/f)
- code digit 100/2011 -

available for up to 28 months, conditional on final approval of the EU, within the EU-funded project **BESAFE: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services: Arguments for our future Environment.**

The project with 16 European partners will investigate how much importance people attribute to alternative arguments for the protection of biodiversity and in particular how this relates to ecosystem services. It will focus on the arguments used by policy makers at different governance levels and in different ecological, socio-economic, spatial and temporal contexts. The results will be used to produce a framework that will give guidance on the effectiveness of alternative arguments and protection strategies in various contexts.

The successful candidate will have the following responsibilities:

- Develop and analyse selected case studies on arguments for protecting biodiversity and ecosystem services along the core questions of the project
- Together with project partners support a review of existing arguments for action to protect and restore biodiversity and the creation of an integrated framework for evaluating and selecting alternative methods and arguments for promoting and communicating the protection of biodiversity.
- Support the dissemination of project results.

The successful candidate preferably should have:

- PhD in a discipline relevant for BESAFE, e.g. integrated environmental and natural sciences or social sciences.
- she/he should be used to interdisciplinary work between the sciences and the humanities preferably in the field of conservation biology, biodiversity research or ecosystem services science.
- an interest in issues of environmental ethics is appreciated, as are experiences with social science methods.
- we seek a scientist who is highly motivated to work within and take over responsibilities in a team with a broad range of scientific backgrounds, has an interest both in interdisciplinary research on biodiversity and ecosystem services, extending into the field of the interface between science and policy.

The place of work is Leipzig, Germany.

Salary will be according to the appropriate civil service level (TVöD) depending on the personal preconditions up to salary group 13.

The UFZ is an equal opportunity employer. Women are explicitly encouraged to apply to increase their share in science and research. Physically handicapped persons will be favoured if they are equally qualified.

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Please send your complete application documents until 05.09.2011 under the code digit 100/2011 to the personnel department, P.O. Box 500136, D-04301 Leipzig, Germany or by E- Mail to application@ufz.de. The post will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.