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Position Announcement

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Science Communication Officer (up to 50% FTE)

Applications are invited for a part-time (up to 50%, TV-L 13) position of Science Communication Officer at the Research Center for Environmental Economics, Heidelberg University.

The Communication Officer will be part of an interdisciplinary sustainability project focused on East Africa. The project examines the current state and management alternatives regarding a threatened socio-ecological resource system, the Lake Victoria Nile perch fishery. More information is available here: www.multitip.de. The post is initially limited until May 2023, with the possibility of being extended for an additional two years subject to funding. The intended start date is as soon as possible.

This is an exciting opportunity to work as part of an interdisciplinary research team (including environmental and behavioral economics, fishery biology, mathematical modeling, environmental and cognitive psychology) in a large project. This work contributes towards identifying barriers and solutions to conservation and management issues, which will likely inform regional policy and contribute to the natural resource management literature.

Candidates should be enthusiastic about science communication and have a clear interest in socio-ecological research in the Lake Victoria Region. Main tasks are:

i) Stakeholder and participant communication that connects the researchers in the different components of the project with the stakeholders on the ground.
ii) Communicating, through a variety of channels and media, advances and outcomes of the project to its main stakeholders, internal and external, and the general public.
iii) Leading the organization of seminars and outreach events.
iv) Facilitating interdisciplinary communication;
v) Ensuring timely and productive intra-project communication

To fulfill the role, candidates should be able to work reliably with a large degree of autonomy within a team of researchers. Own initiative and creativity are valued. The ideal candidate will propose and lead the implementation of new strategies to strengthen project impact among a wider range of stakeholders and beneficiaries (e.g., regional policymakers, LV and German general population, etc.).

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Requirements are:

(1) A Bachelor's degree in environmental studies, geography, economics, or political sciences or another relevant field. A Master's degree is preferable.
(2) Professional proficiency in English and German. Additional Swahili language skills are an advantage.
(3) Relevant experience in science and policy communication.

The closing date for application is April 30th, or until the position is filled. To apply, send the following four items as a single pdf-file to office-eco@awi.uni-heidelberg.de: (1) a letter of motivation, (2) a current CV, (3) two letters of recommendation or contact details of two referees, (4) samples of science communication products the candidate has led or been involved in (e.g. webpages, policy notes, etc.).

For any questions about this vacancy, please contact Dr Santiago Gomez-Cardona (santiago.gomez@awi.uni-heidelberg.de).