



JOBS ADVERTISEMENT: PROJECT OFFICER

Position Title: Project Officer

Number of positions: One (1)

Location: Field-based in DRC, Sud- Kivu Province, Bukavu-Mumoshu hosted at the office of during reporting periods.

Duration: June 2025 – 2027

Reporting Structure: Reports to Project Manager (ARCOS Network)

Collaborates with: OCEAN staff, local stakeholders, and community groups (Friends of Nature Associations)

Introduction

The Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS) is implementing a five-year (2023-2028) project entitled "*Landscape Restoration for Sustainable Socio-Ecological Systems and Resilience to Climate Change project*" also known as Kivu- Rusizi Catchment Restoration (KiRuCaRe) project, with financial support from Bezos Earth Fund. The project's goal is to engage 9,000 households by empowering local actors in restoration efforts across Rwanda, Burundi, and the DRC. The project aims to create three (3) model landscape restoration learning sites around Lake Kivu- river Rusizi basin, and to facilitate 100 Friends of Nature Associations (FNAs) access finance for nature-based solution implementation. In DRC, the project will be implemented through collaboration with two NGOs member of the Africa NGOs Alliance for Environmental Sustainability (ANAES), Association Burundaise pour la protection de la Nature (ABN) and Réseau DRC 2000 Plus (RBU2000+) to host project staff and support in the local project implementation.

Purpose of the Position

The Project Officer will support the implementation KiRuCaRe project, focusing on field activities at the learning model sites in DRC. He/she will ensure effective delivery of project objectives through community engagement, technical support, monitoring, and reporting.

Key Responsibilities

1. Facilitate the establishment and operationalization of integrated landscape restoration learning site
2. Support the formation and capacity building Friends of Nature Associations (FNAs).

3. Provide technical assistance to community structures, cooperatives, and committees to ensure their active participation in project activities.
4. Promote community awareness on sustainable land management, tree planting, and restoration practices.
5. Assist in training sessions on tree nursery management, tree planting techniques, and ecosystem restoration.
6. Provide guidance to local communities to ensure alignment with project goals.
7. Conduct regular data collection on project implementation progress at learning sites.
8. Prepare monthly updates, quarterly technical reports, and financial reports
9. Support ARCOS in organizing national or regional workshops and conferences in DRC.

Required Qualifications

- ✓ Master's or Bachelor's degree in conservation, natural resource management, environmental planning, agriculture or a related field.
- ✓ At least 3 years of experience managing environment or natural resource management projects at a senior level.
- ✓ Proven track record working with government officials, civil society organizations, and community groups.
- ✓ Strong interpersonal communication skills with the ability to engage diverse stakeholders effectively.
- ✓ Demonstrated experience in monitoring, evaluation, budgeting, and program planning.
- ✓ Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- ✓ Excellent oral and written communication skills in French and English; knowledge of Swahili is an added advantage.

If you are interested in the above position and your background, experience, competences and skills match with the specifications, please send your application cover letter and CV with at least three professional references. All applications should be addressed to the Head, OCEAN Kivu-Katanga Branch and **submitted electronically** to email: oceankika@gmail.com **not later than 5th June, 2025, 5:00 pm**. For further information, please contact OCEAN through the above email: oceankika@gmail.com or Tel: +243 995 421 297; +243 847 661 280.

Note: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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