

The Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (www.leibniz-zmt.de) in Bremen is an interdisciplinary institute focussing on the functions and services of coastal ecosystems in the tropics. ZMT is a member of the Leibniz Association, which is supported by the German Federal and State Governments. Through its research, ZMT contributes to developing science-based strategies for the sustainable use and management of tropical coastal systems.

The new Sino-German project TICAS (Tackling environmental change Issues of China's coastal Aquatic Systems: Networking, capacity building and knowledge exchange) is designed to produce and disseminate knowledge that is required to solve environmental issues of China's coastal ecosystems. It is implemented through networking and knowledge exchange between science and society. TICAS builds on and extends the ongoing collaborative project ECOLOC (Environmental change affecting COastal ecosystems of tropical China during the Anthropocene: Landward vs. Oceanic influence) that aims at understanding (i) the natural and anthropogenic factors controlling the physicochemical and biogeochemical environment and (ii) the response of organisms and coastal habitats to the input of land-derived anthropogenic substances along the coast of the Chinese island of Hainan.

Within the working group Ecological Biogeochemistry, ZMT is searching a

Research associate for stakeholder engagement within TICAS

(Reference number: 48 – TICAS)

Job description:

The successful candidate, in cooperation with the project staff and the ZMT Office for Knowledge Exchange, will focus on developing a concept for knowledge exchange between science and society with the following specific tasks:

- establishing contact with potential local partners from the civil society sector on Hainan;
- analysing the relevant political, societal, economic, development and environmental conditions relevant to TICAS;
- conducting an analysis with local partners of the non-scientific stakeholders from the government, civil society, and business sectors relevant for engaging within TICAS;
- organising two stakeholder workshops on Hainan with identified stakeholders to build relationships, integrating stakeholder advice into the project, and defining joint practical outcomes and outputs;
- implementing stakeholder engagement measures defined on the workshops;
- developing indicators of success for stakeholder engagement measures;
- increasing the visibility of TICAS within Germany and China.

Personal specification

- University degree (MSc) in natural or social sciences with relevance to ZMT, PhD degree desirable;
- Experience in interdisciplinary communication and cooperation;
- Experience in cooperating with non-scientific actors, e.g. from the government, civil society, and business sector;
- Very good command of German and English (oral and written). A good command of Chinese (Mandarin) is desirable;
- Experience abroad is an advantage.

For enquiries about the position, please contact the head of the working group Dr. Tim Jennerjahn (tim.jennerjahn@leibniz-zmt.de) or the head of the ZMT Office for Knowledge Exchange Dr. Bevis Fedder (bevis.fedder@leibniz-zmt.de).

This is a part-time position (65%, based on the German salary group TV-L 13) to be filled for 2 years subject to project approval by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The starting date will be as soon as an appropriate candidate is selected.

ZMT is an equal opportunity employer. Physical ability (health condition) is required to work in the tropics. Disabled persons with comparable qualifications will receive preferential status. Applicants with a migration background are welcome. ZMT offers a dynamic, interdisciplinary and international research environment and interesting, diverse, and challenging tasks in a family-friendly work environment.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their complete application including a curriculum vitae, a statement of motivation, and the contact information of two referees. Please email your documents as a single PDF file to Ms. Lena Oehlmann (bewerbung@leibniz-zmt.de) indicating the reference number 48 by 15. August 2017. This advertisement will remain open until a suitable candidate is selected.

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