

**Central European Regional Office and the Observatory for European Forests
EFICENT-OEF
is now seeking a
Researcher
on Forest Biodiversity**

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation established by European States. EFI has actively enhanced its regional presence and ability to respond to regional research and policy needs with European relevance by establishing Regional Offices, one of which is EFICENT-OEF. They serve as platforms for implementing EFI strategies and also goals and principles of the European Research Area in the field of forest research.

EFICENT-OEF has two locations with EFICENT in Freiburg, Germany focusing on research topics of Central European relevance while the OEF, located in Nancy, France aims to foster the linkages between information processes and policy decision making processes at national and pan-European level. One main umbrella theme of the Regional Office looks at the potentials of integrating nature protection in forest management while addressing other forest functions/services. The geographic focus is on Central Europe. Under the umbrella theme two topics are researched. The first addresses policy and management measures for maintaining forest biodiversity within multifunctional forests in the context of the various forest functions, the second investigates '*forest biodiversity in managed and unmanaged forests and its assessment through criteria and indicators*'. The second topic is subject to this announcement.

Tasks and responsibilities

The post involves:

- conducting given research tasks in the project '*forest biodiversity in managed and unmanaged forests and its assessment through criteria and indicators*'
- working as a team with the project leader and identified external biodiversity experts
- support research activities related to policy and management measures for maintaining forest biodiversity within multifunctional forests in the context of the various forest functions
- strongly engaging in the publication of the results via various channels and take part in the organisation of events

Research tasks will take up the main part of the activities: they include (a) the investigation of management restrictions/measures in different categories of protected forests, (b) the compilation and analysis of available scientific knowledge of biological diversity found within different gradients of managed and unmanaged forests, (c) evaluating existing indicator initiatives and their applicability as well as (d) national/cross border monitoring schemes for assessing forest biological diversity. Assistance in the project work on investigating policy instruments and management measures towards nature/biodiversity in different conservation is required.

Qualifications

The applicant should have a MSc (preferably PhD) in forestry or biology. A minimum three years of working experience and particular knowledge in one or more of the following research fields are required:

- forest biological diversity
- criteria and indicator initiatives and their application to forest biodiversity
- monitoring schemes of forest biodiversity
- forest and environmental policy/management related to biological diversity

Fluency in English is required, German is an asset. The candidate should have good research and communication skills and the ability to work in international working environment both independently and in a team.

Duty station

The post will be based at the EFICENT in Freiburg, Germany.

Employment conditions

The successful candidate will be expected to take up the post by 1st of October 2011. A fixed term appointment of two years is envisaged.

Interested candidates are requested to apply **online by 28th of August 2011**, submitting their application letter and CV with salary request (net). If it is not possible to apply online please send your application to Human Resources Office, EFI, email: efi.hr@efi.int.

EFI encourages submissions from female candidates. All applications will be handled confidentially.

Further information on the position can be obtained from: Andreas Schuck (Head of Office; email: andreas.schuck@efi.int)