

**EFI Mediterranean Regional Office - EFIMED**  
**is now seeking a**  
**Senior Scientist**  
**on Forest Ecology and Management**

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation established by European States. EFIMED – Mediterranean Regional Office of EFI - aims to coordinate and promote research and networking on Mediterranean forests, forestry and forest products.

EFIMED promotes and conducts research, networking activities and capacity building on key scientific priorities within the scope of the Mediterranean Forest Research Agenda (MFRA):

- Impact of climate and land-use changes on forest ecosystems functioning and related key resources: water and soil
- Integration of the risk of forest fires in land use and forest management planning
- Economic tools and policies for sustainable forest goods and services
- Models and decision systems for optimising forest management planning

**Tasks and responsibilities:**

General tasks:

Coordinate and promote EFIMED research, networking and capacity-building activities and related projects within the two following MFRA scientific areas:

- Impact of climate and land-use changes on forest ecosystems functioning (including biodiversity) and related key resources: water and soil
- Models and decision systems for optimising forest management planning

The person will also need to promote research networking activities involving EFIMED members, as well as open new avenues for consolidating EFIMED as a reference in interdisciplinary research and networking in these two wide strategic topics.

Specific tasks:

- Promote and coordinate interdisciplinary projects and activities for building new scientific tools that integrate new models and approaches to deal with forest management in a context of global change.
- Lead an international interdisciplinary collective study regarding the role of biodiversity in the adaptive capacity of Mediterranean forests under global change.
- Coordinate the development of future research and capacity-building activities to address water and forests questions in the Mediterranean region.
- Develop fundraising opportunities with different international donors to implement the abovementioned tasks within EFIMED and its network.
- Develop networking activities with the aim of minimising research fragmentation in the Mediterranean region for the two MFRA priorities stated above.

**Qualifications:**

- PhD on a topic related to forest ecology and management.

- At least 5 years of demonstrated leadership in coordinating international projects and in leading international research teams.
- 10 years of research experience in various topics related to the scientific priorities and tasks mentioned above.
- Good skills in interdisciplinary research activities and in developing integrated tools to address wide and complex forest management issues.
- Proficiency in English. Good knowledge of French and/or Spanish skills are an asset.

**Duty station and travel**

The expert will be based at the EFIMED/Policy Advice Office in Barcelona, Spain.

**Employment conditions**

The expert will be an EFI staff member. The duration of employment is two years with the possibility of renewal based on the performance of the employee.

Interested candidates are requested to apply **online** by **15<sup>th</sup> September, 2011**, submitting their application letter and CV. If it is not possible to apply online please send your application to Human Resources Office, EFI, email: [efi.hr@efi.int](mailto:efi.hr@efi.int).

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