

Position: Botanist for biodiversity assessment and the subsequent action plan for ISO14001 certification of the United Nations (UN) base of Valencia

Background

SETIN is an Italian engineering company also active in the environmental sector. For more information, please visit www.setinsrl.eu.

SETIN received an invitation to bid in order to participate in a tender for biodiversity assessment and the subsequent action plan for ISO14001 certification of the United Nations (UN) bases.

These terms of reference regard the activities for the United Nations Support Base (Global Support Centre – GSC), located in Avenida Comarques del País Valencia 2, Quart De Poblet, 46930, Valencia, Spain. GSC Valencia is located inside the Valencia Airport with secluded facilities.

Scope of the Work

The key objectives of this project will, among other benefits, lead to the following outcomes:

- Commitment to the conservation of protected species present in GSC operational areas.
- Identification of plant species which are of interest, also due to their rarity, and a series of tree planting schemes of native species.
- Development and implementation of a landscape and wildlife management strategy throughout the life cycle of GSC operations.
- Management of ponds for certain animal species.
- Protection of nesting bird species which are of particular ecological interest also due to their scarcity.
- Provision of environmentally focused opportunities for staff members to provide support for gardening in common GSC locations, making office surroundings more environmentally sustainable.
- Facilitate communication and sharing of best-practice and skills for biodiversity in order to provide advice and data for decision making on projects within the global UN Field Missions.

Subsequently, the aftermath of the assessment will also enable GSC to:

- Implement actions in order to complete all recommendations that will be outlined in the Biodiversity Assessment report.
- Monitor biodiversity and progress against recommendations that will be set out in the Biodiversity Assessment report and the accompanying Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Ensure the long-term future of GSC sites that will complement, but not duplicate, other environmental activities.

Expected duration of assignment

15 working days.

Duties and responsibilities

The incumbent will act under the supervision of the Team Assessor (TA) for Valencia's site and of the Team Leader (TL), based in Rome, who will visit at least 1 time the UN base in Valencia. The incumbent will interact and communicate with the TA and the TL during the entire duration of the contract.

The duties and responsibilities of the incumbent will be the following:

- Providing the needed surveys in her/his discipline (vegetation, habitat and flora, including tree inventory). The survey's specifications will be defined in the project work plan.
- Providing a report and GIS shapefiles with the survey's results, to be included in the general report for Valencia's site.

The incumbent, in carrying out the assignment, will consider all current and future threats to the sites from any current and future activities conducted by GSC and its operational base in Valencia, as well as from issues such as (but not limited to) exotic species, feral animals, climate change. Mitigation activities and approaches should be proposed.

Required skills and experience

- BSc, MSC or PhD in environmental or natural resource management, environmental science, nature science, forestry or similar.
- A minimum of 3 years of working experience in similar assessments (environmental assessment, monitoring and sampling) regarding habitat/vegetation/flora.
- Fluency in both oral and written English.
- Experience in ISO 14001-2015 implementation is an asset.
- Experience in the Valencia area and/or in a similar ecosystem context in an asset.

How to apply

Please send your CV and a cover letter, with your required skills and experience, to mail@setinsrl.eu with the object: "Valencia Botanist"