

**DAKSHIN FOUNDATION
COASTAL AND MARINE PROGRAMME**

PROGRAMME OFFICER, COASTAL NETWORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

Dakshin Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation based at Bangalore, India, with a mission to inform and advocate conservation and natural resource management, while promoting and supporting sustainable livelihoods, social development and environmental justice.

The Coastal and Marine Programme (CMP) at Dakshin works towards supporting coastal networks of community organisations, fishworker unions and associations and civil society groups interested in conservation and development issues in coastal India. The programme goals are geared to a) adding to the body of scientific understanding related to coastal and marine social-ecological systems, b) demonstrating effective field-based conservation action which is grounded in science, is participatory, democratic and socially just and c) undertaking socio-legal analyses on coastal and marine natural resource management and using collective action in advocating change.

Towards these goals the CMP's networks component aims at strengthening coastal networks and campaigns in the country by providing platforms for effectively sharing and exchanging knowledge and experiences, show-casing activities and achievements, facilitating dialogues and improving capacities.

Position and responsibilities: We invite applications from suitable candidates for a full-time, contractual position of Programme Officer, Coastal Networks. Our requirement is for a dynamic and highly motivated individual who will fulfil the following responsibilities of this position:

- Plan and oversee the execution of coastal network strengthening interventions including capacity sharing activities and specific campaign actions;
- Develop proposals geared towards supporting specific priorities of coastal networks, administer projects and grants;
- Oversee research related to environmental governance and coastal communities;
- Contribute towards greater interdisciplinarity at Dakshin by closely interacting and coordinating with other CMP components related to biodiversity monitoring and education.

Location: The position will be based at Bangalore, but may involve considerable travel to field sites including Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and other coastal sites.

Candidates with the following qualifications/skills will be preferred:

- A good understanding of issues related to environmental governance, conservation and development issues in coastal areas in particular.
- Experience and ability to work with civil society networks with a diversity of memberships including fishworker associations, research organisations and urban and rural advocacy groups in India.
- A master's degree, preferably in an environment related discipline.
- Work experience of at least two to three years in independent handling of projects relating to environment and/or development.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Working knowledge of at least two coastal regional languages including Hindi in addition to English.

Remuneration: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and work experience within the range of Rs. 25,000 per month to Rs. 30,000 per month.

How to apply: To apply, submit a brief CV along with a cover letter (not exceeding one page) summarising why you would be a suitable candidate for this position. Candidates are also required to provide the names of two referees along with their contact details in the CV. This position will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is identified; interested individuals are therefore requested to apply immediately. Short listed candidates will be invited for a personal interview.

Please email your application to Aarthi Sridhar at aarthi77@gmail.com