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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
PAGO PAGO, AMERICAN SAMOA 96799

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Title: Monitoring Technician II / Dive Safety Officer		Posting Date: January 7 th , 2026	Serial No.: 167-25
Department/Division: Marine and Wildlife Resources / CRAG		Closing Date: January 27 th , 2026	Announcement No.: 167-25
Type of Position: Temporary Appointment	Posting Type: Employment Opportunity/ Open to the Public	Pay Grade and Salary Range: GS-12/\$17,673 - \$43,023 p.a.	

Role Summary:

The Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources (DMWR) of the American Samoa Government (ASG) is the agency that is primarily responsible for the coral reefs of American Samoa. The Coral Reef Advisory Group's (CRAG) Coral Reef Monitoring Program (CRMP) monitors threatening changes and stressors and investigates rapidly developing issues, including coral bleaching, algal outbreaks, disease outbreaks, crown-of-thorns starfish, etc. corallivore outbreaks, and cyclone and storm damage. The Monitoring Technician II / Dive Safety Officer (DSO) is essential for coral reef monitoring, data entry, procurement efforts, and managing CRAG's diving operations and safety.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist the Monitoring Ecologist within the CRMP and projects
- Manage and coordinate dive safety operations, dive expeditions, and enforce dive safety protocols
- Maintain SCUBA equipment, video camera, camera, and materials before field and laboratory work (e.g., dissecting tools)
- Manage NOAA dive reciprocity aspects
- Provide training to CRAG's dive team
- Assist with coral restoration needs
- Conduct field video transects of coral reef substrate/fish survey
- Manage program schedule and other assigned tasks
- Encode data and organize and manage project database promptly, including keeping track of time sheets and organizing Daily Activity Records
- Implement tasks as requested by the Program Manager, CRAG Coordinator, and other CRAG members
- Report to the Program Manager and CRAG Coordinator on projects updates
- Follow-up purchase orders and obtain invoices needed for supplies and equipment
- Perform other job-related duties as assigned.

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Knowledge, Skills, and Ability:


- Be highly experienced SCUBA diver with DSO training and certifications.
- Have high identification skills of corals and reef fish species.
- Identification of coral reef invertebrates.
- Have organizational and time management skills.
- Have experience in coral reef monitoring sampling design implementation.
- Have been involved in basic or applied coral reef research and management for at least three (3) years and preferably have worked in the South Pacific (work experience in American Samoa is an advantage).
- Have experience working with a diverse group of stakeholders, including communities, government agency staff, researchers, educators, and enforcement personnel in a South Pacific setting.
- Be carefully sensitive and have experience living and working in another culture, preferably in South Pacific Island Community.
- Physical surroundings: general office conditions; in-water fieldwork.
- Adverse working environment: Occasional inclement weather during in-water fieldwork; SCUBA diving depths and length.
- Physical effort: SCUBA diving, lifting of SCUBA tanks and equipment, swimming, and snorkeling.
- Domestic/International Travel: extensive hours: infrequent work outside standard office hours is required when conducting fieldwork and community outreach events.

Academic and Experience Requirements:

- Applicants must have a master's degree from an accredited college or university plus one (1) year of work experience.
- OR a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college plus three (3) years of relevant work experience and one (1) year of supervisory.
- Years of progressively responsible working experience may be substituted for a portion of the academic requirement.
- Salary will be adjusted according to experience.

Complete information concerning this vacancy may be obtained from the Personnel Division of the Department of Human Resources, or please contact the Recruitment unit at 699-2777.

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