

1 Ph.D.-Position - Coral Reef Ecology -

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The ZMT has a vacancy for a Ph.D. student to start in April/May 2012 within the framework of the project Science and Protection for the Indonesian Coastal Environment (SPICE III) funded by the German Ministry of Science and Education (BMBF). Main goal of the project is to understand ecological functioning of coral reefs in response to environmental change through a series of interconnected ecological and biogeochemical studies at different selected locations in the Spermonde Archipelago and Savu Sea. These studies will importantly identify the main environmental drivers controlling coral reef ecosystem functioning, assess processes leading to coral-algal phase shifts, and resolve local coral reef resilience and recovery patterns. The appointment is for a three-year period. Salary will be according to the German TV-L 13 for a half-time position.

Requirements:

Applicants should hold a Master or Diploma degree in marine biology, ecology, geobiology or related fields and should ideally have experience with coral reef ecology and physiology. They should also fluently speak English and possess good scientific writing skills. A SCUBA diving license is an additional asset. The job requires a long term stay in Indonesia and so prior experience working abroad in difficult field conditions is preferred.

Application:

To apply, please send a motivation letter, a complete CV with list of publications and skills, and names with email addresses and phone numbers of two referees in a single pdf-file to the address below. Only short-listed candidates will be notified.

Closing Date:

February 29, 2012 or until a qualified candidate is identified. The Leibniz-ZMT GmbH is an equal opportunity employer. Disabled persons with comparable qualification receive preferential status.

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