

South Asia Programme Officer - Ocean Country Partnership Programme British High Commission, Colombo

The Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCP) is funded through Official Development Assistance (ODA) as part of the UK's £500 million Blue Planet Fund (BPF). Through the OCP, the UK government partners with ODA-eligible countries to deliver tangible and positive impacts on the livelihoods of coastal communities that depend on healthy marine ecosystems.

We are looking for a dynamic, confident professional to support and manage delivery of the OCP in South Asia. Initially the focus will be on Sri Lanka however it is anticipated that the role will develop to include regional responsibilities

Key requirements:

Education

- Degree /experience in the related field.
- Training and/or experience in project management.

Prior Work Experience

- 4 years' experience in similar role in project/programme management in public sector or with bilateral/multilateral organisations.
- Experience of building a network and managing effective relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders, including government officials, delivery partners, local and community groups.
- Experience/knowledge of the region (politics, socio-economic situation).
- Experience/knowledge working locally with within the NGO/Gov communities.
- Understanding of marine environment, biodiversity conservation, fisheries management, and marine pollution.

Language Proficiency

- Fluent spoken and written English.
- Sinhala (desirable - advanced-intermediate) and Tamil (desirable – advanced-intermediate or working).

Skills and Abilities

- Excellent written and oral communication skills on complex matters, often requiring persuasion and influence.
- Ability to identify strategic opportunities and risks, underlying drivers and connections.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team which is dispersed across the region and in the UK.
- Effective organisation, prioritisation and planning skills.
- Computer literate and proficient user of Microsoft programmes such as Outlook, Word, Excel and SharePoint.

Applications close on **20th August 2023**.

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