

The Pacific Community (SPC) invites applications for the position of:

## HEAD OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY CENTER FOR OCEAN SCIENCE, located in its headquarter Noumea, New Caledonia

The **Pacific Community** ([www.spc.int](http://www.spc.int)) is the principal scientific and technical organisation in the Pacific region, supporting development since 1947. We are an international development organisation owned and governed by our 26 country and territory members. In pursuit of sustainable development to benefit Pacific people, our unique organisation works across more than 25 sectors. We are renowned for our knowledge and innovation in such areas as fisheries science, public health surveillance, geoscience, and conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

The role – the Head of the Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Science will provide direction, support and advocacy for the PCCOS. The position will oversee the PCCOS staff and work programme to develop and implement organisation-wide coordination and integrated programming in ocean science for sustainable development. The role will co-ordinate science and research development and collaboration work across all SPC's relevant divisions/programmes and with international/regional scientific organisations to achieve excellence in ocean science, knowledge and innovation at SPC and innovative scientific partnerships.

For a full job description including selection criteria, salary, terms and conditions, please go to:  
<http://careers.spc.int/>

**Applications Close – 29 March 2020**

### Responsibilities:

- PCCOS Strategic Leadership and Management
- Ocean Science Lead
- Resource Mobilisation
- Programme and Staff Management

For a more detailed account of the key responsibilities, please refer to the online job description.

### Key selection criteria

#### Qualifications

- A Master's degree in a relevant discipline of ocean sciences.

#### Technical expertise

- At least 15 years of demonstrated management experience in a research and scientific environment developing science concepts and approaches in a specialised field of ocean sciences.
- Demonstrated ability to think strategically.
- A solid understanding of large multi-country programme management.
- Demonstrated experience and ability to lead, build capacity of multi-disciplinary teams in a multi-cultural environment to achieve the organisation's vision and objectives.
- Proven ability to coordinate and influence work collegially & in partnership with internal and external stakeholders.
- Proven ability to develop and present scientific information and exceptional verbal and written communication in English with the capacity to represent the organisation at regional and international forums.

#### Interpersonal skills and cultural awareness

- Demonstrated experience in relationship building and working with a wide variety of scientific organisations with awareness of their work and area of expertise.
- Excellent knowledge of Pacific Island countries and territories.