



VACANCY NOTICE - 2026-JRC.D.2-IPR-FGIV-002732

Project Officer - Fisheries Scientist

Type of contract	Member of the European Commission 's contract staff, Function Group IV (article 3b of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants)
Duration of contract	36 months (renewable up to maximum 6 years)
Area	<i>Scientific Advice Provision to the Common Fisheries Policy and Data Collection Framework</i>
Place of employment	Ispra (IT)
Indicative basic salary	4.449,31 - 6.444,59 € (applicable as of 1 st of July 2025) For more detailed information please consult: Working Conditions

WE ARE

The [Joint Research Centre \(JRC\)](#) provides independent, evidence-based knowledge and science, supporting EU policies to positively impact society.

The current vacancy is for a scientific officer within the **Unit Ocean and Water** of the **Directorate for Sustainable Resources**:

The Directorate's science, positioned at the crossroads of the environment, economy and society, coupled with scientific networks across the EU and beyond, informs policies to ensure that present and future generations enjoy a sustainable planet.

The Ocean and Water Unit's cross-disciplinary science provides independent evidence to support EU policies that underpin freshwater and ocean governance, aligned with the European Water Resilience Strategy and European Ocean Pact. We develop innovative solutions and support Member States in enabling a sustainable and competitive future for water and marine resources in the context of the triple crises of climate change, pollution and biodiversity decline.

We are looking for a highly motivated scientific project officer with a strong background in fisheries sciences to join the SuFiA – sustainable fisheries and aquaculture team. As a key member of our team, the successful candidate will contribute to:

- Supporting to the implementation of the European Union Scientific Fisheries Data Collection Framework (DCF).
- Providing scientific advice to the Common Fisheries Policy in collaboration with the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF).
- Assisting in the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP).
- Conducting research on the conservation of fishery resources.

We expect the successful candidate to be a team player and work well in a multi-disciplinary and multicultural environment. They will be expected to interact effectively and positively with a wide range of colleagues and stakeholders.



We offer:

An exciting job opportunity in Northern Italy to join the Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture team to strengthening the scientific basis of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). As part of a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural team, the selected candidate will be working closely with different policy services from the European Commission (EC) as well as with major international actors in the field of fisheries management, such as International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) and General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM).

Please see also [Working at the Commission – conditions and environment \(europa.eu\)](https://european-commission.europa.eu/working-at-the-commission-conditions-and-environment)

WE PROPOSE

The jobholder will play a key role in the JRC Fisheries and Aquaculture activities with focus on the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and the Fisheries Data Collection Framework (DCF). The CFP, a major EU policy framework, aims to ensure that fishing and aquaculture are environmentally, economically and socially sustainable and that they provide a source of healthy food for EU citizens. The CFP is unique in its reliance on scientific advice, as required by legislation, which is underpinned by the EU Data Collection Framework (DCF). The JRC is strongly involved in both the DCF and the scientific advice provision for the CFP.

The jobholder's responsibilities will include:

- Providing support to the DCF activities in collaboration with JRC colleagues, DG MARE and Member States.
- Conducting fisheries data analyses to inform policy decisions.
- Providing technical support to the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) and its Expert Working Groups e.g. on the DCF.
- Data processing and analysis under the DCF.
- Responding to ad hoc requests from Commission services, primarily DG MARE, for expertise on DCF and fisheries data analyses.
- Contributing to capacity building activities in fisheries science.
- Conducting research in the above listed fields.

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for candidate with the following **essential requirements**:

- PhD degree in fisheries science or data analysis, alternatively, at least 3 years of full-time relevant research experience after the first University degree giving direct access to doctoral (PhD) studies.
- A strong background in fisheries or marine sciences and management or related areas.
- Expertise in the processing and analysis of data, preferably in the area of fisheries science.
- Experience authoring peer reviewed scientific publications on fisheries science, fisheries management, conservation, sustainability, marine science as well as strong skills in writing and editing scientific reports.
- Very good communication and coordination skills.



- A team-oriented approach to work.
- A very good command of English (B2).

Desirable requirements include:

- A sound knowledge of the statistical programming language R.
- Experience in statistical computation and programming.
- A sound knowledge of Database handling.
- Knowledge about the Common Fisheries Policy and its international dimension, as well as familiarity with the work of bodies and institutions generating and providing quantitative scientific advice to fisheries management (e.g. STECF, ICES, GFCM, Regional Fisheries Management Organizations - RFMOs).
- Experience in the provision of scientific advice to fisheries policy and management as well as coordination and supervision of activities.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are **already on a valid CAST FG IV reserve list**, or you **have already applied to one of the calls below**, you can directly submit your application at [JRC Recruitment Portal](#).

If not, before applying to this position, **you must register** for one of the two following databases:

- the [Call for Expressions of Interest | EU Careers \(europa.eu\)](#) (CAST Permanent FG IV), which is used by a wide range of organisations (institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the European Union), or
- the [call for researchers](#) (JRC Call COM/1/2015/GFIV – Research), which is mainly used by the JRC.

Note that each of the calls above has **different minimum eligibility requirements and different selection tests**.

The JRC cultivates a workplace based on respect for other people and the environment, and embraces non-discriminatory practices and equality of opportunity. In case of equal merit, preference will be given to the gender in minority.