



Post: Researcher: Centre for Middle Eastern Plants
Department: Centre for Middle Eastern Plants (CMEP)
Division: Science

Job Description

Key Responsibilities	% of time
1. Research and project coordination on Darwin Initiative funded project “Know your onions – sustainable plant use in Tajikistan”.	60%
2. Development of taxonomically robust, accessible and useable resources to enable plant identification, conservation assessment and environmental planning across the Middle East, SW and Central Asia.	20%
3. Assist in planning and delivery of consultancy projects in the Middle East and SW Asia.	20%

Specific Responsibilities

1. Research and project coordination on Darwin Initiative funded project “Know your onions – sustainable plant use in Tajikistan”:
 - Research into the use of plants and plant products in Tajikistan, leading to a National Report, including stakeholder workshops and presentations;
 - Day-to-day planning and coordination of project activities with project partners, towards delivery of project objectives and outputs;
 - Regular field trips to Tajikistan to undertake field research and support, capacity development, community work and project monitoring;
 - Authorship of reports and publications including workshops leading towards the National Report on Plants for Livelihoods in Tajikistan.
2. Development of taxonomically robust, accessible and useable resources to enable plant identification, conservation assessment and environmental planning across the Middle East, SW and Central Asia:
 - Contribute to work on Flora of Arabia and regional checklists;
 - Management of specimen level data.
3. Assist in planning and delivery of consultancy projects in the Middle East and SW Asia.
 - Development of technical proposals;
 - Fieldwork;
 - Workshops and report writing as appropriate.



Person Specification

Skills/Aptitude	Essential	Desirable
Research and taxonomy experience.	*	
Ability to undertake fieldwork in remote areas across the Middle East, SW and Central Asia.	*	
Database, GIS and geo-referencing skills.		*
Project Management experience.		*
Experience of team working, collaboration and communication with international partners, ideally in the Middle East, SW and Central Asia.	*	
Excellent time management skills with attention to detail.	*	
Project finance management.		*
Relevant publications appropriate for career stage		*

Knowledge	Essential	Desirable
Sustainable use of natural resources.	*	
Taxonomy, floristics and nomenclature.	*	
Plants and habitats of the Middle East, SW and Central Asia		*
Conservation and Protected Areas.		*
International Development as applied in a plant and habitat conservation context.		*

Professional Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
MSc in Plant Science, Conservation or International Development	*	
PhD in Plant Science, Conservation or related relevant discipline		*