

Conifer Safe Sites Manager

Conservation Science

Job Description

Day to day management of the ICCP network of safe sites for the conservation of threatened conifers, including:

- Liaise with ICCP safe site managers and owners to respond to direct queries, arrange site visits, and provide general support as required
- Maintain regular communication with all safe site managers through establishing quarterly newsletters
- Plan and coordinate regional events and workshops to facilitate knowledge exchange and networking opportunities

Ensure long-term sustainability of the safe sites collections:

- Coordinate GPS mapping of all plants in the ICCP programme
- Coordinate consistent monitoring of ICCP plants
- Support partners to improve biosecurity practices
- Visit ICCP safe sites to advise on site management practices

Teaching, training and engagement:

- Tutor and support RBGE students, and help coordinate their fieldwork
- Train safe site managers, staff, students and volunteers in surveying and maintenance of ex situ conifer conservation collections
- Create social media content in conjunction with the Marketing and Communications team
- Any other reasonable duties as required

Person Specification

Essential Skills

- Confident communicator, comfortable engaging with a diverse range of stakeholders from landowners and estate gardeners to visitors, students, staff and volunteers
- Willing to travel regularly throughout the British Isles and abroad as required
- Highly organised and solution focused with strong attention to detail
- Ability to communicate clearly and concisely (verbally and written)
- Good interpersonal skills and cross-cultural sensitivity
- Strong collaboration skills
- A valid UK manual driving licence

Desirable

- Confident in data analysis and GIS
- Presentation and facilitation skills
- Flexible and comfortable taking the initiative to adapt to changing circumstances
- A passion for sharing knowledge/skills and building capacity via workshops and events
- Familiarity with GPS mapping using IrisBG or similar collections management software
- Experience managing tree collections in a professional capacity
- Relevant experience maintaining and standardising plant records data
- Knowledge of basic tree survey and inspection methods
- Skilled in conifer identification
- Knowledge of conifer specific pests and pathogens, including identification and treatment
- Experience in teaching/training and tutoring adults
- Experience managing professional social media accounts
- Experience working with press and the media
- Awareness of best practice in biosecurity practices and measures
- Undergraduate degree, preferably in a biological science/botany/horticulture/forestry/arboriculture, or equivalent relevant work experience