Position Vacancy

Position title: **Partnerships coordinator, Philippines**  
Location: Philippines (with frequent travel within country)

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<td>Contract duration:</td>
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**Rebuilding tropical fisheries with coastal communities**
Blue Ventures develops transformative approaches for nurturing and sustaining locally led marine conservation. We work in places where the ocean is vital to local cultures and economies, and are committed to protecting marine biodiversity in ways that benefit coastal people.

We have a number of interdisciplinary marine conservation programmes in Madagascar and the western Indian Ocean region, and are working to drive adoption of our models by partners in new geographies with the aim of reaching 3 million people by 2020.

**Summary job description**
Blue Ventures is seeking a Partnerships Coordinator to lead efforts identifying and supporting partners implementing our models for effective community-led fisheries management and marine conservation in Philippines.

This position plays a key role within Blue Ventures’ outreach team, working with senior managers in the UK to support programme development as well as with communities, NGOs, governments and fisheries partners in Philippines to ensure the establishment of effective, scalable marine conservation interventions in line with our mission.

The Philippines Partnerships Coordinator will be an enterprising and highly motivated individual, with excellent knowledge of the small-scale fisheries and marine conservation sectors, and first-rate communications and partnership development skills. You will have experience of community-based conservation and development initiatives in Philippines, enjoy independent working and will
demonstrate a high level of personal organisation. Success in this role will see you delivering new partnerships to replicate and adopt effective conservation models in Philippines.

The role entails working as part of an interdisciplinary and international team, with excellent opportunities to contribute to our vision, helping to fight the downward trajectories that so many small-scale fisheries and tropical marine ecosystems are experiencing. The successful candidate will report to Blue Ventures’ Outreach Manager in the UK, but will be based in Philippines, with extensive in-country travel to partner organisation field sites.

**Key Responsibilities**

**Country scoping and situation analysis**
- Review literature on community-based marine conservation and fisheries management in Philippines and interview key informants to build up a picture of marine and coastal conservation priorities, opportunities and challenges throughout Philippines, distilling outputs into a short summary report

**Partnership development and training**
- Identify sites and partners with a critical need for Blue Ventures’ solutions, screening and prioritising opportunities in line with our outreach strategy and operating plan
- Develop and maintain relations with new partners, responding flexibly to their needs and delivering comprehensive training programmes to build capacity

**Communications and reporting**
- Assist the Outreach Manager (in UK) in reviewing project progress, documenting learning and impact, and reporting to donors.
- Document project achievements on social media and in communications materials including press releases, blogs, news stories and factsheets
- Regular reporting to Outreach Manager
Skills and experience required

Essential

• MSc (or equivalent) in marine conservation, development or related field (or highly relevant work experience of 3+ years)
• Outstanding relationship building and partnership management skills; proven ability to manage communications with multiple stakeholders with the highest degree of professionalism
• Comfortable working in remote locations for short periods
• Excellent written and oral communication skills
• Experience engaging diverse stakeholders including local communities, NGOs, government and private sector actors
• Fully competent in using MS Office and Google Drive
• Collaborative team player
• Dynamic, enthusiastic and highly organised

Desirable

• Strong understanding of marine conservation and fisheries management issues, policy and practice
• Awareness of holistic approaches that integrate reproductive health services with marine conservation and coastal livelihood initiatives.
• Knowledge of alternative livelihoods approaches for coastal communities, including blue carbon and aquaculture
• Field experience in community-based conservation and development initiatives
• Filipino language skills

Application

Applicants should send an application form, cover letter and a copy of their CV (with the full address, telephone and email contact details of three professional referees) to jobs@blueventures.org. Please include the reference “Philippines Partnerships Coordinator” in the subject line. The closing date for applications is 05 February 2016. All shortlisted candidates will be contacted within two weeks of the closing date.