NEKTON

Nekton’s mission is to rapidly accelerate our scientific understanding and protection of the ocean for people and the planet. We work for the ocean. Nekton is a UK-registered charity, based in Oxford, UK.

THE ROLE

Nekton seeks a Marine Operations Consultant to support the planning and preparation of an expedition with India aboard their nationally owned, marine research vessel. We are looking for someone with experience of preparing and establishing marine operations processes, protocols and risk management.

The role will require a part-time consultant starting as soon as possible through to completion ahead of the voyage at the end of March 2024. If appropriate, the consultant may also be required to participate in mobilisation and provide consultancy during the voyage. Noting the vessel is based in India, coordination with the vessel may require occasional unusual work hours (if UK based).

DETAILS

Start: As soon as possible
Location: Virtual
Salary: Consultancy day rates based on experience (mindful Nekton is a charity).
Contract: Part-time consultant contract, until end of April 2024 (estimated 10 days per month, Jan-March 2024)
Reporting to: Expedition Manager, Principal Scientist
Working with: Science, expedition and logistics teams including partners in India.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS:

- Development and provision of the Expedition Offshore Marine Operations Work Pack including:
  - Operational procedures
  - Emergency plans
  - Risk assessments
  - Operational briefings
  - Location plan
  - Checking COSSH and other relevant materials
- Mobilisation: development and approval of plan for i) vessel modifications and certifications (undertaken by India partner following instructions from submersible operations partner), ii) equipment mobilisation: 2 x submersibles and 3 support containers, and creation of plan for landers, BRUVs and other science equipment (in palettes) including additional tenders
- Potential leadership on site in India for vessel mobilisation with India partners (c. 22-26 March)
- Development and finalisation of Safety, Risk and Crisis management plans, processes and procedures related to offshore marine operations including submersible operations (from submersible operations partners), landers, BRUVs, other scientific equipment that is agreed with partners.
- Review of marine operator and vessel operators compliance with all marine regulations and licensing and permissions.

**HOW TO APPLY**

To apply for this position please send your CV with a covering letter explaining why you think you would be a good fit for this role to finance@nektonmission.org as soon as possible.

The position will remain open until an appointment is made. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview.