



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is an international non-governmental organisation committed to working with communities, government and other partners to manage wildlife and wild places for biodiversity and human well-being.

WCS is recruiting for a **Full-Time Legal and Policy Advisor** to provide legal support, government and public sector engagement to the WCS PNG program, based in Port Moresby and expected to travel within PNG, especially to WCS field sites.

### Role Summary

#### **Legal & Policy Advisor, Full-Time**

- Review the current legal and policy framework and propose roadmap for the development of protected areas,
- Facilitate legal assistance and training to communities related to natural resources management and establishment of community based organization;
- Support the WCS PNG program in building strategic alliances and maintaining strong and productive working relationships and with PNG government officials and other key stakeholders across the environmental sector;
- Leverage WCS PNG expertise and experience to influence national policies and commitments that will benefit conservation and sustainable use of wildlife in PNG and impact WCS's work in the field;
- Develop training materials for stakeholders, including “how to” guides to addressing legal and policy gaps in environmental conservation, and to the establishment and governance of conservation areas.

#### **Qualifications and requirements**

- Bachelor of Laws degree, with preference for a post-graduate qualification or equivalent relevant job experience in environmental law and policy
- Experience building relationships with public sector, government, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to reduce the primary drivers and threats to biodiversity in PNG;
- Experience with PNG’s legal framework supporting biodiversity conservation;
- Experience in conducting stakeholder analyses to strengthen public sector responsiveness and good governance within the PNG context;
- Knowledge of the delegation of responsibilities between levels of government in PNG;
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills and adherence to cultural and stakeholder sensitivity and diplomacy;
- Excellent conceptual, oral and written communication skills;
- Proficiency in the English language at international standards

Job Descriptions are available on request. Please provide a cover letter addressing all the position criteria listed and a curriculum vitae with references by email to [akakau@wcs.org](mailto:akakau@wcs.org). All electronic files must have the applicants name clearly labelled in the file name.

**Applications Close: Wednesday, 30 April 2025 at 5pm**