



Biosecurity Authority of Fiji

Employment Opportunity

The Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) is a Commercial Statutory Authority (CSA) under the ambit of the Public Enterprise Act. BAF has assumed the activities, functions and operations of the Quarantine & Inspection Division (QID) including the quarantine functions for animal and animal products as stipulated under the Biosecurity Promulgation 2008.

BAF's role is to protect Fiji from pests and diseases that could threaten our animals, plants, communities and environment while at the same time, facilitating new trade markets for Fiji and developing existing ones.

BAF is seeking qualified and experienced individual to join our team for the following position;

VAC 24/2014: PLANT PATHOLOGIST

Primary Job Purpose

- To provide professional advice on plant pathology.
- To provide technical and administrative support to the Manager Standards & Policy.

Principal Accountabilities

- Responsible to Manager Standards & Policy on field and laboratory work in plant pathology.
- Demonstrated ability to manage people in a change environment
- Formulate appropriate Sanitary Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) Measures, Import Risk Assessments (IRA), Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) and relevant standards and policies on plant pathology matters and provide policy advice to the CEO through the Manager Standards & Policy.
- Develop statistically based, scientifically sound Biosecurity protocols that follow the Office of International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Guidelines and facilitate trade in accordance with Fiji's World Trade Organisation (WTO) obligations.
- Responsible for the identification, analysis and recording of diseases affecting plant and plant products.
- Work in close collaboration with public and private sectors on matters relating to imports and exports of plant and plant products.
- Prepare budgetary funding for the plant pathology section and monitor the performance of subordinates in meeting the output target specified in the Business Plan.
- Ensuring all subordinates are operating effectively, efficiently and providing quality services
- Maintain effective communications with other Divisions, stakeholders including regional and international counterparts on relevant matters.
- Reporting to the Manager Standards & Policy in relation to performance of the Plant pathology section.
- Formulate, develop and implement strategic business plans for the Plant pathology section.

Qualification/Knowledge/Skills,

- The candidate must possess a Doctorate in Plant Pathology.
- An ability to effectively lead and manage teams in a change environment.
- Experience and knowledge in identification and mitigation of potential risks and issues
- An ability to think "outside the box" and develop innovative solutions to complex problems
- Demonstrated experience in working with people at all levels of an organisation and internal and external stakeholders
- A satisfactory understanding of the budget and expenditure procedures including preparing a budget and monitoring progress against that budget.

- Well-developed skills in interpersonal communication and networking, and scientific analysis and report writing;
- Advanced computer knowledge.

A detailed position description can be obtained by request via email: hrrecruit@baf.com.fj

WHERE TO SEND YOUR APPLICATION

Written applications must include your curriculum vitae and the names of at least 3 referees. Applications should be marked "Vacancy No. & Name" and received either by post, hand delivery, or email no later than 5:00 pm on **Monday, 5th January 2014**

Please send to

Executive Chairman
Biosecurity Authority of Fiji
PO Box 18360, Suva

Hand deliver to

Level 3, Tower 1, Provident Plaza
Downtown Boulevard
Ellery Street, Suva

Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. If you have not been contacted by BAF, then your application has not been successful and we thank you for your interest in applying.