

Research Scientist (m/f) (UFZ)
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The *Department of Conservation Biology* is offering a full-time position for a Research Scientist (m/f) code digit 90/2010 available for 1.5 years conditional on final approval of the EU with an option for extension, starting as soon as possible within the EU-funded project:

SPIRAL: Science-Policy Interfaces for Biodiversity: Research, Action and Learning

The project with 10 European partners addresses the variety of different existing and developing interfaces between science and policy (SPIs) which tackle questions of conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in Europe and beyond. It evaluates how different interfaces on the national and the European level operate and will develop guidelines on improving such interfaces in the context of research projects and in different policy contexts. The work will include direct interaction with existing interfaces from the national to the international level. The successful candidate will have the following responsibilities:

- Develop with the partners an overview of existing SPIs on biodiversity in Europe
- Develop and conduct detailed case study analyses on selected existing SPIs
- Support the dissemination of results in the project's own SPIs and towards European research projects

The successful candidate will have a PhD in a discipline relevant for SPIRAL, e.g. integrated environmental and natural sciences or social sciences and preferentially research/policy experience in the applied issues of SPIRAL (governance issues, biodiversity policy etc.). Experience in the coordination and work in EU projects and fluency in English in speech and writing is essential. We seek a scientist who is highly motivated to work within and take over leadership responsibilities in a team with a broad range of scientific backgrounds, has an interest both in governance research on biodiversity and especially the work in the interface between science and policy. For the potential extension of the position, the candidate should be interested in the design and management of a European wide science network of knowledge on biodiversity, making use of the analyses within the SPIRAL project.

The place of work is Leipzig, Germany. Salary will be according to the appropriate civil service level TVÖD. The UFZ is an equal opportunity employer. Women are explicitly encouraged to apply to increase their share in science and research. Physically handicapped persons will be favoured if they are equally qualified. Further Information:

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Please send your complete application documents until 23.07.2010 under the code digit 90/2010 to the personnel department, P.O. Box 500136, D-04301 Leipzig, Germany or by E-Mail to application@ufz.de. The post will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.