



Position for Sociologist

Sahjeevan is a civil society organisation working since the last three decades on a range of issues, including pastoral livelihoods, pastoralist access to forage and pastoralist development of animal breeds. Sahjeevan has inspired and supported marginalised communities to revive their traditional ecological knowledge systems, engage with relevant technologies and scientific methods to conserve their ecological resources and strengthen their livelihoods. Sahjeevan is seeking to hire a Lead – Finance based out of its Bhuj office.

Length of employment: Full time 2-year contract, with the option to extend.

Sahjeevan is looking for a suitable candidate to work in inclusive conservation across the states and varied landscapes. Sahjeevan works with various indigenous pastoral communities (like Rabaris, Fakirani Jatts, Sindhi Maldharis of Banni and more) focused on biodiversity conservation and ecological restoration. Hence, the position is geared towards inclusive conservation and would require working with multiple stakeholders.

This position requires a deep understanding of socio-ecological systems and biodiversity conservation. Candidates with an interdisciplinary background will be preferred. Immediate work may include understanding resource systems and mapping dependencies of pastoralists across Gujarat – for various ongoing and upcoming projects.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's or/and Master's degree/s in Interdisciplinary Themes with a mixture of Ecology & Environment, Social Science & Humanities, Political Ecology or related field with at least 1-2 years of work experience relevant to this position.
- Interest and experience in deciphering socio-ecological systems. Good communication (both verbal and written) and organisational skills.

- Experience and ability to independently design and implement quantitative and qualitative data collection techniques, including questionnaires, interviews, focus groups, and participant observation. Ability to facilitate focus groups while gathering requisite information.
- Strong project management, analytical, and problem-solving skills.
- Knowledge and understanding of natural resource management and biodiversity conservation.
- Fluent in English and Hindi (Gujarati would be an added advantage).
- Must be enthusiastic about community-based work, advocacy and awareness work, and working with youth.
- Must be comfortable working in a team, and also take initiative independently if required.

Responsibilities:

- Planning, designing, and conducting studies and fieldwork for socio-ecological and social-economic systems as per project requirements – independently or assisting as part of a team.
- Collate/maintain dataset repositories and assist in field data collection (through field surveys, interviews, and other sources).
- Conduct qualitative analysis according to relevant pre-designed and vetted frameworks to support conservation action.
- Collaborating with ecologists/botanists/zoologists in the team to develop research questions and establish integration of social aspects into research and conservation design.
- Drafting donor reports, and scientific or popular articles as per project deliverables.
- Remaining abreast of the latest research findings in socio-ecological research.
- Using insights derived from your and other evidence-based research to inform practical suggestions for applied conservation.

Remuneration will be based on qualifications and experience

TO APPLY: Please fill [Google Form \(https://forms.gle/nw6MKutFPKSFWcVz8\)](https://forms.gle/nw6MKutFPKSFWcVz8) and attach resume (with two references) and a covering Letter explaining your suitability for this position

Subject Title: Sociologist

Joining Date – As soon as possible

Sahjeevan is an equal opportunity employer. The candidate should have the abilities to work independently & be innovative to evolve monitoring system and should be willing to work for flexible hours.