

# Tuvalu Fisheries Authority – Job Description



<b>Position Title:</b>	Senior Fisheries Officer – VDS & VMS	
<b>Level and Salary:</b>	4	\$19,486 to \$29,400
<b>Employer and section:</b>	Tuvalu Fisheries Authority	Oceanic
<b>Location:</b>	Funafuti (with overseas travel)	
<b>Reports to:</b>	PFO (Oceanic)	
<b>Supervises:</b>	Fisheries Officer VDS & VMS	

## Position summary:

To ensure efficient operation of, and compliance with, requirements of the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS), using the Fisheries Information Management System (FIMS) and the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) to monitor licensed vessels and detect illegal activities.

## Main responsibilities:

Responsible for managing Tuvalu's use of all relevant modules of FIMS; overseeing the operation of the Vessel Monitoring System; and liaison with other units in Oceanic Fisheries as well as the Police Maritime Unit and Regional Agencies to act on any issues that are detected.

## Main duties:

- Manage the allocation and sale of fishing days under the LL and PS VDS system and monitor payments and revenue received in coordination with the Licensing unit
- Manage transfers of days, including into the FSM Arrangement for Tuvalu flag vessels and liaise with PNAO on regional licences and payments
- Deal with requests for approval of non-fishing days and responsible for accepting or declining
- Lead management of the Fisheries Authority's use of IT systems for monitoring, control and surveillance of the oceanic fishery
- Monitor FIMS and VMS on a daily basis and liaise with fishing operators and other relevant organisations as needed
- Provide technical and operational support to staff to ensure the effective and efficient use of the systems
- Liaise closely with Tuvalu Police Maritime patrol boat personnel, FFA Aerial Surveillance Officers and the Talamoana crew (if they are engaged in surveillance activities) on MCS operations
- Interrogate mobile transmission units (MTU) on foreign fishing vessels
- Provide national support to regional operations on VMS

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- Provide information and advice to other units in Oceanic Fisheries on activities of foreign vessels in Tuvalu's EEZ
- Provide back up support to the FO – Observer Coordinator and the FO – Oceanic Compliance as necessary
- Undertake other duties as directed.

### Person Specifications:

*Essential minimum requirements:*

#### Qualifications/experience

- A diploma or equivalent in Information Technology or a related field
- Seagoing experience of MCS activities, either as a Fisheries Observer or Patrol Boat crew
- Trained in the use of FIMS and VMS through regional training programmes
- Experience of working with regional agencies on MCS and Information Systems.

#### Skills and Abilities

- Able to operate and use all relevant modules of FIMS
- Able to obtain information from electronic tracking systems such as VMS
- Able to interpret and analyse information relating to VMS
- Knowledge of relevant web based applications relating to VDS and VMS
- Basic navigation skills
- Thorough understanding of the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) and how it works
- Strong computer skills
- Good command of written and spoken English
- Good communication skills with an ability to interact with all stakeholders, including foreign fishing vessel crew
- Good discipline, organisational and time management skills
- Able to adapt to changing requirements and situations

#### *Desirable experience/qualifications/characteristics*

- Experience of maritime communication systems

*It is expected that officers recognise the cross-cutting nature of gender issues; the roles and responsibilities in this job description should be performed by taking into account a sector integration of gender perspectives.*