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Position: Forest and Climate Senior Campaigner

The Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA-US) seeks an experienced and enthusiastic advocate for its Forests campaign. This person will work closely with EIA's leadership team to develop both substantive positions and political strategy for domestic and international climate processes, to design and implement a variety of program activities including at the international negotiations, and to strengthen EIA's work on illegal logging and timber trade in the context of forest-climate priorities.

EIA is engaged in advocacy and investigative research around questions of governance and trade policy in the REDD context. We are particularly focused on how international trade in both wood products and other commodities drives illegal and unsustainable deforestation and degradation of tropical forests, and how lessons from the illegal logging and trade policy arena can be applied to REDD and related forest-carbon financing mechanisms. Our work over the coming year will focus on the role of demand-side policies and activities as tools to (a) reduce these drivers and (b) create momentum for improvements in forest governance and law enforcement.

The position's responsibilities include:

- quantitative and case study research on the role of demand-side drivers in deforestation;
- policy analysis and text development for domestic and international processes;
- significant amounts of writing (briefs, memos, a report);
- attendance and advocacy at climate negotiation forums and other workshops or events;
- coordination with NGO coalitions including the Climate Action Network and the Ecosystem Climate Alliance;
- involvement with EIA campaign work on the implementation and enforcement of the U.S. Lacey Act;
- coordination of multimedia projects, including involvement in documentary video production;
- potential for investigative fieldwork, depending on qualifications.

The ideal candidate will possess the following:

- work experience within current UNFCCC climate negotiations and domestic climate processes, and/or deep familiarity with climate policy;
- experience in forest conservation, forestry, environmental advocacy, environmental law and/or law enforcement;
- excellent research and writing skills;
- comfort with international travel and a flexible working schedule;
- A graduate degree (PhD, masters, JD or equivalent) in relevant field.

Desirable additional skills include foreign language abilities; investigative skills as a journalist, enforcement specialist etc; experience within the financial industry; comfort with use of various Web 2.0 social media, and comfort with use of still and video cameras, recording equipment and other relevant software or technologies. Familiarity with the Lacey Act and the EU's Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade initiative or other wood product legality initiatives a plus.



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Salary and benefits: Competitive and commensurate with qualifications.

Location: The position will be based in Washington, DC, beginning immediately. Qualified candidates based in other locations may be considered.

Contact: Send cover letter and resume/curriculum vitae (electronic preferred) to Anne Middleton at anne@eia-international.org . No phone calls please.

About EIA: Since its founding in London in 1984, EIA has pioneered the use of undercover investigative techniques to expose environmental crimes and other abuse against the natural world—using its unique evidence to campaign against illegal logging, illegal wildlife trade and other environmental threats. EIA’s work identifies shortcomings in national and international laws, exposes problems in corporate natural resource sourcing and consumption habits, and successfully advocates for practical and achievable solutions. The solutions we advocate for including superior policies, implementation and enforcement measures on national and international levels.

EIA’s distinctive approach has led it to bring about crucial, direct protection action, as well as changes in the policies and practices of governments and major corporations. Highlights of EIA’s achievements include instigating the 1989 global ban on international elephant ivory trade; the 1992 U.S. Wild Bird Conservation Act, limiting U.S. imports of exotic birds; an Indonesian government operation that became the biggest crackdown on illegal logging in world history; a historic global agreement signed in Montreal, Canada, to phase out greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to 22 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide; and most recently, a precedent-setting U.S. national ban on the import and trade of illegally logged timber and associated wood products (revamped Lacey Act). Currently EIA leads a coalition of over 40 environmental, labor and industry groups to support the effective implementation of the Lacey Act, the world’s first prohibition on trade in all illegally sourced wood.