

Ips Project Manager

Location

South East England

About the job

The Forestry Commission (FC) are the Government's forestry experts. We work nationally and locally on unlocking the full potential of woodlands and the forestry sector to expand, protect, improve, and connect England's valuable woodland assets. The Plant Health Forestry team (PHF) is a high performing geographically distributed team with staff responsible for delivery across GB.

Job description

This role will take on responsibility for preparing and delivering the plans and strategies required to help manage and control Ips typographus incursions, interceptions, and outbreaks across England.

This work involves managing a dedicated team, developing, and maintaining an outbreak management system, assembling, maintaining, and providing incident information and disseminating information relevant to the control of incursions, interceptions, outbreaks, and any potential safety issues.

There are many interactions across the functions of the PHF team and the wider FC, and the post holder will work closely with the other managers in the FC to help inform management and policy decision making.

This dedicated role is required to take account of the ever-increasing number of quarantine pests and diseases being found in England and the risks associated with Ips typographus.

The Ips Project Manager will have the following responsibilities:

To take the lead role in the FC's management of Ips typographus incursions, interceptions, and outbreaks, so that they are eradicated or contained in line with government policy. Specifically leading on the FC's survey and monitoring works, Statutory Plant Health Notice (SPHN) management, liaison with FC colleagues / other stakeholders and supporting Ips communication works.

Team working

- Will work closely with other PHF Area Leads and Team managers, and with colleagues across the FC to ensure the effective delivery of priorities related to Ips. In doing so will manage and monitor programme performance ensuring effective, efficient, and improving use of resources.

Working with people

- Will work with a range of internal and external groups such as advisory groups, major landowners, local authorities, and outbreak management groups including Forestry England (FE), Defra, the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Forest Research (FR), stakeholders and other interested parties.
- Will line manage a PB5(ops) Plant Health Officer (PHO Ips) and act as confirming officer for PB6a (ops) Plant Health support Officer (PHSO Ips).

Management

- Draft Ips plans related to current policy and draft end of season report.
- Advise on the plans for Ips surveillance and monitoring.
- Work will involve the management and control of incursions, interceptions and outbreak sites through the day-to-day management of contracts and contractors, the PB5 PHO Ips, survey and monitoring operations and SPHN drafting.

Communications

- Comms work will involve supporting the further developing the Ips communication strategy, liaison with FC comms and stakeholders and input into awareness raising materials.
- Other Liaison activity will include arranging training, and delivery of events and presentations.

Policy Review

- As required provide support to policy reviews and modelling activities and considering options for Ips management plans.

Professional membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters or another relevant professional body is desirable.

Benefits

- A Civil Service pension
- A range of family friendly benefits
- An environment with flexible working options
- Learning and development tailored to your role
- A culture which promotes a diverse and inclusive work environment
- A range of wellbeing benefits including discounted Civil Service Healthcare, access to an Employee Assistance Programme 24/7, Bike to Work Scheme, plus many more.
- 25 days annual leave, with 1 additional day for each years' service up to 5 years (pro rata)
- Ability to buy or sell 5 days annual leave
- 3 days volunteering per year (pro rata)

We aim to provide a great place to work, whichever location you work from. Blended working forms part of our flexible and inclusive approach to future ways of working. It is an informal arrangement which gives you the option to work some of the week from home, and some of the week from our Forestry Commission workplaces, subject to role requirements, business needs, and regular review. Informal blended working arrangements will be available as agreed with the line manager.

Salary £35,870 - £38,842

To apply, please visit [here](#).

Closing date: Apply before 11:55 pm on Sunday 16 April 2023



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