

Vacancy: 10-322

Business Group: BNZ Post Border

Position: Adviser/ Senior Adviser (Plant) Surveillance

Location: Wellington (Pastoral House)

Applications Close: Wed, 18 Aug 2010

10-322 Adviser/Senior Adviser- Biosecurity Surveillance (Plants) 6 months Fixed Term Full Time appointment (secondment opportunities will be considered)

'Biosecurity' is the protection of New Zealand's economy, environment and people's health from pests and diseases. It includes preventing the arrival of exotic pests and diseases and eradicating or controlling those already present. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand has been tasked with a 'whole of system' biosecurity leadership role encompassing economic, environmental, social and cultural outcomes across terrestrial, freshwater and marine ecosystems.

The MAFBNZ Post Border Directorate leads pest and disease surveillance, incursion response and pest management activities within New Zealand.

The Biosecurity Surveillance Group plays a key role in the biosecurity system; leading and managing surveillance programmes to detect arrivals of new pests or diseases, demonstrate our pest and disease freedom status and supporting and advising industry and other agencies undertaking surveillance.

We are recruiting to fill a six month fixed term position for an Advisor/Senior Advisor to manage and maintain key surveillance programmes in the plant health and/or horticultural areas and contribute to the implementation of the Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy. Ability to start immediately would be preferred.

We're looking for people with the right mix of the following qualities to join our team:

- Familiar with the principles of project management, contract management and quality management;
- A fast learner
- Enjoy working with groups of people with diverse skill sets to solve complex problems and facilitate specific outcomes;
- Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written skills;
- Have experience working within a government or regulatory environment;
- Innovative, forward thinking and committed to continuous improvement;
- Experience in surveillance for pests and diseases of plants will be beneficial;
- Plant science or entomology degree or a degree in a related discipline - preferably with relevant postgraduate qualifications;

You will be a valuable addition to our team if you have a sound technical background underlying your experience in managing short and long-term projects and programmes; if you seek challenges in risk and uncertainty; and if you are comfortable developing and executing plans with often strong interest from industry and the public.

[Job Description.](#)

To apply for this role please email your CV and a cover letter to [Felicity.Campbell@maf.govt.nz](mailto:Felicity.Campbell@maf.govt.nz) or post to Felicity Campbell, MAF Biosecurity New Zealand, P.O. Box 2526, Wellington 6011  
Please quote the vacancy number 10-322 when applying

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