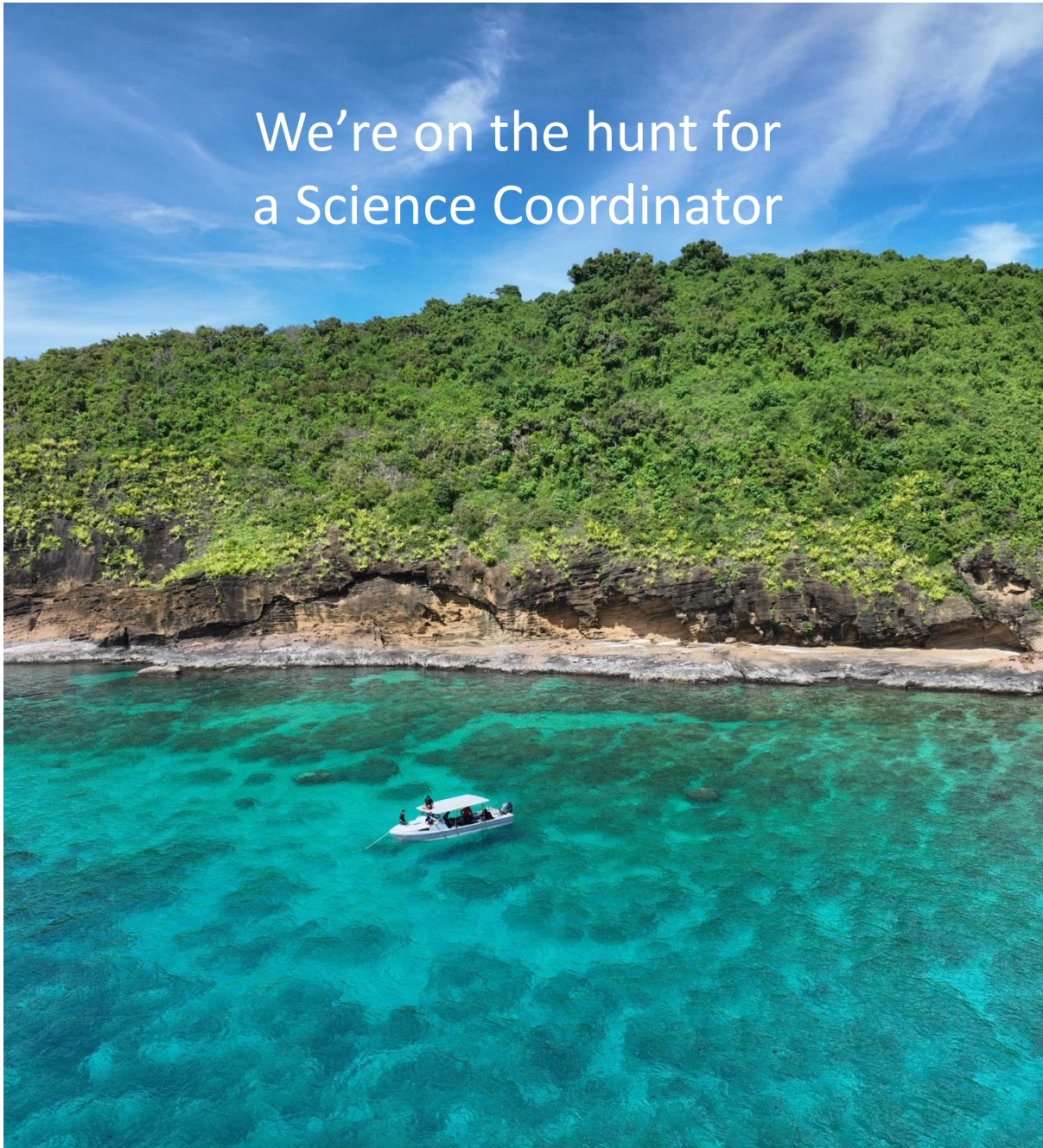


We're on the hunt for
a Science Coordinator





Job Specification

Science Coordinator

Blue Alliance Philippines

Regenerating the Ocean at Scale – For People and Nature

Location

Onsite in Mindoro and Northern Palawan, the Philippines

Type

Full-time position

Remuneration

Commensurate with the role, responsibilities, and previous experience

About Blue Alliance Philippines

Blue Alliance Marine Protected Areas currently manages 3,000,000 hectares of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Tanzania to regenerate the most resilient coral reefs and strengthen coastal food security. Our goal is to expand this management to 9,000,000 hectares by 2030.

Blue Alliance (BA) Philippines is an NGO co-managing the Northern Mindoro and Northeast Palawan Marine Protected Area (MPA) networks alongside local governments and communities. It ensures effective management of locally managed MPAs through community development and engagement, biodiversity conservation and research, enforcement and compliance, and sustainable revenue generation. Blue Alliance Philippines is the local entity of Blue Alliance Marine Protected Areas.

Role and Responsibilities

Within the term of this agreement, the Science Coordinator is expected to coordinate and implement all science projects (guided by workplans) in both Palawan and Mindoro sites. We require someone with excellent fish identification skills with relevant experience as an

underwater fish observer, and preferably, have a general understanding of benthic monitoring protocols.

Key responsibilities include:

- Scientific activities such as:
 - Underwater biophysical monitoring (benthic communities, coral bleaching, reef fish communities, commercial fish surveys, spawning aggregations);
 - Deployment of sensors and other instruments for physico-chemical monitoring;
- Maintaining and processing project information and/or databases for:
 - Benthic and reef fish communities (reef health);
 - Coral bleaching datasets;
 - Commercial fish communities;
 - water quality.
- Coordinate and/or participate in Crown of Thorns Starfish (COTS) population monitoring and/or collection in affected areas.
- Assist in preparing technical/simplified reports to partners and/or summary reports to funders using prescribed format or platform.
- Practice proper data hygiene and ensure data is entered into the relevant databases such as MERMAID and MPA-FishMApp;
- Coordinate or provide technical assistance and/or training to partners relevant to coastal resource assessments.
- Support administrative functions (procurement of goods, services, equipment, liquidation, and reimbursement).
- Maintenance of dive and monitoring equipment
- Maintenance of an asset inventory of all equipment and instruments under the Science programs

General Requirements

- Field skills for in-water marine ecosystem health assessments (benthic and fish communities).
- Willing to relocate to a base of operations, but with frequent travel between project locations.

Specific Requirements

- Minimum dive certification of Open Water Dive Certification (with substantial diving experience). Rescue diver preferred.
- Familiarity with identification of reef fish to species level and demonstrated experience in underwater daytime fish visual census (FVC)
 - Experience in benthic community assessment and data processing is an advantage
- Good English writing and speaking skills
- Excellent computer skills (Microsoft Excel)
- Knowledge of R Studio would be an asset

Remuneration

Commensurate with experience

Application Process

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter along with a resume/CV to:
ph.job@bluealliance.earth