

Fisheries Internship (paid position)

Biodiversity programme - Brussels

Internship description

Internship purpose

The internship will give you the opportunity to work with ClientEarth's Fisheries team focusing on European fisheries management and control. We are currently in the midst of an exciting phase of implementation of the EU Common Fisheries Policy, which includes the development of new multiannual management plans and the continued phasing in of the discard ban. In the meantime, implementation of fisheries control measures is ongoing, and work on the revision of the EU Fisheries Control Regulation has started.

The internship will enable you to learn directly how environmental issues can be tackled through a legal approach. You will join our staff in regular learning and development events and be given full support in developing the skills needed to thrive in a professional environment. You will have the opportunity to hone your drafting skills for a variety of audiences and receive constructive feedback on your work from experienced professionals.

Key responsibilities

- Legal research, including reviewing European and national laws and legislative proposals relating to fisheries management and control;
- Helping draft ClientEarth legal briefings and other external facing materials;
- Helping the team to foster effective relationships with key partners (for example in the European Parliament, Member States, industry, other NGOs), including preparing presentations on relevant legal issues, taking minutes of meetings and providing legal research capacity;
- Monitoring political developments relating to fisheries management and control in Europe;
- Producing briefing notes for staff on the basis of guided but independent research;

Although you will be mainly supporting the work of this specific programme you might be required occasionally to provide *ad hoc* support to other programmes or organisational processes.

Location

This position will be based in Brussels.

Person Specification

Education and training

- A degree in law or legal studies (essential), Master level (desirable)

- A specialisation in European or environmental or maritime and fisheries law (desirable)

Experience & knowledge

- Demonstrable experience in high-quality legal research (essential);
- Familiarity with the EU Common Fisheries Policy and/or EU fisheries control framework (highly desirable);
- Policy experience (desirable);

Essential competencies

- Excellent written and oral communication skills – ability to communicate new and complex concepts logically and effectively (essential);
- Fluent in English (essential) - knowledge of another EU language would be an asset;
- Strong legal research skills, including ability to carry out research independently and to synthesise results (essential);
- Ability to adapt language, both oral and written, to different audiences (essential);
- Ability to approach problems creatively and critically to help identify solutions (essential);
- Ability to work in a team, as well as independently (essential);
- Positive attitude and a commitment to working for the environment (essential);

Internship Arrangements:

The internship is paid according to the Belgian legal framework of “Convention d’Immersion Professionnelle”.

We ask that interns commit to this internship on a full time basis (37.5 hours per week) for a duration of maximum 6 months. However, when this is not possible, a minimum of 3 days per week (21 hours) is required for the specific role.