POSITION DESCRIPTION
Current as of 24 August

POSITION TITLE: Healthy Ecosystem Economist
RESPONSIBLE TO: Healthy Ecosystem Program Manager
RESPONSIBLE FOR: NA
LOCATION: Melbourne, Sydney or Canberra
GRADE: 5
SALARY: $80,852
STATUS: Full time
HOURS: Full-Time (37.5 hours per week)

BACKGROUND
The protection and restoration of healthy ecosystems has been at the heart of the ACF’s work for over 40 years. The ACF has played a pivotal role in protecting Australia’s environment – including iconic places like the Great Barrier Reef and the Franklin River. It was instrumental in establishing the Landcare movement. The Healthy Ecosystems Program is building on this legacy and working to achieve the protection, management and restoration of significant Australian terrestrial, freshwater and marine ecosystems. The program’s long term goal is to protect biodiversity and restore ecosystem resilience through integrated approaches that link the social, cultural and economic dimensions of people and place and recognise Indigenous peoples’ roles and rights.

POSITION PURPOSE
The Healthy Ecosystem Campaigner will be a catalyst for economic and social change that protects and regenerates Australia’s ecosystems. The position will be focused on applying environmental economics to the challenges of:

- Having ecosystems valued as the foundation of livelihoods and well-being;
- Reforming environmentally damaging public and private economic policies and practices;
- Identifying opportunities and building collaborations to leverage investment into ecosystem protection and restoration; and
- Informing ACF engagement with food and fibre, resource extraction and other sectors of the economy.
KEY COLLABORATIONS
The Healthy Ecosystems Economist will work closely with the Healthy Ecosystem Program cross organisation team and ACF’s Economic Advisor

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Identify, develop and implement strategies, activities and reports/briefing papers for the purpose of transforming the economic institutions and structures currently driving ecological decline;
2. Lead work on corporate environmental responsibility and ecologically sustainable private investment initiatives;
3. Complete and coordinate research projects in collaboration with ACF staff, external groups, academics and consultants in the area of environmental economics and policy;
4. Be an advocate for ACF’s policy goals and objectives with state and federal governments, business and other relevant stakeholders;
5. Work collaboratively with ACF’s communications staff to ensure effective coordination of ACF public messages and positioning and promote ACF to the media, target audiences and the public on topics relevant to the Healthy Ecosystem Program; and
6. Cooperate with and support other environmental organisations working on similar or related issues to advance ACF’s goals and objectives;

DUTIES
Routine tasks integral to the performance of the position:

1. Identify funding opportunities in annual work plans and campaign plans;
2. Cooperate with ACF marketing, outreach and communications staff to coordinate fundraising initiatives and engagement with supporters and potential supporters;
3. Work collaboratively with ACF senior management, other campaigners and program teams and across the broader organisation to deliver program goals;
4. Other duties as required by the Healthy Ecosystems Program Manager.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
The performance of the Healthy Ecosystem Campaigner will be evaluated through an annual performance review to be conducted by their Manager and assessed against both generic and annual KPIs (as negotiated). In the first year of the appointment, annual KPIs will be set by their Manager.

SKILLS, EXPERIENCE, ATTRIBUTES AND QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

1. A tertiary degree that has included the study of environmental economics and/or experience in applied environmental economics;
2. Excellent research, writing and oral communication skills including demonstrated analytical and report writing skills;
3. Demonstrated project management experience;
4. Working knowledge of the processes of government and business;
5. Experience in building effective public partnerships and alliances;
6. Capacity to represent ACF publicly through media and public speaking events;
7. The ability to work both independently and collaboratively and contribute to a team;
8. Relevant tertiary qualifications would be an advantage.
9. Knowledge of and commitment to ACF’s vision, values and goals;

Note – some intra and interstate travel will be required