

♦ **Job Title:** [Director, Solomon Islands Community Conservation Partnership](#)

**Job Type:** full-time permanent position

**Opportunity location:** Based in capitol city, Honiara, with travel throughout country

**Closing date (if specified):** 15 Nov 2009

Energetic, visionary individual to lead small but growing conservation NGO in the Solomon Islands.

The Solomon Islands is one of the most biologically rich and intact oceanic archipelagos on earth. Nonetheless, poorly regulated logging, fishing, and mining threaten the country's natural resources and the central role they play in the livelihoods of most Solomon Islanders. The Solomon Islands Community Conservation Partnership (SICCP) was created to address the challenges this presents through the use of Community Conservation Agreements (CCAs). CCAs are transparent agreements that provide customary landowners with benefits and capacity-building in exchange for their participation in effective conservation of high priority areas and species.

The position will require full-time residence in the Solomon Islands capitol city, Honiara. The Director's responsibilities revolve around stewarding all aspects of the partnerships embodied in the CCAs. Responsibilities range from fulfilling complex and onerous donor requirements, to building relationships and overseeing activities in remote settings, to maintaining and refining SICCP's emerging vision. As the head of a small NGO, the director needs to be able to engage across the full spectrum of program activities, relying on SICCP's advisors, SICCP staff (currently two people) and partners as appropriate. Support and strategic guidance to the director are provided through regular interaction with the organization's board. Preference given to individuals with vision and leadership skills, experience in Melanesia, and demonstrated ability to maintain focus working towards concrete outcomes in challenging contexts.

Position starts 1 February 2010; flexibility possible for the right candidate.

**For more info, contact:**

Please send resume/C.V., name and address for three professional references, and a cover letter summarizing interest in the position and qualifications to:

Email: [flaso@amnh.org](mailto:flaso@amnh.org)

Francisco Laso  
Program Assistant  
Center for Biodiversity & Conservation  
American Museum of Natural History

79th Street and Central Park West  
New York, NY 10024