

Cetacean Ecologist

- **Based in Wellington, New Zealand**
- **Permanent, full-time**

NIWA is New Zealand's leading environmental science research institute and the key provider of atmospheric, freshwater and marine research and consultancy services.

We wish to appoint a talented and enthusiastic marine mammal researcher with demonstrated quantitative skills to initially lead a cetacean habitat use modelling project based upon existing sightings data. This project is funded by a combination of internal and external funds and will require establishing strong working relationships with external stakeholders.

You will also work closely with a team undertaking research on the population demographics, foraging ecology, migrations and distribution of a variety of marine megafauna, to develop and lead new research projects with a particular focus on the relationships of cetaceans with their environment and human activities. In addition, you will undertake consultancy work for government agencies and commercial entities, develop new research opportunities and prepare funding proposals. Regular and timely publication of high quality scientific reports and papers is expected.

You will be equipped with a PhD in marine ecology or biology and at least two years post-graduate experience in quantitative marine mammal ecology. You will have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of analysis of sightings, locations and distribution data, habitat use modelling, marine mammal ecology and environmental drivers of and threats to threatened cetacean populations. Also, experience in designing and carrying out field campaigns in remote locations. Your ability to communicate complex matters to both technical and general audiences, will ideally be backed by a strong publication record and history of oral presentations and scientific reporting.

We provide an excellent work environment, offer competitive remuneration and benefits and an attractive waterfront location at Greta Point.

A job description, online applications and further information about NIWA can be found at <https://careers.sciencenewzealand.org/niwa/niwa-jobs>

Applications close on Friday, 2 May 2014.

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