

Delivery Lead – Nature-based Solutions (full time)

A unique employment opportunity.

Overview

EnviroStrat is a sustainability and natural resource sector advisor and an impact investment project developer with a unique profile and service offering in the market. Our work is multi-disciplinary, spanning applied science, engineering, economics, public policy and investment in the marine, freshwater, agriculture, energy, waste and climate sectors. We engage with clients in government, the private sector, iwi (indigenous groups) and philanthropy, and work in New Zealand and internationally. In addition to our advisory work, EnviroStrat is a direct investor in projects that have potential to offer breakthrough solutions and both financial and non-financial returns – impact.

This is an important role for EnviroStrat as it focuses on important emerging opportunities – working with nature to advance effective solutions to challenges such as climate change and water and food security. In this role, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction of EnviroStrat as well as shape the development and delivery of flagship projects and solutions for clients in New Zealand and overseas, and for our own nature-based solutions.

Position purpose

Lead the origination, development and execution of solutions at the interface of climate, ecosystems and biodiversity protection and natural resource use. The development of nature-based solutions will require technical knowledge and expertise, including an understanding of ecosystem services, economics and innovative financing.

What will the role do / core responsibilities

Project development & delivery

You will:

- Originate, and lead the development and execution of our project pipeline for nature-based solutions, with a focus on large scale opportunities (landscapes/seascapes, catchments, regions).
- Develop risk mitigation strategies in the design and delivery of nature-based solutions, including in relation to impact identification, reporting and verification and blended finance approaches.
- Develop methodologies for implementing nature-based solutions that are aligned with EnviroStrat's vision and strategic direction, and informed by developments in international best practice.

Partnerships & client relationships

Develop, manage and grow meaningful relationships with:

- Clients and investors to successfully progress nature-based solutions and leverage policy and investment opportunities.

- Iwi, having regard to te ao Māori values and aspirations and their interface with nature-based solutions.
- Work with partners and clients to develop new business and investment models for nature-based solutions.

Internal team

- Lead or assist with the design and evaluation of investments linked to marine, freshwater, regional development and/or natural resource management outcomes.
- Collaborate and coordinate with other colleagues and subject matter experts across EnviroStrat and its network.
- Guide the development of knowledge and tools in response to needs and requirements of nature-based solutions.

What we are looking for

- Relevant Tertiary qualifications and at least 10 years professional experience.
- Consulting or professional services experience is highly desirable.
- Track record in the origination and delivery of complex environmental projects and understanding of business, finance and investment models to achieve environmental, social and economic outcomes.
- Deep understanding of nature-based solutions principles and standards, measurement and verification, including knowledge of the NZ context and market drivers and environmental markets.
- A grounding in sustainable development and knowledge of at least one of the following: natural capital and ecosystem services, ecosystem accounting (e.g. carbon, water, biodiversity - tools, protocols and metrics).
- A passion for innovative, break-through solutions that combine sustainable development knowledge with a focus on conservation and biodiversity and a commitment to people's wellbeing and inclusivity.
- Significant experience in engaging with senior decision-makers in government (central and regional) and the private sector.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

An ability to work on multiple tasks or projects, prioritise and respond to ad-hoc requests and demonstrate initiative and a can-do attitude is very important to this role – including being team-focused and making the best of the knowledge available within EnviroStrat and its network of partners. The role provides a range of opportunities for professional learning and growth, and involvement in impactful projects in NZ and overseas in a high-pace environment.

All qualified talent will be considered for employment without regard to race, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or disability. If you are interested, please email a covering letter and CV to enquiries@envirostrat.co.nz