The Nippon Foundation – GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project Director
Position Description

POSITION TITLE
Seabed 2030 Project Director

POSITION SUMMARY
The General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) and The Nippon Foundation are seeking an experienced professional to lead and represent all aspects of the Seabed 2030 Project. The Project vision is to produce the definitive**,** high resolution bathymetric map of the entire world's oceans by 2030. This initiative is driven by the motivation to empower the world to make policy decisions, sustainably use the ocean and undertake scientific research based on detailed bathymetric information of the Earth's seabed.

The Project Director will deliver on the Seabed 2030 Business Plan by leading the Project team, coordinating activities across 5 project centers, developing and executing a funding model that includes securing resources from external organizations and capital markets to expand the project and advocating for governments and other organizations to finance and carry out new seafloor mapping initiatives to map known gaps in seafloor bathymetric coverage. The Project Director will serve as the external face of the project, networking and partnering with key international marine programmes, industry, NGOs, academic institutions and government agencies while overseeing the implementation of a comprehensive marketing and communications strategy.

Successful applicants will have proven experience in managing complex international projects and coordinating culturally diverse groups of people and organizations. They will have a track record of cultivating a culture of mutual respect, collaboration, innovation and accountability with an ability to rapidly adapt to change to achieve results.

ACCOUNTABILITY
The Project Director is accountable to the GEBCO Guiding Committee.

DIRECT REPORTS

1. The leads of four Regional Data Assembly and Coordination Centers located in Stockholm, Bremerhaven, New York, and Wellington, and one Global Data Assembly and Coordination Centre located in Southampton
2. A part-time administrative support position

LOCATION

The position location will be at a mutually agreed host organization.

POSITION TENURE

This is a rolling three year position with right of renewal if mutually agreed.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Implement the Seabed 2030 Project as outlined in the Seabed 2030 Project Business Plan and other associated project documentation
2. Lead the Seabed 2030 Project Team
3. Build and foster an effective Seabed 2030 network of partners that includes international mapping initiatives and projects, key international marine programmes, industry, NGOs, academic institutions and government agencies
4. Internationally advocate for Seabed 2030 and seabed mapping in general
5. Secure capital to expand Seabed 2030 activities
6. Advocate for governments and other organizations to finance and carry out new seafloor mapping campaigns
7. Represent Seabed 2030 at international meetings and forums
8. Report on project deliverables, status and progress to the GEBCO Guiding Committee, the Nippon Foundation, IHO and IOC.
9. Produce an annual work plan and submit it to the GEBCO Guiding Committee for endorsement
10. Coordinate and direct communication and outreach activities

PERSONAL QUALITIES AND EXPERIENCE

1. Extensive experience and expertise in:
    - Managing complex international projects
    - Developing and implementing funding models and fund raising, marketing and communication strategies
    - Leading high functioning cohesive teams
    - Partnering with and presenting to senior personnel in industry and intergovernmental, NGOs, national and academic organizations

2. Strong interpersonal skills including conflict management, negotiation, networking, communication, and navigating cultural differences
3. Willingness to travel internationally up to 25%

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- The Nippon Foundation – GEBCO – Seabed 2030 Roadmap for Future Ocean Floor Mapping
- Seabed 2030 Project Business Plan
- GEBCO website (http://www.GEBCO.net)
- Seabed 2030 website (seabed2030.org)