

## Job description

<b>Position:</b>	Technical Lead, Plastic Solutions	<b>Supervisor:</b>	Chief Strategy Officer
<b>Location:</b>	Hybrid: London or Totnes 3 days per week in office	<b>Salary:</b>	Competitive
<b>Contract:</b>	Full-time, permanent	<b>Reports:</b>	Researchers, Country advisors.

We are looking for an analytical solutions designer whose recommendations enable governments and businesses to design and deliver upstream solutions that tackle the source of the plastics problem.

Drawing from a specialism in material flows, systems and policies to reduce plastics, you are familiar with obtaining data to produce models and analysis. Professional experience is required in circular economy, resources & waste management, plastic pollution and international policy.

Dedicated to impact, you coach government and business leaders to understand required technical detail to confidently announce and implement strategies.

### Common Seas

We are an international social enterprise designing and delivering upstream solutions to tackle the source of the plastics problem.

Common Seas champions Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to enable their decision-makers to set baselines, design policy and act on plastic, and advocate for a UN Plastic Treaty that works for them. [Our approach and tools](#) have received widespread recognition and provided Governments with the evidence and courage to deliver ambitious action on plastic.

We have developed a first-of-its-kind tool to enable hospitality businesses to measure and deliver plastic reductions. For more information please visit: <https://commonseas.com/>.

### Responsibilities

- Direct the development and application of Common Seas' plastic footprinting and strategy building models: Plastic Drawdown and PlasTICK.
- Manage and produce the quantitative and qualitative data acquisition and populate models delivering national baseline data and policy analysis, predominately for Small Island Developing States.
- Develop working relationships with specialists and decision makers in the countries where we work to build data, knowledge and develop and deliver solutions.
- Produce and workshop technical reports and national action plans, with quality assured.
- Network and represent Common Seas as a provider and innovator in tools enabling plastic reporting and reduction, including at UN working groups.
- Develop and ensure tools drive innovation to remain competitive in tune to user needs.

## Person Specification

*E = Essential; D= Desirable*

<b>Education and Training</b>	
• >5 years relevant professional experience	E
• Relevant degree.	E
<b>Experience</b>	
• Using waste models and conducting material flow analysis applied to waste management	E
• Research combining quantitative and qualitative methods, including stakeholder consultation	E
• Technical leadership, managing a team and external relationships	E
• Using data and analysis to coach and inform policy dialogue, including coaching stakeholders and facilitating workshops around data and solutions	E
• Extended time in Low or Middle-Income Countries (LMIC)	D
<b>Knowledge and skills</b>	
• Material flows and data sources relating to plastic consumption, waste management, waste regulation and compliance, marine litter, recycling, circular economy, waste trade, microplastics and wastewater, ideally in LMIC context	E
• Relevant network working to advance tools to support baseline assessment and policy making on plastics.	E
• Complex project planning and management	E
• Communication, both written and oral	E
• Advanced MS Office including Excel	E
• Programming in Python	D
<b>Values &amp; personal attributes</b>	
• Problem solver with analytical mind, who can adapt and take on new challenges.	E
• A continuous learning mindset, always seeking to learn and do things better	E
• A strong commitment to delivering results that support Common Seas' mission	E

### Timing

We are looking to hire for this position as soon as possible.

### How to apply

If you think this sounds like the perfect role for you, please contact Ellwood Atfield via Liam Young at [Liam.y@ellwoodatfield.com](mailto:Liam.y@ellwoodatfield.com), sending a CV and one page covering letter detailing your key experience in material flows, mixed methods studies, and the systems and policies to reduce plastic waste.

We anticipate shortlisting for this role by 31 July, but we may close applications sooner when we have the right pool of candidates.