

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB ROLE: Plankton Analyst

JOB PURPOSE: Analysis of plankton samples

ACCOUNTABILITY: Reporting to Laboratory Manager / Training Manager

Essential experience/skills/qualifications:

- Strong analytical skills, have excellent attention to detail and patience.
- Excellent organisational skills, able to prioritise workload effectively.
- Good communication skills.
- Time management skills: ability to work on different projects as directed.
- Qualified to at least A Level, or equivalent in Biology.

Desirable experience/skills/qualifications:

- Knowledge of marine plankton taxonomy – Phytoplankton and Zooplankton, or identification experience of other flora and fauna.
- Working knowledge of microscopes and experience of using laboratory equipment.
- Knowledge of working with formalin.

Key responsibilities and skills:

- Analysis of plankton samples as per agreed timetable.
- Sample QA/QC (Checkblocks) completed within one week of issue and to agreed timetable.
- Adhere to Health & Safety and operational procedures, maintaining a clean and tidy working environment.
- Regular participation in training events.
- Contribute to the day-to-day running of the analysis section (e.g. sample preparation and curation).
- To undertake ad-hoc tasks identified as being within the job holders' capabilities.