

## 1.5-year full-time scientist position in marine debris observations as part of EU BioGeoSea project at the Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences

The Large Scale Processes Team of the Department of Marine Chemistry & Biogeochemistry at the Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Sciences ([IO PAN](#)) is offering a fixed-term, full-time scientist position in the field of marine debris observations, contributing to the Integrated Marine Debris Observing System (IMDOS). The position is funded by the EU Horizon Europe [BioGeoSea project](#) (Grant ID: 101216427), and is available initially for the period of 18 months with the possibility of extension depending on the availability of additional funds and mutually satisfactory collaboration. The gross monthly salary will be around 13 000 - 17 000 PLN, depending on the employee's qualifications and professional experience. Anticipated starting date is January 2026. The position is based in Sopot, Poland.

We offer a very interesting and independent work environment in a small but interdisciplinary team working in close collaboration with many international organisations, programmes and projects on a daily basis. We offer a friendly and stimulating atmosphere which promotes creativity and personal development.

Interested candidates should submit their applications by **November 21, 2025, 23:59 UTC**.

### About IO PAN

The Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences (IO PAN) is playing an increasingly significant role in shaping the European and global oceanographic landscape. IO PAN offers a dynamic and collaborative environment for leading researchers across several oceanographic disciplines. It is also the proud home of three prestigious international programmes and projects: the International Ocean Carbon Coordination Project ([IOCCP](#)) & Global Ocean Observing System ([GOOS](#)) Biogeochemistry Panel of Experts (based at IO PAN since 2012), the Integrated Marine Debris Observing System ([IMDOS](#); partially based at IO PAN since 2022), and the [BalticEarth](#) (partially based at IO PAN since 2025).

The position offered is within the Large Scale Processes Team of the Department of Marine Chemistry and Biochemistry, where innovative research and global cooperation drive impactful ocean science. The team actively participates in numerous EU and international projects, including Horizon Europe initiatives like [BioGeoSea](#), [OceanICU](#), [BioEcoOcean](#), [SEA-Quester](#) and [TRICUSO](#), with past involvement also in [EuroSea](#), [ECOTIP](#) and [AtlantOS](#). We are committed to fostering an international community dedicated to advancing ocean science.

## About BioGeoSea

The position is realized within the EU Horizon Europe funded project BioGeoSea, an innovation project with 16 international partners, spanning a 3.5 year period. The overall aim of BioGeoSea is to significantly close the gaps in the GOOS Biogeochemical Essential Ocean Variables ([EOVs](#)), validate them, and use them to feed ocean metrics in the form of indicators and data products that reflect their relevance to the society. This aim includes further development of the Marine Plastics Debris EOv, and its *de facto* implementation by the ocean observing community in close coordination with existing programmes and activities contributing to EU and global marine pollution and environmental monitoring. To this end, BioGeoSea is committed to supporting the Integrated Marine Debris Observing System (IMDOS; [www.imdos.org](http://www.imdos.org)) which is a joint initiative of GOOS, the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Blue Planet and UNEP Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML).

## About the position

We are seeking to employ an enthusiastic scientist who will contribute to coordination of EU and global marine plastics debris observation and data harmonisation efforts as part of IMDOS. The newly employed person will be supported by members of the IMDOS Project Office and IO PAN's partners in BioGeoSea, and will gradually take responsibility for delivery of the tasks listed below.

The overall task is to significantly develop the EU and global implementation of the Marine Plastics Debris EOv by supporting several Technical Coordination Task Teams of IMDOS in line with the [IMDOS Strategy](#). In particular, the project officer will:

- update the Marine Plastics Debris EOv Specification Sheet based on the results of expert and public review process;
- support the IMDOS Data Harmonization and Management Task Team that will promote guidelines for harmonisation, standardisation, and quality control of marine debris data which are essential for regular marine debris pollution assessments
- support the IMDOS Task Teams on: Design of Monitoring System, Technical Innovations, and Development of Indicators, to provide recommendations and initiate community efforts related to advancing these aspects of coordinated observations;
- deliver a novel and up-to-date readiness level assessment of the publicly available marine debris data products and existing observing technologies capable of supporting IMDOS implementation;
- organise online and in-person expert and community workshops to support the overall task implementation.

## Required qualifications

- Good understanding and knowledge of marine debris science
- A minimum Masters degree in marine science or related discipline
- Experience in working in large international teams, working groups or communities of practice
- Excellent command of written and spoken English
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, including modern communication tools and collaborative workspaces
- Interpersonal skills - high personal culture, building positive relationships

- Independence and commitment to perform assigned duties

## Preferred qualifications

- PhD in marine science, ideally related to marine debris topics
- Experience in organising in-person and online workshops or other events
- Basic understanding of the ocean observing and data management landscape

## Terms of employment

- Duration: fixed term, 18 months + possible extension contingent upon mutual satisfaction and availability of additional funds
- Salary: 13 000-17 000 PLN gross monthly depending on the level of qualification and experience
- Position based and executed physically at IO PAN, Sopot, Poland
- Anticipated starting date: January 2026

## Inquiries

Any questions related to the job offer should be directed to Artur Palacz at [palacz\[at\]iopan.pl](mailto:palacz[at]iopan.pl)

## Application

To apply send the following documents by email to IO PAN HR at [rekrutacja\[at\]iopan.pl](mailto:rekrutacja[at]iopan.pl) and Artur Palacz at [palacz\[at\]iopan.pl](mailto:palacz[at]iopan.pl) no later than **21 November 2025, 23:59 UTC**:

- CV
- Letter of motivation
- Contact to minimum two referees
- A signed copy of the GDPR consent clause (see next page)

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