

# Marine Mammal Biologist and Data Scientist

## Contract Position



The Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System (GCOOS - <https://gcoos.org/>) is the Gulf of Mexico regional component of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) of NOAA. At GCOOS we are looking for a highly motivated and skilled professional interested in contributing to the understanding of marine mammals in the Gulf of Mexico as part of the team of our CETACEAN Project with NOAA. This project seeks the integration of a database useful in supporting plans and performance tracking of population restoration efforts during the next several years. The CETACEAN Biologist and Data Scientist will work closely with the Project Manager and Data Management and Cyberinfrastructure Team to identify, gather, and QA/QC available data that is useful to achieve project goals with the guidance of the project's Executive Committee.

This is an ideal role for someone with a solid background in marine mammal biology, ecology, health, and/or management training and experience. The CETACEAN Biologist and Data Scientist responsibilities will include:

- Discover available data (Primary data types in this project are population, environment/habitat, and threats)
- Identify priorities within different data types and databases
- Review suitability of data for contributing to project objectives
- Develop collaboration agreements with data providers
- Review and implement exploratory data analysis, and QA/QC datasets

Additional skills and experience in project management, project communication, data science and GIS, and ability to work cooperatively will be appreciated.

This is a 2 year remote work contract position. Offers competitive compensation commensurate with experience.

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