

## Scientific and technical coordinator of a long-term agronomic experiment in Bolivia

The project "Farming Systems Comparison in the Tropics" (SysCom), implemented since 2008, aims to establish a scientific basis for discussions on the performance and potential of conventional and organic agricultural production systems in the tropics. In Bolivia, the project compares five different systems of cocoa: conventional monoculture and agroforestry, organic monoculture and agroforestry, and dynamic agroforestry systems (<https://systems-comparison.fibl.org/project-sites/bolivia.html>) – which makes it unique in the world. It also embeds side-trials on local varieties and demonstration plots. At the Sara Ana Center in Alto Beni, a team of 10 persons is implementing the trial and organizing data collection as well as dissemination activities.

### Job description:

You supervise the implementation of the yearly agronomic management plan of a trial of 10 ha in direct connexion with Ecotop head. In close relationship with FiBL (Research Institute of Organic Agriculture, Switzerland, in charge the overall project coordination), you are responsible for the organization and collection of the data. You are also directly proceeding to their secured transcription, storage and transmission for research and development purposes. You are supporting researchers, students and partners organizations for their work in the field on punctual scientific studies. You support the overall dissemination of the results obtained at the local, national and international scales.

### Profile:

- MSc in agricultural or environmental sciences, preferably with some experience in perennial systems and/or tropical agroecosystems. Interest in working at the nexus between agricultural system biophysics and agricultural management.
- Good command of the Office suite (or equivalent), especially with regard to data handling and quality check procedure. Basic knowledge in experimental design and statistics are a must.
- Excellent communication skills and responsiveness, interest to pro-actively develop the work at the Sara Ana Centre further, good team player both with the local team as well as virtually
- Willingness to spent 50% of the working time at the Sara Ana Centre, 270 km from La Paz. The other 50% is home office.
- Ability to work in hot and humid conditions. Experience in the tropics is welcome.
- Good command of English, and correct command of Spanish.

**Date of employment:** January 2024

**Duration of the contract:** 3 years (Dec. 2026)

**Conditions of employment:** according Bolivian national standards.

**Contact and application deadline :** please send CV + motivation letter + salary expectations before the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2023 to [j.milz@ecotop-consult.de](mailto:j.milz@ecotop-consult.de) and [stephane.saj@fibl.org](mailto:stephane.saj@fibl.org)