

Tropical Marine Conservation Internship

Philippines and Micronesia Conservation Internship

Availability

From August 2011 we have 3 vacancies for well-qualified graduates to work as field-based interns on the C3 Philippines and Micronesia Programme.

Location

You will be working from our field station on the remote Busuanga Island in Northern Palawan, a biodiversity hotspot and home to one of the last remaining Dugong populations in the Philippines. This area is renowned for its outstanding natural beauty and surrounded by high limestone pinnacles that hide a maze of lagoons and pristine reefs.

Conservation Focus

Our work will begin by focusing on the dugong population and other endangered species' interactions with small scale fisheries. Your internship will involve both kayak based observation and research of dugongs in the field as well as working within communities to help implement locally-driven marine resource management activities.

Importance

Major threats to dugongs in Philippines come from habitat loss and degradation and fishing pressure/by-catch. The Philippines archipelago and more specifically Busuanga Island host wide areas of seagrass beds which are unfortunately being degraded due to natural processes and anthropogenic activities.

We hope to use these data to develop community-driven monitoring and management plans over the coming year to help conserve these species.

Fiji and South Pacific Islands Conservation Internship

Availability

From June 2011 we have 3 vacancies for well-qualified graduates to work as field-based interns on the C3 Fiji and South Pacific Islands Programme.

Location

You will be working from our beach based field site with a remote community on the island of Kia. Sheltered by the Great Sea Reef, the third largest barrier reef in the world, Kia is of particular significance because the community is appointed as the traditional fishers (gonedau) for Tui Macuata.

Conservation Focus

The first phase of this work is the documentation of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and socioeconomic importance of the reef and its fishery resources. The next stage is to examine the most important fisheries more closely (e.g. invertebrates, women in fisheries, turtle harvest and coral reefs). This work will involve both fisheries dependent and independent protocols, including landing site

monitoring, in-water assessments of key reef species such as the Humphead Wrasse and the evaluation of CPUE.

Importance

With Western influences putting increasing pressure on traditional practices the documentation and recording of TEK is of paramount importance. Communities such as those on Kia have been successfully managing their local fisheries for generations. This 'know how' will be critical in helping to develop community-driven monitoring and management plans not only in Fiji, but in many other small developing island nations.

Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Conservation Internship

Availability

From July 2011 we have 3 vacancies for well-qualified graduates to work as interns on the C3 Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands Programme

Location

You will be based at our Head Office in Diego in Northern Madagascar with opportunities to conduct turtle monitoring research throughout the North West region.

Conservation Focus

Following 5 years of highly successful community-driven marine resource management initiatives in the Indian Ocean Islands, C3 has developed a strong regional network of projects. With the chance for hands-on socio-economic and ecological field research (including turtle and dugong monitoring), capacity-building for local partner institutions, design and implementation of social marketing campaigns and a chance for keen writers to publish research findings, this internship provides a well-rounded and practical experience perfect for building a career in international marine conservation.

Importance

With a relatively low population pressure and some of the most important biodiversity in Madagascar, the North West region is becoming a focal point for conservation efforts. Sea turtle populations are in decline worldwide and listed as endangered throughout their range. Building local capacity through education and informed research will be critical to their future survival.

Scholarships are available for exceptional applicants with previous work experience in marine conservation.

For all internship positions candidates should send in a CV and brief cover letter to Sarah Duddigan: vacancies@c-3.org.uk

See www.c-3.org.uk/internships.php and www.twitter.com/c3update for more details and please read the Internship Brief before applying.