

## Insect breeding specialist

### **Hiring Organization:**

Wings of Serenity and Tarsius Project

### **Position Description:**

Tarsius Project is a complex initiative, incorporating conservation, research, education of local people, welfare of captive tarsiers and eco-tourism in order to protect the one of the smallest primates in the world – Philippine tarsier (*Tarsius syrichta*). Our Project is located in the picturesque interior of the most famous Philippine Island in terms of tarsiers – Bohol. Here, in a remote area in the middle of forest and village settings we have developed the Tarsius Project Conservation Centre, focused on establishing a viable, captive breeding colony of the Philippine tarsier, develop husbandry guidelines for the species as well as developing extensive educational programme for local schools.

As we are currently struggling with lack of insects, the main food source for our tarsiers we are seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic insect specialist to join our team for a minimum of 1 month starting in November (although, the appointment can be extended upon performance and willingness of a the candidate). This is an interesting opportunity for individuals interested in zoo biology and conservation to gain more field experience to further their professional career in animal husbandry and *in-situ* conservation. The position offers the successful candidate to work in the field of conservation and management of a sensitive species, while living in the heart of beautiful and calm tropical Philippine island.

The successful candidate can be involved in various activities, but main focus will be insects day-to-day husbandry (feeding, cleaning, making furnishing, handling and counting individuals, but you will be asked for other work in the breeding area). This includes also insects collections at the evening/night. We need to develop more effective breeding and collection methods in order to be able to feed our tarsiers

For more information about the Tarsius Project and our activities feel free to visit our website: [www.tarsiusproject.org](http://www.tarsiusproject.org)

### **Qualifications/Experience:**

A preferred candidate should be passionate about wildlife, especially insects. Previous experience in insect husbandry and collection methods is highly desirable, knowledge of insects husbandry will be an asset.

You must be energetic, responsible, flexible and have a keen interest in nature and animals conservation. You must be highly self-motivated to work in all conditions, especially nights and in forested areas, physically and mentally fit, independent, resourceful, and enjoy the challenge of working with a diverse group of people of different backgrounds. Fieldwork can be tiring, frustrating, and both physically and mentally challenging. Applicants should be prepared to approach these challenges with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

Our project site is in very remote location, so you must feel comfortable living at a very isolated field site location with limited cell phone, internet and power access. Optimism, sense of humour and patience will help. Candidates with experience living in developing countries will be favoured.

**Salary and support provided:**

The position is voluntary and salary will not be provided. While on the project site, accommodation in an own native hut will be provided. Visa and insurance expenses are the responsibility of the manager and are not covered by the Project.

**Application Deadline:**

until the position is filled

**Comments:**

If you are interested, please send a CV with a photo , cover letter to [tarsiusproject@gmail.com](mailto:tarsiusproject@gmail.com). Do not hesitate to contact us also for further information.

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