

Field manager – Tarsius Project

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.

We are currently seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic field manager to join our team for a minimum of 6 months 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, primatology, zoology, education 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 will be involved in various activities, but main tasks include following areas:

A) Tarsiers Husbandry

Preparation of food and providing it to the tarsiers, observation and monitoring the individuals, handling and checking tarsiers' condition, maintenance of enclosures.

B) Observations

Behavioural observations on our captive tarsiers at nighttime, data entry and analysis.

C) Conservation and Environmental Education

Development and implementing a new educational programme for elementary and high schools, creating additional educational materials, brochures, displays etc.

D) Field Work

Forest monitoring of tarsier in proximity of our site, observation of wild individuals if needed.

E) Tarsiers Food

A focus will be also 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.

Additionally you will be asked to help with our eco-tourism activity (the Night Safari) and livelihood development for local people. Irregular working hours are required, which includes also night shifts.

For more information about the Tarsius Project and our activities feel free to visit our website: www.tarsiusproject.org

Qualifications/Experience:

A preferred candidate should possess at least B.Sc. in Primatology, Zoology or related field. Previous experience in animal husbandry, especially with primates 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:

A monthly salary of 14000 Philippine pesos will be provided which will cover food, basic daily needs or free time activities. While on the project site, accommodation in an own native hut will be provided. Visa will be provided by the Project. In case of stay longer than one year a flight ticket once per year will be provided. Insurance expenses are the responsibility of the manager and are not covered by the Project.

Application Deadline:

15th September 2017

Comments:

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

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