



SEA TURTLE INTERNSHIP COSTA RICA

Refugio Nacional de Vida Silvestre Romelia



APPLY:

- COVER LETTER
- C.V
- 3 REFERRAL LETTERS
- PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINE OR PCR TEST
- HEALTH INSURANCE WITH REPATRIATION COVERAGE

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Refugio Nacional de Vida Silvestre Mixto Romelia was founded on the 24th of November, 1998. Its main objective is to preserve the biodiversity of Área de Conservación Tempisque (ACT). There are paths within the various habits found at Refugio Romelia. These terrains are the habitat of a wide variety of endangered flora and fauna species. Among which there is some very concentrated distribution in the northeastern part of the national territory. The Refugio consists of 295 hectares of land with forests in various stages of growth. Several creeks of crystal-clear water run throughout this land. Some 50 hectares of the Refugio are public property, as is all land within 50 meters of the Costa Rican coastline. Romelia is located near the village of Montezuma, in the district of Cóbano, in the Central Canton of the Province of Puntarenas.

ROMELIA SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION PROJECT

Romelia Sea Turtles Conservation Project has been conducted since 2009, and it has as the main goal to conserve sea turtle populations that come to the nest to the beaches of the Refuge. The project includes activities as monitoring nesting sea turtle females and protecting and monitoring the nests.

TYPICAL WORK DAY FOR THE SEA-TURTLE SEASON:

- Around 2 hours shift watching the hatchery in the day. This is a simple and quiet task in the hut next to the hatchery on the beach.
- Around 2 hours in daily activities such as beach cleanups, vineyards & trail maintenance, environmental education, others.
- The group of volunteers, including assistants, will be cleaning and cooking (subbing for the cooks' day off) to distribute tasks among all, weekly.
- Short meetings to discuss issues related to projects and organize tasks, answer questions.
- Night Patrols: 3 or 4 hours walks along the beach to collect data on sea turtles' population and transfer nests to the hatchery. If you do not have to patrol, you will have a night shift in the hatchery guarding about 4 hours. These activities are conducted in groups. Patrols and shift schedules vary depending on the tides and the number of staff available.

REQUIREMENTS

- + 21 years old
 - Biology student or related field.
 - Bilingual (English-Basic Spanish but advanced Spanish a plus)
 - Enthusiastic, positive, dynamic, self-motivated.
 - Good team player skills
 - Good fitness condition and health
 - Loves the outdoors and can handle tropical weather.
 - Loves the idea of spending time off the grid
 - 3 months commitment
- Sea Turtle Conservation Project:**
Night and Early Morning Patrols(3-4 hours).
Biometric data collection from the sea turtles.
Nest relocation to the hatchery or beach.
Baby turtles release
Exhumation of hatched nests
- Other activities:** vineyard and trail maintenance, environmental education, wildlife monitoring, infrastructure maintenance, landscaping, beach clean, among others.
Hours of work will vary, both during the day and at night.

**JUNE TO SEPTEMBER-SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER- NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY
THIS POSITION OFFERS ROOM AND BOARD**