Conservation Internship in Myanmar

Intern on biological survey, monitoring and community engagement in the Kachin, Sagaing, Rakhine Scapes and receive career development opportunities

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Program Information

Gain valuable field-based experience and boost your career when you join nature conservation and community engagement internships in the Kachin, Sagaing and Rakhine Scapes. Learn a range of skills: using compass, map and GPS unit, wildlife track and sign, habitat types, deploying digital camera traps to photograph rare and elusive species, wildlife observation from undertaking biological surveys, conducting natural resource needs assessment and forest inventory in target community to hiking in the pristine forests of Mount Hkakaborazi Landscape, Htamanthi, where tigers roam, and Rakhine Yoma Elephant Range alongside more than a decade long experienced field team of WCS Myanmar. Moreover, understand the role of community-based conservation, social and cultural aspects of indigenous people and their livelihood.

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Kachin, Sagaing & Rakhine Scapes

Hkakaborazi Landscape in Kachin is a potential candidate to become the World Natural Heritage due to her outstanding universal value. Also, Htamanthi, located between mighty Chindwin and Uru Rivers, is home to Asia mega-fauna in Sagaing Region of Myanmar. Rakhine is credible scape to do conservation research from reef to ridge. They are crucial for the endangered wildlife conservation and ecosystem services for the benefits of local community as well.

Gain experience in Htamanthi or Mount Hkakaborazi or Rakhine Scape for a threatened wildlife conservation and community – based career, working and living alongside our research team. You will learn a range of skills on the internship from those focused on research such as biological surveys, species identification, camera trapping, wildlife and socio economic data managing, to practical skills such as team building, hiking and more.

During training alongside WCS team, you will learn how to conduct biological and social surveys, set up camera traps, identify species and role of protected area in Myanmar. Next, the internship will be a work placement within the survey team to help run our conservation research program in the sanctuary and indigenous community nearby where interns will be assisting in local conservation efforts and/or scientific research.

By the end of the internship program, participants will have the skills to monitor a wide range of mini-ecosystems in a very diverse location, apply a holistic approach to conservation and community engagement in natural resource management and return home with a range of certifications alongside valuable field based experience.

Eligibility & Requirement

Eligibility
1) Any Bachelor Degree (within 5 years)
2) Basic computer skills (Microsoft package, email, internet)
3) Fluent written and spoken Myanmar and English languages
4) Willingness to travel to field sites
5) Any gender is eligible.

Required Documents
- Cover letter expressing why you are interested in applying this intern
- Updated CV (passport photo attached)
- Copies of educational documents

Deadline: September 30, 2017