

Professional Volunteer – English Teacher – Pu Mat National Park

Introduction

Save Vietnam's Wildlife (SVW) is a national conservation Non-Profit Organisation in Vietnam, our mission is to stop the extinction of threatened species and to recover their wild populations in Vietnam. Part of our mission is to build capacity in other rescue centres in Vietnam, to ensure the best animal welfare and husbandry standards of rescued animals.

Animal welfare is often in need of improvement in Vietnam and with no formal education in animal care and management, the staff in rescue centres benefit from extra training to provide the best standard of animal husbandry. Save Vietnam's Wildlife has entered a partnership with Pu Mat National Park and one of our aims is to build capacity among the staff in both English language skills and animal welfare practices.

The role

The main duty of the volunteer is to teach English to the staff, in both formal and informal ways. Formal teaching will be with staff in classroom settings as well as one-to-one teaching. Informal teaching will involve working alongside the staff and teach whilst working at the rescue center. Furthermore, the volunteer will support the Head Keeper and staff with general animal husbandry duties, such as cleaning, enrichment and feeding.

We are looking for an independent and pro-active individual who is willing to commit to this position for a minimum of three months. Our ideal candidate is willing and capable to live in a remote area in a tropical climate and is passionate about making a real impact in the field of education, animal welfare and conservation. The volunteer will report to SVW's Animal Manager and work under supervision from SVW's Head Keeper.

What do we offer you?

This position would be ideal for someone who wants to gain experience in teaching and working in front-line conservation and animal welfare in Vietnam, with species such as moon bears, turtles, primates and small carnivores. Due to the high pressures on wildlife in the country, rescuing and rehabilitating animals is of critical importance. This is an unpaid position, but basic accommodation and costs of food will be covered during the time of the placement. After an introduction week at SVW's headquarters in Cuc Phuong National Park, the volunteer will work under supervision from the Head Keeper in Pu Mat NP and will have support from the SVW team in Cuc Phuong NP at all times.

Duration of volunteer placement: A minimum of six months

Start date: As soon as possible

Deadline for application: 9th March 2018







Location

Initially one week at SVW's headquarters in Cuc Phuong National Park, Ninh Binh Province. The rest of the placement will be at the rescue center of Pu Mat National Park, Nghệ An Province.

Accommodation

Will be provided for the duration of the placement

Hours of work

8 hours each day and 5 days/week. Teaching English to the staff will be the priority, the rest of the time will be spent at the rescue center. A large amount of flexibility is required for the role.

Essential criteria

- Native English speaker or English teaching qualifications
- Demonstrable teaching experience
- Educated to degree level, or demonstrable relevant work or volunteer experience
- Self-motivating and independent
- Willingness to adapt to working and living in Vietnamese culture
- Ability to lift 50lbs

Desirable criteria

- Demonstrable animal husbandry experience would be a high advantage
- Sound knowledge of principles and techniques of modern animal management and welfare
- Sound knowledge of wildlife and habitat conservation
- Familiar with working in a tropical climate
- Good sense of humour

We are a small organisation and unfortunately, we will only be able to contact shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Please send a CV and cover letter to Ms. Ut Duong: jobs@svw.vn

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