JOIN OUR TEAM

Whale Shark Conservation Research Assistant

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<th>Pintuyan, Southern Leyte and Donsol, Sorsogon</th>
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<td>Length of Position:</td>
<td>Seasonal (November 20, 2023 – June 10, 2024)</td>
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| Salary:              | ● Php 18,000/month including food and housing when in field  
                        ● Up to Php 5,000 travel expense coverage to field site |
| Starting Date:       | 20 November 2023                             |

About Large Marine Vertebrates Research Institute Philippines (LAMAVE)

Large Marine Vertebrates Research Institute Philippines (LAMAVE) is a Filipino non-stock, non-profit, non-government organisation dedicated to the conservation of marine megafauna and their habitats in the country. LAMAVE strives to ensure a secure and prosperous ocean for marine life and people by applying science-based solutions to conservation challenges, investing in the transfer of skills for long-term impact at the grassroots level, and advancing the knowledge to enable people and governments to protect their natural resources.

Job Purpose:
LAMAVE is looking for a Research Assistant to join our team in Pintuyan, Southern Leyte and Donsol, Sorsogon studying whale shark ecology and human-shark interaction. This project aims to assess and monitor the population structure, seasonal distribution, and habitat use of whale sharks in the area, as well as supporting the local community to adopt sustainable tourism operations. Following the Southern Leyte season, the successful candidate may have the opportunity to transfer to the whale shark project site in Donsol, Sorsogon- managing the team in this location for the season.

The Research Assistant will be heavily involved in the communication and coordination with local communities, supporting project/house management and operations, management of international volunteers, and data management and analysis. They will be working closely with the Project Leader to engage with the stakeholders in meetings and consultations, and will also be creating and executing information education campaign (IEC) workshops to facilitate the collection of qualitative research and outreach aspects of the project. This position entails rigorous attention to detail, a keen interest in marine conservation, knowledge in data processing and analysis, and strong interpersonal skills. They must be an excellent communicator and comfortable with interacting, managing, and facilitating conflict resolution with a diverse group of people from various nationalities. They will also be counted on to assist in the various scientific, community, and educational activities that LAMAVE is involved with.

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This is an excellent opportunity for someone who wishes to gain experience in marine science and conservation within the operations of a small NGO and living in a remote provincial town. This position will provide you with the opportunity to improve multiple desirable skills such as project and people management, data collection and analysis, stakeholder engagement. You will work with a diverse group of individuals who are trying to make a positive conservation impact through scientific research and education. This includes LAMAVE staff members and the volunteers and scholars that will be joining the project. You will also have the opportunity to live in a remote, charming town of Pintuyan.

**Reporting to:** Project Leader

**Major Duties and Responsibilities**

**Management**
- Ensures that all assigned tasks are delivered on-time
- Assists in managing the project budget as necessary
- Assists in managing the team, and monitors their work and performance
- Supports the project leader in the organisation of the fieldwork site

**Outreach and Engagement**
- Maintains relationships with the local government and the community with the highest level of professionalism
- Facilitates and assists in focus group discussions (FGD) with local community and relevant stakeholders
- Creation, implementation, and execution of information education campaign (IEC) workshops, events, and/or school programs with the local community

**Science**
- Ensures the diligent and accurate collection, entry, validation, and organisation of data
- Process and analyses collected data
- Collaborates in the preparation of reports and scientific publications
- Ensures that field equipment is well-maintained and properly handled (e.g., cameras, GPS device, binoculars, etc.)
- Report project outcomes and/or risks to the project leader

**Your Skills and Expertise**

**Essential:**
- Filipino citizen
- Fluent in oral and written Filipino and English
- Commitment for the entire field season (6 months), starting November 2023, with

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flexibility of up to one year

● Physically fit enough to spend several hours a day standing on a boat and swimming in the water
● Excellent relationship management and interpersonal skills
● Excellent organisational skills
● Ability to plan, balance and cope with competing priorities
● Diligent and detail-oriented
● Takes initiative and has the ability to solve problems
● Comfortable with living in a shared house with basic amenities
● Fully vaccinated against Covid-19 virus

Desirable:

● Bachelor’s degree in marine sciences, biology, conservation, or relevant course
● Analytical skills will be prioritised (R, GIS, etc.)
● Strong swimming skills
● Ability to freedive to at least 7 m
● Knowledge or experience in community organisation and/or social sciences

How to Apply

Please submit your CV and a cover letter including:

● How you meet the job specification
● The name, contact and relationship of 2 References that may be contacted for further information.

Please email your CV and cover letter to jobs@lamave.org with subject: Research Assistant Southern Leyte 2023

LAMAVE is an equal opportunity employer and will consider all qualified Filipino applicants regardless of religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, age, disability, civil status.

In keeping with our mission to build in-country leaders, we are currently accepting only Filipino citizen applications. Thank you for supporting this goal.

After reviewing your application, our team will contact you to inform you if we would like to pursue your application to the interview stage. Due to the expected volume of incoming enquiries, the NGO does not have the resources to provide feedback on applications that have not been accepted. Thank you for your interest.

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