Job Ops for Captive Management, Wildlife and Environmental Scientists

Post of Programme Officer, Wildlife Trust of India

Applications are invited for a post of Programme Officer (Wild Rescue) to be based at the Wildlife Trust of India office at New Delhi..

The Wildlife Trust of India (WTI), is a nor.-profit conservation organisation, committed to urgent action that prevents destruction of India's wildlife. Its principal concerns are crisis management and the provision of quick, efficient aid to those areas that require it the most. In the longer term it hopes to achieve, through proactive reforms, an atmosphere conducive to conserving India's wildlife and its habitat.

The WILD RESCUE programme plans the establishment of India's first scientifically managed wildlife rehabilitation and re-introduction centres for rescuing confiscated, orphaned or stray wild animals.

Applicant must have a biology background and preferably veterinary qualification. Field experience in rescue centers or animal shelters will be considered as added qualification the applicant will have to develop the Wild Rescue Programme in conjunction with senior officers including setting up the first centre (tentatively in Assam), holding training workshops, working on publications related to the issue etc.

While this is a Delhi based job, travelling is required. Applications should be young, energetic have good communication skills and be willing to tackle wild animal rescue problems innovatively. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested candidates must apply by January 30, 2000 to the Director, Wildlife Trust of India
P.O. Box 3150, New Delhi – 110 003.
email : indianwildlife@vsnl.com

Vacancy for Community Mobilisers in Rural Madhya Pradesh

Applications are invited for field personnel for a community organisation effort on the periphery of Kuno Wildlife Sanctuary (District Sheopur), Madhya Pradesh. The selected applicants would be working in conjunction with various government agencies, particularly the Forest Department, to act as a bridge between the villagers and the administration in the process of resettlement and rehabilitation of villages from the sanctuary. This would involve community mobilisation.

If the matrix of issues concerning rural livelihoods and nature conservation interest you and you would like to contribute practically to the process of reconciling the two, do get in touch with us. The candidate should be at least a graduate in any discipline. Emoluments would be commensurate with the candidate's qualifications, previous work experience, general suitability for the work, and existing remuneration scales in comparable job opportunities.

The candidate should possess the ability to work in difficult physical conditions, and to deal with a wide variety of people and interest groups. Initial recruitment would be for a period of six months, which may subsequently be extended by mutual agreement. Very good knowledge of Hindi is essential.

Interested persons may contact:
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The Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) seeks candidates for 3 positions at its Bangalore unit.

Social Scientist: The applicant is expected to provide inputs to ATREE's ongoing programs on land-use change, community based conservation, integrated forest management, and environmental education. In addition, the social scientist will develop his or her own program related to conservation and management of natural resources particularly in areas related to environmental degradation and poverty, and gender and social equity in resolving environmental problems.

Environmental Economist/Policy Analyst: The applicant is expected to provide inputs to ATREE's ongoing programs on micro-enterprises, community based conservation, integrated forest management, and environmental education. In addition, the environmental economist/policy analyst will develop his or her own program aimed at improving the policy framework for conservation and sustainable utilization of natural resources and protection of the environment.

GIS/ Remote Sensing Specialist: -- The applicant is expected to head ATREE's GIS unit and provide inputs to ATREE's ongoing programs on land-use change.

For all posts qualifications are: Doctorate degree with one or two years experience in the field of specialization. Exceptional candidates with Master's degree and 3-4 years of experience may also be considered.

Salaries for all positions will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Send application and CV to:
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Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment
No 659, 5th A Main, Hebbal
Bangalore 560 024, India

Phone : 91 80 353 3942 Fax : 91 80 353 0070
web site: www.atree.org ; e-mail: bedi@atree.org

Review of applications will begin on January 20, 2000 and successful candidates will be contacted by March 1, 2000.

ATREE is a young, dynamic organization that combines principles of ecology and economics to undertake and promote scientific, educational, and development activities that advance protection of the environment, conservation of biodiversity and sustainable use of resources. Visit us at www.atree.org

Veterinary Conservation Biology:
Wildlife Health and Management in Australasia

A conference organised jointly by the Australian Association of Veterinary Conservation biologists (AAVCB), World Association of Wildlife Veterinarians (WAWV), Wildlife Society of the New Zealand Veterinary Association (WSNZVA) and the Wildlife Diseases Association Australasian Section (VVDA) July 2-6 2001, Taronga Zoo, Sydney, Australia

The focus of the conference will be a range of issues crucial to wildlife health and management and the conservation of biodiversity in the Australasian region. The program will be comprehensive and of interest to biologists, zoologists, veterinarians, other scientists and wildlife workers involved with the conservation and care of wildlife. A five-day scientific program with plenary speakers has been planned. Each day will be sponsored and conducted by one of the conducting organisations. The day before the conference a number of optional workshops covering relevant topics will be held at the zoo.

Day 1: Monday 2 July. Conservation Biology in Australasia (AAVCB). Convenor: Dr Rupert Woods contact at email : woods@auswide.net.au

Day 2: Tuesday 3 July. Wildlife Utilisation (WAWV). Convenor: Dr Tony English aeng5919@mail.usyd.edu.au

Day 3: Wednesday 4 July. Marine Wildlife and Birds (WSNZVA). Convenor: Jerry Pauli jmpauli@voyager.co.nz

Day 4. Thursday 5 July. Wildlife Recovery and Reintroduction Programs and Vertebrate Pests (AAVCB). Convenor: Dr Larry Vogelnest lvogelnest@zoo.nsw.gov.au

Day 5. Friday 6 July. Wildlife Health in Australasia (WDA-Australasian Section). Convenor: Dr Michael Lynch vets@zoo.org.au

Pre-conference workshops: Sunday 1 July. Wildlife Disease Investigation and Pathology, Handling and Chemical Restraint of Australasian Fauna, Management of Oiled Fauna, Marine Mammal Strandings, Handrearing Native Fauna, Wildlife Clinical Pathology. Convenors: Drs Frances Hulst and Julie Barnes fhulst@zoo.nsw.gov.au

For further information contact Dr Larry Vogelnest, Taronga Zoo, PO Box 20, Mosman NSW 2088, Australia. E-mail lvogelnest@zoo.nsw.gov.au, fax (612) 99784516

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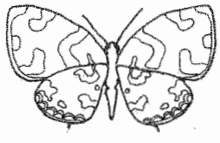
USGS-NWHC Field Manual

The USGS National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) has brought out a Field Manual of Wildlife Diseases: General Field Procedures and Diseases of Birds. It is a revision and expansion of our 1988 Volume 1, Field Guide to Wildlife Diseases, funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In course of time it will also be made available on CD-ROM and on the World Wide Web.

The revised manual includes 6 chapters on field procedures and 45 chapters on diseases and toxins that affect birds. It also contains 8 appen-dices on information and supply sources, common and scientific names, and chemical values and names. It will be useful to wildlife managers in the field who regularly confront sick and dead birds and need to make quick decisions about a course of action or whether to seek assistance from the NWHC. It will also be a valuable information source for resource managers at all levels and as a textbook for college and university courses and training workshops.

Issued by Robert G. McLean, Director, USGS National Wildlife Health Center



An appeal to all butterfly watchers

We at Ashoka Trust for Research In Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), are building a data base of all the butterfly work carried out along the Western Ghats. Though Dr. Harish Gaonker had brought out a comprehensive check lists and notes mainly published over the past 100 years in Journal of Bombay Natural History and the Journal of Asiatic Society of Bengal. In recent times many nature clubs are also maintaining and updating checklists of many little known areas of Western Ghats. Many of these have started appearing in journals like ZOOS' PRINT while others may have unpublished lists. We intend to bring all these checklists even if it is partial into this database. These checklists could also be from either protected or unprotected areas. We are also looking out for theses(M.Sc /Ph.D) on butterflies which might give partial or full list of the species from the areas where the work was carried out.

All the contributors will be duly acknowledged and we are willing to share the final data set with all interested in butterflies. Your help, encouragement and the lists will be very much appreciated.

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