Fundação Tartaruga is a member of the international network of Turtle Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the worldwide conservation of sea turtles and oceans. Turtle Foundation maintains important conservation projects for sea turtles in Cabo Verde and Indonesia.

The sea turtle conservation project on Boa Vista, Cabo Verde, which is implemented by Fundação Tartaruga with the involvement of the local population of the island, started in 2008 in response to the large-scale killing of nesting females of loggerhead sea turtles (Caretta caretta).

The project operates on nine different nesting beach areas around the island, where teams are deployed to conduct night patrols and daily data collection with local staff and national and international volunteers during the nesting season between June and end of October.

For our project in Boavista, Cape Verde, we are looking for

Camp coordinators

Your task:

You will be responsible for the camp life and human resources management in one of our nine project sites throughout the nesting season (June–October) and report to the Project Manager of Fundação Tartaruga. You will be in charge for stock management of food and water, and for maintenance of technical equipment.

Your responsibilities include:

The Camp Coordinators (CC) are responsible for the organization of camp maintenance, planning schedules for daily duties, days off and the supervision of the volunteers and rangers, will work under the supervision of the Field Supervisor/Junior Biologist and the Project Management Team. Applicants should be capable of managing the camps with little supervision. They need a high level of physical and mental energy and be resilient and determined. The job of camp organization carries a lot of responsibility, and work can be extremely demanding.

The duration of the job is from 1st of June until 31st of October. CC will be working together with the Field Coordinator (FC) in teams of two and be responsible for the running of one of the beach camps and the organization of the conservation tasks on site.

You will work in an inter-cultural environment with Cape Verdaen rangers and a mixed team of international volunteers. You must be fluent in both English and Portuguese to be able to communicate with your team.
Specific Duties:

- Maintain camp in proper functioning order in terms of hygiene and general organization
- Maintain general camp equipment (tents, kitchen equipment, solar panels, etc.)
- Responsible to schedule basic life tasks (wash dishes, clean the camp area, help the cook, etc.) and days off
- Communicate with the supply coordinator and the cook to update shopping lists and to ensure that there is always enough food and drinking water, as well as general camp supplies (cleaning material, toilet paper, cooking utensils, etc.)
- Maintain good coordination with the camp team and report feedback to project management staff
- Maintain good communication with Volunteer Coordinator, Field Coordinator and other staff
- Participate in night patrols and lead morning surveys

You have

ideally the following qualifications:

- Available for 5 months (June 1st–October 31st)
- Must be fluent in Portuguese and English
- Previous experience in managing camps and/or organizing events
- Experience in working in an intercultural environment
- Should be a team player with proven leadership skills
- Be calm and extremely responsible individual, that withstands difficult and sometimes adverse living and working conditions
- Need to be fit and motivated, and enjoy working outdoors
- Being able to work in remote areas under extremely basic conditions (no sanitation)
- Flexibility to adapt to changing schedules as required (changing between night and day shifts)
- Should have up to date First Aid Certification

Benefits

FT will incur with the costs towards food and accommodation during your time in the project, and transportation to and from project sites once in the island. A stipend of € 450/month will be offered. Travel costs up to € 500 will be reimbursed. It is mandatory for you to take out travel and medical insurance for the duration of the project.

On free days camp coordinators cover their own expenses.
You are

• ready to take over the responsibility for the efficient protection of an endangered species nesting population
• flexible, likely to enjoy working outdoor, as well as in an office on a computer
• a person with natural leadership and good skills in conflict resolution

You work

• like to be part of a team and at the same time independent
• structured and impact-oriented
• Secure in dealing with Excel databases and Office applications

We offer a wide range of tasks and reasonable salary in a year-round employment relationship. If you are interested in a challenging job in a motivated team and a meaningful field of activity, we look forward to receiving your application with a letter of presentation and curriculum vitae as soon as possible to resende@turtle-foundation.org with the subject "Field Coordinator", or deliver the necessary documents to the office of Fundação Tartaruga, Riba d’Olte, Boa Vista in a closed envelope, addressed to the Project Director Mr. Euclides Resende.

Further information is available at www.turtle-foundation.org