



FUNDAÇÃO TARTARUGA

Proteger as tartarugas marinhas e os seus habitats

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

Field coordinators

Your task:

You will be responsible for the implementation of the field work and data collection of one of our nine project sites throughout the nesting season (June–October) and report to the Field Manager of Fundação Tartaruga. You will help to train and guide the field staff together with a field supervisor and be responsible for the data entry at your project site.

Your responsibilities include:

The Field Coordinator (FC) is responsible for the running the conservation tasks of the camps and 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 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. FC will be working together with Camp Coordinator (CC) 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 Verdean 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:

- Manage all aspects of field work carried out on the beach:
 - Scheduling of the patrols, census and hatchery
 - Task allocation related with the conservation work



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- Organization and maintenance of the research equipment
- Data collection and data entry

- Training of new arrival volunteers (short term volunteers – theoretical; Long term volunteers – theoretical and practical)
- Participate in night patrols and lead morning surveys
- Oversee specific research activities such:
 - Tagging and measuring of the nesting turtles
 - Nest relocation and exhumation
 - Hatchery functioning

- Maintain good communication with the Field Supervisor, Camp Coordinator or other FT staff
- Report to the Field Supervisor/Junior Biologist with updated data every 15 day

You have

ideally the following qualifications:

- Available for 5 months (June 1st-October 31st)
- Must be fluent in Portuguese and English
- Background in marine biology or related
- Previous expertise in turtle conservation is mandatory
- Proficiency in MS Excel, MS Word and MS PowerPoint
- 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
- A university or college degree in (marine) biology
- Documented professional management experience in nature conservation
- Fluent Portuguese and English (spoken and written)
- Driver's license

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 a office on a computer
- a person with natural leadership and good skills in conflict resolution



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You work

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

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.

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