

Research project manager in Palawan



Arcticis Binturong Conservation is the only organization in the world entirely dedicated to the study and protection of the binturong, *Arctictis binturong*, a small mammal of Southeast Asia. Little known or studied by scientists, everything remains to be done and the challenge is daunting! We work both in Europe and on the field in Asia to promote, inform, educate, transmit, study, and protect the binturong.

Presentation of the project:

ABCConservation has launched the Bearcat Study Program in Palawan in 2017. The first step, establishing a protocol of arboreal camera-trapping to improve the detection rate of this arboreal species, was implemented in the Barangay Langogan, Puerto Princesa city from 2017 until 2019 and brought great results. Willing to enhance the knowledge about the behavior (feeding habits, social interactions...) and the ecology of the bearcat, we are now extending our work in different areas of Palawan (Puerto Princesa & El Nido) as we are implementing a radio-tracking protocol in addition of the camera-trapping project already on-going. These studies are conducted in partnership with local communities, other NGOs and governmental offices.

Job offer:

The research project manager will oversee the management of the Bearcat Study Program, ABCConservation's research project in Palawan. This includes:

- Improvement and/or creation of scientific protocols that are setting up in the Bearcat Study Program to study the behavior and ecology of the bearcat
- Administrative work to secure permits and clearance for the implementation of the program
- Implementation of the data collection in coordination with the local team, local communities, and governmental offices
- Analysis of the gathered data
- Management of the research team (1 research assistant + local guides)
- Supervision of the students involved in the Bearcat Study Program for field work and data analysis regarding their personal research project
- Management of the budget of the Program, including applying to grant and funding demands
- Representation of ABCConservation to the local partners of ABCConservation but also to various conferences and congress

Requirements/Competencies:

- Msc degree in environmental sciences, ecology or ethology
- At least 2 years of experience in research on terrestrial wildlife including field work
- Self-sufficient, can embrace the whole project, set up scientific rigorous protocols and take initiatives to improve the current protocols
- Knows how to work in team
- Ability to present a project to various audiences (communities and governmental offices meeting, scientific conferences, ...)
- Ability to manage a small team, including local employees, guides and students
- Good English speaking and writing
- Must be a resident of EU

Job details:

Full-time one-year contract as “volontaire associatif” with possibility of extension

Location: Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, Philippines with regular field trips within the island.

Expected start: December 2021

Salary: 300€/month

Advantages: free accommodation in Puerto-Princesa in a shared house; one-year visa; 24 days of paid vacation per year; full insurances; the accommodation, transportation and food on field and all other professional trips borne by ABConservation.

To apply, send your candidature (CV and Application letter) to

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on or before October 15th, 2021

Interviews will be organized on October 19th and 20th.

For French residents face to face interviews will be favored and will take place in Nantes.