Auslandspraktikum
Praktikumsplatz-Angebot
für den Bereich
Marine Biologie

Land, Ort: Griechenland, Samos
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Start / Dauer: nach Absprache / 3-12 Monate
Bezahlung: keine

Beschreibung: Marine Mammal Internships & Research Opportunities in the Aegean Sea

We are excited to announce internship opportunities in marine mammal research. Students, recent graduates and scientists can join Archipelagos' research and conservation efforts in Eastern Aegean.

Archipelagos Institute of Marine Conservation is a Greek non-profit, non-governmental organization committed to researching and defending the rich biodiversity of the Greek seas and islands, as well as of the NE Mediterranean region overall. This region of rare biodiversity is in desperate need of protection as is being increasing threatened by harmful anthropogenic activities!
The Eastern Aegean region is home many rare and endangered species, including some of the most important remaining populations in the Mediterranean of several marine mammals. Research surveys can focus on:

- Dolphin populations, including: D. delphis (common dolphin), T. truncatus (bottlenose dolphin), S. coeruleoalba (striped dolphin) and G. griseus (Risso's dolphin);
- Whale populations, including: P. macrocephalus (sperm whale), Ziphius cavirostris (Cuvier's beaked whale) and occasional visitors B. physalus (fin whale);
- The Mediterranean monk seal (M. monachus), an important and critically endangered marine mammal species found in the region.

Aims

- Efficient conservation of the marine mammal populations from anthropogenic threats
- Monitoring of habitat use, abundance and distribution
- Study of population structure and dynamics
- Study of behavioural ecology & communication
- Study of factors of impact (with a focus on interactions with fisheries).

Responsibilities:

- Boat-based surveys (weather dependent)
- Photo-identification and matching techniques
- Collecting environmental and anthropogenic data
- Gathering acoustic data
- Data entry and analysis
- Raising awareness
- Utilizing ArcGIS to map populations
- Questionnaire-based surveys
- First aid of stranded animals (e.g., cetaceans, seals and sea turtles)

Archipelagos is a Greek non-profit, non-governmental organization, hence, there is no compensation for this internship position. The internship's fee (650 euros/month), which covers accommodation in the base's guesthouse, food (3 meals/day), tuition, and other research-related expenses throughout your participation (use of equipment, field trips, use of research vessel). Successful applicants will be responsible for their own transportation expenses to and from the research centre (Pythagorio, Samos, Greece). Internship start and end dates are flexible.

Extras: Participants have the option to obtain (at no further cost):

a) Sailing certificate
b) PADI Open Water scuba diving certification - seasonally available, excluding PADI fees
c) Greek language lessons
To apply:

- Send your application together with your CV, a cover letter, and a recommendation letter via email to: admissions@archipelago.gr
- Please specify MARINE MAMMAL PLACEMENT 2015 into your subject title

There is no deadline to apply. However, approved applications are accepted on a first-come, first serve basis. Positions are open until filled (maximum 16 vacancies).

**Anforderungen:**

- Essential requirements:
  
  - A minimum duration of 3 months
  - Minimum of 18 years of age or older
  - Willingness to work hard and have a genuine interest in marine research
  - Background in Biology, Marine Biology, Zoology, Environmental Sciences, Geosciences, Oceanography or related field
  - Must be able to spend many hours on the boat. Field days might exceed eight hours and occur at least two or three times a week (weather dependent)
  - Basic computer proficiency in Microsoft Office programs
  - Excellent verbal and written communication skills
  - Fluent in English
  - Must be able to work efficiently individually and as part of a team
  - Enthusiastic, responsible, diligent, detail oriented and flexible
  - Prior field research experience preferred, but not required

**Stipendium:**

Mögliche Förderung über ERASMUS-Stipendien für Auslandspraktika.