

Global Vision International

Jalova, Costa Rica

Conservation Internship

Organization Overview

GVI was established in 1998 and operates award winning International Internships and Service Learning programs focused on global issues and framed around the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We partner and support many local and international NGOs and government organizations including the National Parks of Thailand, Mexico, Costa Rica and South Africa, WWF (Mexico), Save the Children (Mexico), Red Cross (Fiji), Panthera, The UN Global Compact and many others around the world.

All GVI's projects have short, mid and long-term objectives that fit with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals or UNSDGs. These are a set of coherent goals focused on sustainable development in the economic, social and environmental fields.

GVI's main goal is based on making viable changes in all the communities we work in. We run responsible and sustainable award-winning projects and are proud to say that the impact of our work is life changing, for both the local people, our partners and our volunteers. Volunteers from all ages and from all walks of life contribute to this important impact and success of our projects.

Our core ethics and best practices we believe are essential to the operation of high quality, ethical volunteer, and sustainable development programs:

- Locally-driven, Collaborative Projects
- Clear Objectives and Sustainable Outcomes
- Impact Reporting
- Working Against Dependency
- Responsible Exit Strategies
- Clear Roles and Specialized Training
- Respect for All
- Local Ownership
- Transitioning from The Orphanage Model
- Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection
- Social Issue Focus & Impact

Social Issue Focus & Impact

Tortuguero National Park is a key area for many interlinked conservation efforts. It is a popular nesting area for vulnerable and endangered sea turtles. It is also a natural stronghold for jaguars and the only place where these cats are known to prey on sea turtles. It is also home to several insect, amphibian, reptile, mammal, and bird species identified as important for the health of the local ecosystem, global diversity, and international research



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by the Costa Rican Ministry of Environment, Energy, and Telecommunications or MINAET. As such, the specific United Nations Sustainable Development Goal we work on in Tortuguero park is #15, Life On Land.

Position Description

Costa Rica is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, and thus one of the prime locations globally to complete an international conservation internship. On this program, interns will have the chance to participate in research conducted by GVI in partnership with highly reputable conservation organisations like the Costa Rican Ministry of the Environment, Energy and Telecommunications (MINAET), Panthera, Coastal Jaguar Conservation, and the Sea Turtle Conservancy.

The research projects range from biodiversity surveys of the surrounding habitat, tracking and camera trapping to collect data on jaguars, and walking beaches during turtle nesting season to record data on mother turtles and hatchling success. Interns will also have the opportunity to input data into the relevant databases and learn more about how this data is analysed.

Long-term Objectives:

1. Increase scientific knowledge of Tortuguero National Park.
2. Increase awareness of GVI Jalova projects and the ecological value of the Tortuguero National Park.
3. Build local capacity to support long-term conservation of biodiversity and sustainable community development in Costa Rica.
4. Continue to minimize our environmental impact on Tortuguero National Park and raise awareness of environmental issues amongst volunteers and visitors.

Student Profile

Students with experience working in cross-cultural settings and flexibility will be viewed favorably.

Time Frame

2 - 12 week options available.



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