



Nesting Leatherback & Hawksbill Monitoring Tagging Program

Volunteer Opportunity

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Period: 15 March – 30 August 2010

Location: Carriacou Island, Grenadines of Grenada, West Indies

Background Information: Kido Foundation is part of Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network (WIDECAST). Volunteers will actively participate in monitoring and data-collection of 2 critically endangered Sea Turtle Species, Leatherback and Hawksbill, nesting on 5 different beaches on the Island; helping to reduce illegal poaching activities of turtles and eggs.

Duties:

- Night patrolling on foot in a Nature Park area (8pm to 5am, 5 nights per week)
- Working with local guides or field research assistant, helping with tagging post-nesting turtles; carapace measuring and other data collection; disguising nests against poaching activities; egg counting and mapping nest location.
- Hatchling monitoring and survival-rate data collection (nest excavation)
- Early morning beach patrols either on foot or kayak
- Beach cleaning
- Living quarters must be maintained clean and in order by volunteers

Requirements:

- Volunteers should have a keen and genuine interest in conservation and ecology and be animal lovers.
- Volunteers must be good swimmers, physically fit to walk long distances on soft, sandy beaches and nature trails, working in all weather conditions.
- Flexibility to adapt to changing schedules as required & able to adapt to work nights and sleep days.
- Be willing to work under instruction as a member of a team.

Benefits/Costs:

- Cost per volunteer is 15US\$ per day for accommodation, cooking gas and electricity (minimum 30 day stay); for periods longer than 3 months, costs are reduced to 10US\$
- Food is purchased and cooked by volunteers
- Other expenses, such as flights or other transportation costs, are covered by the volunteer
- Volunteers are required to have their own travel insurance and, at arrival, to sign a form (waiver) agreeing that Kido has no liability for injury or illness