

Employment opportunities

In USA

This opportunity has been circulated to all WAZA Institution and Association Members from the Isaacson, Miller executive search firm working with the (American) Association for Zoos and Aquariums to are looking for individuals internationally.

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), America's primary accrediting organization for zoos and aquariums, seeks a Senior Vice President of Conservation (SVP) to lead AZA's conservation science and education programs. This new position, which reports to the CEO, will be charged with advancing the field of zoo and aquarium biology, conservation, animal management and education, and with actively promoting partnerships and cooperation with national and international organizations and agencies that have similar goals.

Founded in 1924, AZA today provides a wide range of resources and services to its more than 200 institutional members, 200 commercial members and over 5,500 individual members. In addition to its accreditation program, a hallmark of the Association, AZA: oversees long-term animal research and breeding programs; supports the educational needs of its members and works to increase conservation actions in member institutions. AZA also actively works on legislative and regulatory issues relevant to animal welfare and conservation and participates in international treaties and conventions impacting wildlife.

AZA is seeking a creative leader who has an informed passion for wildlife and a successful track record building coalitions of diverse professionals and institutions to oversee research and create innovative programs. S/he must be entrepreneurial, someone who has the vision, drive and leadership skills to inspire a team to create innovative programs from the ground up. The ideal candidate will have exceptional success obtaining outside monies to support research and/or program development. A Ph.D. in natural science, conservation, education or a relevant field is strongly preferred

The position will be based in Silver Spring, Maryland. Inquiries, nominations and confidential applications should be directed by email to 3413@imsearch.com. Electronic submission of credentials is strongly encouraged.

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ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS & AQUARIUMS

In India

Bombay Natural History Society

Study of Bird Hazard & Remedial Measures in Airfields / Flight Safety Project

Ornithologist

Educational Qualifications: M.Sc. 1st Class in Ornithology/Zoology/Wildlife biology/Life Sciences.

Experience: Should have minimum 5 years experience in identification of bird species, study of bird habits, knowledge of computer programmes like MS Office and excellent communication skill in English.

Job Description: The work involves extensive travel for field research study like bird monitoring, collection of information/data, preparation of reports, studying the bird habits, identification of bird species which are potentially hazardous to aircraft in and around aerodromes, evolving remedial measures, identification of bird - strike remnants, etc. Valid driving licence for 4 wheeler will be considered additional qualification. Age Limit: Upto 35 years. The appointment will be initially for a period of one year on contract basis.

Salary: upto Rs. 25,000/- p.m. People working in similar organization can also come on deputation for the duration of the project. Candidates fulfilling the above requirements may send their applications with detailed bio-data and expected salary within 10 days to:

Director

Bombay Natural History Society, Hornbill House, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Road, Mumbai 400023, Our website: www.bnhs.org

Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) Anaikatty post, Coimbatore 641108, Tamil Nadu

SACON requires two Research Associates for its programme "Strengthening community conservation efforts in Nagaland: A Programme to impart technical support on biodiversity conservation and livelihood options to communities in Phek, Tuensang and Mon districts"

Age: below 35 years (as on 01.05.2007). Releasable up to five years in case of SC/ST; a consolidated monthly salary Rs. 19,500 (for 1st year); Rs. 20,000 (for 2nd year) and Rs. 20,500 (for 3rd year).

Duration: 3 years

Eligibility: Ph.D in (1) Wildlife Biology/Zoology/Ecology/ Environmental Sciences; (2) Botany/Plant Sciences. Those who have submitted their Ph.D thesis or are about to may also apply.

We are looking for young scientists who are capable of strenuous fieldwork and interested in biodiversity conservation and working with local communities. Application on plain paper in the following format should reach the Director within 20 days from the date of the publication of the advertisement: (1) Name, (2) Date of birth, (3) address, (4) Educational qualifications with copies of the relevant document, (5) Details of experience, (6) List of publications, (7) A one-page write-up on candidate's field of research interest. SACON reserves the right of relaxing the above conditions for exceptional candidates. For further details please refer the Employment News dated 28th April 2007

MADRAS CROCODILE BANK/CENTRE FOR HERPETOLOGY DIRECTOR (Administration and Development)

The candidate should have a minimum of 5 years experience in an administrative post, preferably with experience in the direction and functioning of a non-government organization, including project proposal drafting, communication with local and international funding agencies, networking with students, scientists, potential funders and the general public. While knowledge of reptiles/wildlife is not essential, the candidate should have a genuine interest in learning about the field.

Full working knowledge of English and computer usage is essential and knowledge of Tamil desirable (but not essential).

Starting salary: Rs.35,000 per month (negotiable, based on experience) plus basic, comfortable accommodation on site (electricity, water included), insurance, Provident Fund. All senior MCB staff members are expected to make the effort to find part of their salary via grants generated by them.

Partial list of activities and responsibilities of the Director:

1. Overall direction of the day-to-day activities at MCB/CFH along with the Projects Coordinator and Curator and fulfilling set targets.
2. Responsibility (along with the Projects Coordinator) for financial matters, including income from daily ticket sales and other sources with attention to frugal/cost-effective financial operation,.
3. Communicating with the Trustees' Administrative Committee and Auditor on all important administrative and financial matters.
4. Fundraising/drafting project proposals for funding MCB/CFH development, research, educational, conservation activities.
5. Work with Staff, Trustees, Zoo Consultant, architect and engineer on development and execution of the new Masterplan for the total revamping of the Croc Bank.
6. Overall coordination, along with the Curator and Education Officer, of the Education, Paying Volunteer, Reptile Veterinary Programmes and similar activities.
7. Networking with other NGOs, reptile parks/zoos, students, scientists and colleagues of MCB/CFH.
8. Facilitate continuous publicity for MCB/CFH via all forms of public and electronic media and interact with the visiting public.
9. Fulfilling Government requirements such as Central Zoo Authority regulations, along with the Curator.
10. Fulfilling commitments of clean water, healthy conditions for the reptiles, staff and visiting public at MCB/CFH.
11. Hold regular operational meetings with senior and junior staff.
12. Regular project updates and quarterly report to the Trustees.

This is an opportunity for the right person to help the Trustees and Staff take a world renowned reptile park into the next dynamic stage of its development. It will take a lot of energy, cooperation and imagination and it is an exciting moment in the Madras Crocodile Bank's 31 year history.

In general, the Director's job is to work with the Trustees and Croc Bank Staff to spearhead the development of MCB/CFH into a Centre of Excellence for Herpetology in India and as an outdoor laboratory with such diverse features as diploma courses in herpetology, reptile veterinary science, hosting visiting lecturers, training courses with formal academic affiliations, and model reptile enclosure designs for zoos.

Applicants should send their complete CV, photograph, an informal statement of their interest in the position and at least three reference letters (with contact details) from persons who know them and their work.

Please send a hard copy application marked 'For Director's Post' to:

Trustee, Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Post Bag 4
Mamallapuram, TN 603104 India

newsletter blog MCBT

The newsletter of the Madras Crocodile Bank (formerly Herpinstance) has gone online as a blog - Here Be Dragons. Please see <http://madrascrocbank.blogspot.com>. Got an encounter with a reptile to narrate? Got a behind-the-scenes episode involving a reptile while surveying birds or mammals or other such lesser mortals? Then I'm looking for you, or rather for the story.

Herpinstance is the bi-annual (English) newsletter of the Madras Crocodile Bank. Popular articles on reptiles (conservation, behaviour, travel, a funny incident, it could be anything), preferably Asian, rule. Other creative efforts such as poems, cartoons, sketches, jokes, etc. are most welcome. No photographs please. This is a totally non-commercial endeavour so please don't expect to be paid. We will, however, pay you in kind - up to 5 free copies for a feature. Original work is encouraged but if the submission is cool we may run it. So please mention if it has appeared elsewhere. Please remember that although the writing style is popular, the content has to have a scientific grounding! No fantastic tales, heresay and superstitions. We have limited editing resources so please ensure that your articles are written well. The articles should be up to 1500 words and on rare occasions may push 2500 words (at the editor's discretion).

Please mark the Subject "For Herpinstance". Please forward this to anyone you think has a story or to other networks that you think are appropriate.

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