



**VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SEA TURTLE PROJECT  
GALAPAGOS NATIONAL PARK AND CHARLES DARWIN FOUNDATION  
2010-2011 SEASON**

**POST TITLE**

Volunteers for the sea turtles monitoring project at Galapagos nesting beaches.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS**

October 15<sup>th</sup> 2010, 1<sup>st</sup> group and 2<sup>nd</sup> group\*

November 15<sup>th</sup> 2010, 3<sup>rd</sup> group\*

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2011, for the 4<sup>th</sup> group\*

January 30<sup>th</sup> 2011, 5<sup>th</sup> group\*

\*See schedule

**INTRODUCTION**

The Galapagos National Park (GNP) and Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF) are seeking volunteers, who may be 2<sup>nd</sup> year of University approved or research professionals, to join in the Galapagos National Park and Charles Darwin Foundation sea turtle monitoring project. We are interested in people who are committed to preserving the natural island ecosystems, and who can work in applied research and protected area management in a multicultural environment and under conditions of isolation.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

Successful applicants will be responsible for collecting biological information in the field, including:

- ✓ Tagging nesting females.
- ✓ Taking morphometric measurements of females.
- ✓ Counting and monitoring nests.
- ✓ Mortality registers (carrying out necropsy when possible).

**PROFILE REQUIRED**

- ✓ Preferably professional degree in marine biology, biology, veterinary or be pursuing one of these careers or other related careers.
- ✓ Field experience in remote locations under adverse weather conditions and basic conditions (study sites are isolated and located far away from inhabited ports in the islands of Isabela and Santa Cruz). The time spent in the field will run for two consecutive months.
- ✓ Preferably native Spanish speakers or fluent Spanish as a second or other language.
- ✓ No smokers (Smoking is strictly prohibited in the study sites).
- ✓ Good swimmers (the study sites have extremely strong waves and we travel to these sites by boat).
- ✓ Certificate of health compatible with living on the beach (no respiratory disease, gastritis, ulcers, skin problems, allergies, etc).

- ✓ Prepared to eat foods from both animal and vegetable origin, with no food restrictions.
- ✓ Be willing to remain out of communication contact for two months (the study sites have only basic camps without electricity).
- ✓ For international volunteers, life insurance is required.
- ✓ Preferably have previous experience monitoring sea turtles.

## CONDITIONS

Upon arrival in Galapagos you will have one week of theoretical training at the facilities of the Charles Darwin Foundation in Puerto Ayora and then a week of training at the assigned study site.

This project does not provide financial assistance to cover transportation costs from the city of origin to the Galapagos Islands, lodging and food during the time that volunteers stay in Puerto Ayora.

However, transport from Puerto Ayora to the study sites, as well as food at these sites, will be covered by the project. In addition Ecuadorian volunteers will be provided with life insurance.

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE SCHEDULE

	<b>Arriving to Puerto Ayora</b>	<b>Leaving from Beach</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> group	November 30 <sup>th</sup> 2010	February 8 <sup>th</sup> 2011
2 <sup>nd</sup> group	January 9 <sup>th</sup> 2011	March 14 <sup>th</sup> 2011
3 <sup>rd</sup> group	January 31 <sup>st</sup> 2011	April 8 <sup>th</sup> 2011
4 <sup>th</sup> group	March 7 <sup>th</sup> 2011	May 15 <sup>th</sup> 2011
5 <sup>th</sup> group	March 30 <sup>th</sup> 2011	June 6 <sup>th</sup> 2011

**Note:** When filling this application form choose one of the groups in the above chart. We will not accept arrival or departure dates other than these.

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## HOW TO APPLY

Those interested should send their application form and attachments by e-mail to Luis Molina ([vol@fcdarwin.org.ec](mailto:vol@fcdarwin.org.ec)).

Please refer to this page for information about other requirements and application instructions: <http://www.darwinfoundation.org/english/pages/interna.php?txtCodiInfo=63>

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