

Grants for conservation field research

The Lincoln Park Zoo Scott Neotropic and Africa/Asia Funds support field research in conservation biology around the world. The Scott Neotropic fund focuses on projects undertaken in Latin America and the Caribbean. The fund emphasizes the support of graduate students and other young researchers, particularly those from Latin America. Since 1986, the fund has awarded over 126 grants in 19 countries. The Africa/Asia fund, launched in 1997, focuses on projects throughout Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Each fund supports projects of young conservation biologists and between five and 15 projects for each fund are supported each year.

The fund awards are seldom greater than \$US7500, and most awards fall in the range of \$US3000–6000. Initial support is for up to 12 months from the date of award, and the maximum duration of support is 2 years. The current deadline for receipt of Scott Neotropic proposals is 1 September, and Africa/Asia proposals have no deadline for 1999. For additional information and application procedures see: <http://www.lpzoo.com>, or send an e-mail to: steveed@ix.netcom.com, or write to: Lincoln Park Zoo SNF/AA Funds, c/o Director of Conservation and Science, Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, IL 60614, USA.

Grants for orangutan research

The Orangutan Foundation UK invites applications for grants for research into orangutan behaviour and ecology/or related rain-forest field research in either Indonesia or East Malaysia. Two grants may be awarded annually to a maximum of £1000 each. Preference will be given to research focusing on understudied populations and to candidates demonstrating a high level of competence. Details of application procedures are available from the Orangutan Foundation, 7 Kent Terrace, London NW1 4RP, UK. Tel.: +44 (0)171 724 2912; Fax: +44 (0)171 706 2613; E-mail: redapeuk@aol.com

Monitoring for Nature Conservation

A Countryside Council for Wales Sponsored Course, Monitoring for Nature Conservation, is being run from 6 to 10 September 1999. The aims of the course are to

further the knowledge and skills necessary for the effective monitoring of sites of conservation interest as an integral component of planning and management. The course is open to middle and first line managers with a responsibility for site management and/or site planning. This will include individuals with a direct management role and also those who advise/supervise others in countryside management: for example, site managers, senior field officers, project officers, wardens/rangers and conservation planners and others involved in conservation (access and recreation). The course organizers are Andrew Weir, Mike Alexander and Terry Rowell. The full cost of the course is £430 (subsidized price £215).

Further information on this and other courses can be obtained from Plas Tan y Bwlch, Maentwrog (Snowdonia National Park Study Centre) Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd LL41 3YU, UK. Tel.: +44 (0)1766 590324/590334; Fax: +44 (0)1766 590274; E-mail: plastanybwlch@compuserve.com

Phra Thong Island Sea Turtle Project 1999–2000

Applications are being invited by CHELON, Marine Turtle Conservation and Research Program, for Research Assistants for its 1999–2000 Sea Turtle Project. The project is located at the Golden Buddha Beach Resort, Phra Thong Island, Thailand, and will run from 6 December 1999 to 20 April 2000. The deadline for completed applications is 1 October 1999 and selection of Research Assistants will be made by 15 October 1999.

Duties will include: coordinating volunteers, monitoring nesting beaches by day and night; data collection on the location of nests, nest translocation, predation and illegal harvest rates; conservation awareness activities among the local community and tourists; and fund-raising.

Applicants are required to stay for a minimum of 2 months, should have a BSc in biology or a related field, or be a student in a related field, and have a working knowledge of English. Research Assistants will be expected to fund their own subsistence, travel expenses and insurance or obtain financial support or grants. (Food and accommodation costs \$US350 per month.)

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