Volunteer Research Assistant
– Flight of the Osprey expedition
https://www.conservation-without-borders.org/flight-of-the-osprey

Expedition preparation: June & July – online and occasional
Expedition training: last week of July, Scotland
Expedition: August 1 to November 31
Contract: voluntary
Closing date: May 31

Summary
The Expedition Research Team are looking for a volunteer to join them on the expedition to assist with any and all research tasks as we travel through 14 countries from Scotland to Ghana. The research program will be intense at each site as we may only have 1 day to carry out a range of tasks from bird counts, to seagrass monitoring, plastic surveys and interviews with local people. While this may suit a recent graduate in a relevant science or social science, scientific training is not essential - we are primarily looking for someone with the experience and attitude to suit an expedition, who also is willing to learn and driven by the conservation aims of the project to help make sure we succeed.

Essential skills
• Demonstrable ease in adapting to varying situations and environments
• Happy to live in a tent or in communal research stations etc as available at each site
• Willingness to chip in and support team members across the 3 expedition teams (research, media, and logistics), as well as contribute to general camp tasks
• Good people skills – experience of interacting with diverse groups of people and having to find ways around communication barriers
• Available for a 4-month expedition
• Willingness to work long hours with unpredictable schedules and possibly physically tasking conditions
• Demonstrable ability to collect and manage data using spreadsheets and databases (e.g Excel)
• Good written and verbal communication in English

Desirable skills
• Interest in an interdisciplinary approach to science
• Knowledge or willingness to learn essential species ID
• French and Spanish
• ArcGIS skills for mapping remote sensing (useful before the expedition)
• Experience of working in wilderness areas
• Any other expedition/ mechanical/ practical skills – please outline in your application
• Ability to swim/ snorkel to a depth of 4m (for placing underwater cameras)

Benefits
• An incredible all-expenses-paid experience on a high-profile international conservation expedition
• Potential for your name to be included in research papers and reports
• Expedition training and relevant qualifications
• Opportunity to network with international conservationists

To apply:
To register interest please email sacha@conservation-without-borders.org outlining your motivations and relevant experience.
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