

Internship Description

Title:	Measuring the impacts of an initiative aimed at behavioural and social change for the protection of rainforests
Programme:	Climate Change and Biodiversity
Hours:	37 hours per week
Pay Status:	£8.72 per hour
Line Manager:	Programme Officer

Internship Summary

UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre works with scientists and policy makers worldwide to place biodiversity at the heart of environment and development decision-making to enable enlightened choices for people and the planet.

The Climate Change and Biodiversity (CCB) programme focusses on climate change and the links between climate change and biodiversity crises, as well as among potential responses/solutions to them. These are key cross-cutting considerations for UNEP-WCMC's work.

To protect biodiversity and combat climate change, CCB focusses, amongst other things, on forest protection and forest restoration. This includes work on behalf of the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative (IRI). IRI aims to build a worldwide movement for the protection of tropical forests by engaging religious leaders and faith communities both at the global level and within five countries: Brazil, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia and Peru. IRI's second Phase starts in 2021 and it would be valuable to find additional ways to assess its impacts.

The internship will propose a set of indicators to assess the social, behavioural and environmental impacts of IRI, based on the project's theory of change. Qualitative and quantitative metrics for short, medium and long-term impacts will be defined, and a data collection protocol established for a subset of impacts.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the strategy, structure, operating procedures, systems, culture and values
 of a typical conservation organisation.
- Understand the roles of colleagues within the CCB programme as well as the internship role to ensure effective team working.
- Develop self-awareness to learn how to recognise when more technical knowledge is required, as well as how to gain it and check its reliability.
- Gain experience of working in a project-led environment and strengthen time management skills in order to ensure tasks are delivered to deadlines.
- Learn about theory of change and ways to measure and track project impacts

Duties and Responsibilities

- Learn about positive social, behavioural and environmental impacts and their attribution in consultation with project staff and partners
- Understand intended impacts of Interfaith Rainforest Initiative
- Propose impact indicators building on project theory of change and logical framework
- Develop data collection protocol for selected impacts
- Write a summary report and present conclusions (likely online)

Requirements and Qualification

We would expect the intern to be an organized and competent individual, capable of independent research and drafting reports and summaries based on that research. We would expect the individual appointed to be outgoing and willing to learn from colleagues.

- A Bachelor's degree (or working towards)
- Balance of quantitative and qualitative analysis skills
- Pro-active
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Interested in both social and environmental topics
- The successful candidate would need to be available to start the internship on the 14th June 2021 (or before this date)