



Marine Research and Conservation Foundation

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Registered Charity No. 1190861

Job Opportunity: Research Assistant

Fixed term: 4 weeks part-time (20 hours/week)

Starting: ASAP

About us

Marine Research and Conservation Foundation is a UK-based charity registered in England and Wales (Charity No. 1190861) that conducts research, and supports projects for the conservation of threatened marine megafauna and their habitats across different countries. Founded in 2020, the charity works through collaboration in marine megafauna research, including understanding tourism pressures and opportunities. MARECO believes in diversity, fairness and ethical work-life balance that benefits people as well as the environment.

Reports To

Director

Job Brief

Sharks (all chondrichthyan fishes) are facing an unprecedented rate of extinction due to continued overexploitation and habitat loss. The most landed species of shark globally is the blue shark *Prionace glauca*, with estimates of between 10-20 million animals landed yearly across its circumglobal tropical and temperate distribution. In recent years, there has been an increase in popularity for swim-with tourism, including in the UK. We are working with swim-with operators to develop and implement sustainable guidelines – including a Code of Conduct. We are looking for someone to help us with data input, analysis and reporting. You will work closely with the Director to ensure timely delivery of results.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have the following:

- BSc or above in biology, marine biology, environmental science or similar degree. Relevant experience will also be considered;
- Strong analytical and computer skills, with confident use of GIS and R;
- Experience with remotely-sensed data analyses and interpretation desirable;

- Ability to work remotely;
- Experience with in-water marine megafauna research a good plus;
- Strong work ethic to work independently and results-oriented;
- Strong organisational skills;
- Ability to travel and help with an in-person event in Bristol (travel covered);
- UK-based and able to produce invoices.

Contract details

- £13 per hour, up to 20 hours/week;
- This is a 4-week fixed contract;
- Flexible working hours except for meetings as pre-arranged.

How to Apply

Send us your CV and Cover Letter to info@mareco.org.uk highlighting your relevant experience to the job description above. Deadline for applications will be Monday 10th October at 18:00 BST. We will arrange interviews for Wednesday 12th and the job will commence Monday 17th October.

We believe in equality and diversity, and thus encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds to apply.

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