



# Belize Foundation for Research & Environmental Education

## ***Dermatemys* Program Coordinator in Training**

The Belize Foundation for Research & Environmental Education (BFREE) strives to successfully integrate scientific research, environmental education, conservation, and create sustainable development opportunities for alternative livelihoods for Belizeans. BFREE is seeking to hire a qualified person to a contract position to help protect and rewild the critically endangered Central American River Turtle, *Dermatemys mawii*.

### **SUMMARY OF THE ROLE**

The *Dermatemys* Program Coordinator in Training is responsible for collaborating on the implementation of a *Dermatemys* Conservation Management and Action Plan for the country of Belize. The Coordinator in Training will work closely under the instruction of the *Dermatemys* Program Coordinator in this salary-supported training post.

### **REQUIRED TASKS INCLUDE**

- Co-facilitate the 4th workshop for the development of a conservation management and action plan for *Dermatemys mawii* with key stakeholders.
- Maintain and become familiar with the database of relevant information for the recovery plan (Technical literature, list of persons involved in *D. mawii* Conservation and Research, updated bibliography, monthly reports, detailed workshop notes, field documents on fishers, concept documents, and other information).
- Develop and implement a reintroduction program for head-start *D. mawii* (participating in release and monitoring, and in the bi-annual health assessment at the BFREE Field Station).
- Submit monthly reports to BFREE, Turtle Survival Alliance and other partners on progress and needs.
- Collaborate on the development of social media strategies and campaigns to include educational materials related to wildlife conservation and watershed protection.
- Create a fundraising strategy to support the annual program operating costs (developing and submitting proposals, developing partnerships).
- Improve the overall management and coordination of *D. mawii* conservation in Belize (acquiring MOUs with partners, coordinating a regional workshop, attending meetings, involving key partners, and visiting project sites in Mexico and Guatemala).
- Support Community engagement and work to raise the profile of the species (community meetings, promotion at national events, ensuring continued outreach, and promoting Government recognition).



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## **QUALIFICATIONS**

### Education and Experience

- A master's degree in biology, ecology, environmental science, or a closely related field
- Minimum four years of research and management experience working with turtles or other reptiles
- Fluent in Spanish
- Excellent communication skills in face-to-face and online meetings and in written format
- Leadership experience

### Skills and Abilities

- Ability to manage multiple priorities with strong skills in planning and problem-solving.
- Strong understanding of program evaluation methodologies
- Strong organizational and project management skills
- Advanced level proficiency in Google, MS Office, and presentation creation

## **DETAILS**

This full-time contract position is based in Belize and starts September 26, 2022 and concludes February 28, 2023. Upon successful completion of the training contract, the *Dermatemys* Program Coordinator in Training will have the opportunity to advance to the position of *Dermatemys* Program Coordinator. The *Dermatemys* Program Coordinator in Training must have their own workspace with internet, a computer, and a phone in excellent and reliable working order. Some travel is required for meetings, outreach engagements, and visits to the BFREE Field Station.

## **SALARY and BENEFITS**

Salary is competitive and based on experience. Payroll is processed bi-weekly. Employees receive Social Security benefits, and room and board during any required travel.

## **APPLY**

Please submit applications to BFREE Deputy Director, Heather Barrett at [jobs@bfreebz.org](mailto:jobs@bfreebz.org) by August 12, 2022. Applications must include a cover letter detailing their interest in the position and associated experience, an up-to-date resume or curriculum vitae, and three references. Only complete applications will be considered.