

2018

BOTANICAL GARDEN INTERNSHIP

STENAPA is a non-governmental nature conservation organization based on the Dutch Caribbean island of St. Eustatius. STENAPA is legally mandated by the Island Government to manage all the island's protected areas (the National Marine Park and the Quill/Boven National Park) as well as a young Botanical Garden on the 21km² island of St Eustatius.

We are looking for interns (and volunteers) to help with maintenance, design, restructuring and development of our botanical garden. As it stands the botanical garden needs a lot of attention. Due to hurricane Irma (sept 2017) the garden was heavily damaged and the shade house destroyed. On top of that we have issues with roaming animals that enter the garden.

In 2016 we hired a new botanical garden ranger who is eager to bring the garden back to its former glory. Big projects right now are: build new fence, new shade house, bring more diversity in plants and color and renew signage. The botanical garden intern will be the right hand person of the garden ranger. This position has the potential to be very fulfilling. This position is not meant for professional gardeners unless they are explicitly looking for ways to transfer their knowledge to STENAPA.

GENERAL DUTIES:

- Daily garden maintenance including - but not limited to - raking, weeding, pruning, weed whacking, maintain composting and mulching systems plus irrigation of plants, carpentry, painting
- Assisting with building fence and shade house.
- Develop and execute plans for regenerating the garden and increase diversity of plants
- Develop sustainable ways of pest control
- Develop ways for replanting and structuring of arbors and specific areas
- Responsible with ranger for tools, organization of the tool shed, and update inventory
- Take on other projects, such as (choose): extend irrigation system, redevelopment of solar panel system, propagate the endemic Statia Morning Glory and other native Caribbean plants to be grown in the garden, renew plant identification labels, development of permaculture practices.

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- Work with incoming researchers
- Other tasks (not in garden): trail running, cleanup, cleaning tools and equipment, sea turtle patrols with the other interns and volunteers

REQUIREMENTS:

- Relevant educational qualification, e.g. studying biology, applied biology, botanical studies, garden and landscape design (different levels), or previous experience of working in a botanical garden
- Able to communicate to people of different nationalities
- Good organizational skills
- Flexible
- Ability to work in a team but also able to work independently
- Self-starter!
- Must be physically fit, no back problems
- Preferably 21yr or older
- English speaking
- Applicant must possess a valid driver's license (preferably a manual driver)
- Willing, enthusiastic and proactive

(For Dutch HBO students we prefer to have 2rd and 3rd years instead of 4th year's students). Work hours are from 7am-4pm with an hours break for lunch, there is possible evening work. Volunteers work only in the morning. Please note this is an unpaid position. Candidate is invited to start as soon as possible for a period of 12 weeks. More than 12 weeks (without incurring immigration costs) is possible for Dutch Nationals only. It is an ongoing vacancy so it is possible to apply year round for different slots. You can work 4 hours per week on a school project, if necessary.

Accommodation is provided in a shared house for \$275/month with other interns; food, travel and (medical) insurance is at your own cost. Send your resume and motivation letter to manager@statiapark.org (Clarisse Buma). For any other information about STENAPA and logistics please like our facebook page @StenapaStatia or contact outreach@statiapark.org (vacancy).