



## Internship opening at the Cikananga Wildlife Rescue Center, Java, Indonesia



### **Behavioral study hornbills: Socialization of multiple hornbill species and monitor – stimulate natural behavior**

The Cikananga Rescue Center takes care of on average 360 wild animals (about 78 different species) that are confiscated, rescued or evacuated from the wildlife trade or conflict situations. In the last year's large numbers of birds have been seized and currently we are taking care of about 23 hornbills of 5 different species.

At the moment multiple enclosures are being built or improved to facilitate the amount of birds that arrived in the last years. However, introducing hornbills in group or pairs requires a selection on behavioral traits and close monitoring. Because of the increased amount of confiscated hornbills in the last year and the lack of hornbill rehabilitation and release programs we started our own release program for hornbills. To make the release a success, behavior observation and stimulating natural behavior has to be performed and monitored. This by providing enrichment and offering food in a natural way. Depending on the length of your stay here at the center you will get the unique opportunity to help with whole process by analyzing the important behavioral traits to select individuals for socialization. Once a group can be selected, you will get the opportunity to monitor the behavioral response and health of the animals after introduction. Later also the implementation of enrichment and natural food sources could be a part of the internship. All activities will be done with supervision of Cikananga staff who are Bahasa Indonesia and/ or English and / or Dutch speaking.

Are you.....

- Motivated, independent and precise.
- Willing to learn more about all different kind of hornbill species, their behavior, observation techniques and introduction methods.
- Able to report and present the results at the end of your internship to the team at Cikananga.
- Set for an insightful and memorable experience in Indonesia.

We are open to either vocational, Bachelor or Master students for conservation, behavior, animal care, ecology of similar studies with genuine feeling for animal welfare. We have extensive experience with tutoring students.

The rescue center completely depends on donations, therefore we are not able to reimburse travel of accommodation costs. For more information and prices see the volunteer guide.

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The Cikananga Team

PS.: Please know that there are many opportunities for assignments at Cikananga. Do you have a proposal? Please let us know.