

**Internship Description**

Title:	Protected Areas Intern
Reference No:	ITN053
Programme:	Conserved Land and Seascapes
Hours:	37 hours per week
Pay Status:	£7.83 per hour
Line Manager:	Ella Wooden

Internship Summary

UN Environment 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.

In 2020 governments will agree a new global biodiversity framework that will replace the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets. This will be a major event, as the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will provide both the context and the level of ambition for action to address concerns about biodiversity and ecosystem services until at least 2030.

It is expected that the process for developing the post-2020 framework will engage a broad range of stakeholders, draw on evidence from multiple sources, and seek to place biodiversity and ecosystem services in the context of other global agendas relating to development, climate change, land degradation and disaster risk reduction.

This internship will focus on Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, which states *“By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water areas and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected systems of protected areas and other and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscape and seascape”*. In order to develop effective post-2020 area-based conservation targets, it will be important to learn lessons from Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, consider progress towards its achievement, and draw on information from meetings, publications and consultations.

In addition to developing the skills of the selected intern, the purpose of this internship is to:

1. Explore the evidence-base around two specific elements contained within Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 – “equitably managed” and “areas of importance for biodiversity”.
2. Identify and scope out meetings related to informing a post-2020 biodiversity framework.
3. Explore progress towards “effectively managed” protected areas, under Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.
4. Explore opportunities for identifying and documenting “other effective area-based conservation measures”.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the strategy, structure, operating procedures, systems, culture and values of a typical conservation organisation.
- Understand biodiversity practices in an organisational setting.
- Understand the roles of colleagues within the Science 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.
- Gain experience of working at the interface between an international science organisation and businesses.
- Gain a further understanding of referencing styles and data standards.
- Gain experience using reference management software used through the scientific community.
- Learn about the process and steps needed towards creating a new biodiversity strategy for post 2020, and what a range of organizations are doing in this area.
- Learn about the relationship between conservation policy making and science, and efforts to build this relationship.
- Learn how to perform a systematic literature review.
- Develop or expand knowledge of area-based conservation.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Refine an existing methodology for a systematic literature review.
- Identify peer-reviewed literature relevant to a set of pre-determined research questions.
- Perform a systematic literature review of the evidence-base around selected terms in Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.
- Update the ‘Post 2020 Strategic Planning Timeline’ by scoping out meetings and events related to informing a post-2020 biodiversity framework.
- Assist with evaluating the Global Database of Protected Area Management Effectiveness (GD-PAME) and identifying new data to be incorporated.

- Research opportunities for identifying other effective area-based conservation measures with a view to incorporating them into the World Database of Protected Areas (WDPA).

Requirements and Qualification

- Bachelor's degree in an appropriate discipline.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to read and summarise key finding efficiently.
- Some understanding of intergovernmental/international environmental issues.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team.
- Interest in developing a career in some aspect of the conservation, environment or international development sectors.