



Communications and Multimedia Internship Information

Before applying to become a Communications and Multimedia Intern (8 week internship 24th Nov 2017 - 20th Jan 2018) with the Ningaloo Turtle Program (NTP) please read the following information.

Ningaloo Turtle Program

The Ningaloo Turtle Program (NTP) is based in the amazing Ningaloo Marine Park, part of the recently listed Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area. The aim of the NTP is to support the long-term survival of turtle populations. Volunteers are the key to the success of the NTP; your time will support efforts to conserve marine turtles, which are threatened with extinction world-wide.

Multimedia Internship Position

The Multimedia Intern will be engaged in all facets of the program including nest monitoring and work as part of the volunteer team. Their role will be to document and promote the program through social media, public events and other media. Along with assisting in the co-ordination of the Ningaloo Turtle Program, the organisation of volunteers and operation of a remote camp.

The Multimedia Internship is a great opportunity for an enthusiastic applicant to use their creativity and skills to promote turtle conservation in action along the remote and beautiful Ningaloo coastline of Western Australia. The role will require a very high degree of independence in all technical and production skills as there will be minimal technical support available in Exmouth.

Communications and Multimedia Intern requirements:

- Have a current Senior First Aid qualification or obtain it before commencement
- Have a current full Manual Motor Vehicle Drivers Licence (no P-Plates, etc.) and willingness to drive a mini-bus
- Be at least 21 years old or have completed a relevant University degree
- Be available for the **full eight week duration** and prepared to work approximately **45 hours per week**
- Have experience in producing publications
- Take photographs, videos, interviews and other material over the period to promote the NTP
- Have experience in short film production (desirable)
- Have experience in website design (desirable)
- Be able to edit photography, videography and audio to a standard for online publication
- Experience in the use of social and other media for promotional activities
- Have a **reasonable level of fitness**. You must be able to walk up to 6km in soft sand, sometimes over rocky terrain and sand dunes in very hot weather (temperatures range between the high 30's to the mid 40's during summer in Exmouth).
- May be required to support the Team Leaders in a supervisory role
- Assist in the coordination of the daily monitoring program
- Participate in monitoring, training and remote camping activities as required
- Organise social events for NTP participants
- Participate in turtle rescues as required
- International volunteers are not covered by the Department of Parks and Wildlife's personal insurance so must have appropriate travel insurance to cover any medical costs and provide Parks and Wildlife a copy of this.
- All NTP participants must present fit for work each time they are on duty and act in accordance with the Department of Parks and Wildlife Code of Conduct. Breaches of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary

action, which may include eviction from the program. Random breath testing may be carried out through the course of the program and failure to comply or pass the tests may result in eviction from the program.

- All NTP participants must not let any other activities or other forms of employment affect their participation in the NTP and completion of duties. Secondary employment must be approved by Parks and Wildlife in accordance with the Parks and Wildlife Code of Conduct.

Groups

There will be a maximum of 12 external volunteers, up to three Team Leaders and one Communications and Multimedia Intern accepted into the program.

Arrivals

The Communications and Multimedia Intern will share accommodation with other members of NTP in Exmouth, which will be available from the 24th of November 2017, checking out on the 20th of January 2018. When you arrive you will be able to catch a shuttle bus from the airport to the Parks and Wildlife office for your induction. If possible it is better to arrive on the earlier flight on the 24th November – please contact the NTP coordinator if you have any concerns about this.

Accommodation and Living Conditions

- Conditions can be very hot: 35-45 degrees.
- Two types of accommodation are provided. The Communications and Multimedia Intern will stay with a couple of volunteers at a remote camp within Cape Range National Park adjacent to Ningaloo Marine Park. The remainder and majority of the time will be spent in shared accommodation in the town of Exmouth. This will be a villa type accommodation with a shared bathroom, kitchen and bedrooms. Accommodation and a food subsidy of \$20/day is provided while in Exmouth. The accommodation in Exmouth is within walking distance to the main town centre. While camped in the National Park you will be 50km from Exmouth. Swags, sleeping bags and pillows are provided but you will be required to bring your own linen (can take this from the Exmouth accommodation). The remote camp facilities include:
 - Long drop toilet and cold shower facilities
 - Camp style cooking facilities
 - Basic food is provided while camping (budget provided) and meals will be cooked by participants on a rotational basis
 - Camp located 200m from beach
 - No phone reception within the National Park
 - Note only 3-4 days at a time will be spent on a rotational basis at this camp
- Exmouth District is subject to periodic **cyclone events**. The Ningaloo Turtle program is run during cyclone season and therefore heavy rain and cyclonic weather may affect the activities of the Program. In previous years it has meant that monitoring has been cancelled for a few days until the weather has passed. Adequate cyclone shelter & accommodation is provided during these events.

Turtle Track Monitoring

Training

Training will be provided in track monitoring, data entry, turtle biology and ecology, and turtle-visitor interaction protocols. Training takes one week and is primarily a combination of field-based exercises and informal competency assessments. On completion of training volunteers become certified “Turtle Trackers” and have a basic understanding of interaction protocols. For more information and to download monitoring manuals please see ‘Turtle Training’ on the NTP website.

Monitoring

The Communications and Multimedia Intern will work with the Team leaders and volunteers and spend approximately 4-5 hours each morning (starting at sunrise) walking designated sections of beach. The Communications and Multimedia Intern will document (photograph, video, record) the day’s activity. As well as playing an active role in recording important turtle nesting information such as the number of successful nests, the number of unsuccessful nesting attempts and evidence of nest disturbance and predation. You can often see adult female turtles returning to the

water and are sometimes lucky enough to see hatchlings emerge from nests and make their first entrance into the ocean. The Communications and Multimedia Intern will also be required to assist in turtle rescues as needed.

Your first day monitoring will be within the week you arrive. Two weeks after your arrival (providing you are found competent in "Turtle Tracking") you can expect to be rostered on most mornings. The Communications and Multimedia Intern will have time for editing and production in the afternoons. The rest of the day may include hanging out or coordinating social activities within Cape Range National Park and Ningaloo Marine Park. There will also be free time set aside for you to do as you please. NTP staff are open and supportive of ideas for these activities as long as they are feasible.

Walking

Team Leaders and volunteers are asked to monitor sections of beach varying from 500m to 6km. This will require you to walk over uneven ground and sandy beaches and occasionally to walk up and down steep slopes. Team Leaders and volunteers need to have a reasonable level of physical fitness to walk these distances. If you have any concerns about this or any health conditions that may adversely affect your capacity to perform these duties, please discuss this with NTP Staff before applying for a position. It is essential that your health is considered before signing up to the NTP.

Suitable footwear must be worn during turtle monitoring activities. Enclosed footwear such as sandals or reef shoes are best suited to this form of work. Although the monitoring sites are primarily soft sand, there are rocks, shells and glass on the beaches. Suitable footwear will help you avoid injuries therefore volunteers are not permitted to participate in monitoring unless they are wearing enclosed shoes.

Lifting and Handling

The handling of items such as camping equipment, and occasionally turtles, will be required from time to time during the monitoring season. Handling of heavy items should be undertaken by more than one person. Turtle monitoring is a team activity, so share the load with your team-mates. If you have any doubt about how to lift an item, seek assistance from NTP Staff before attempting to proceed.

Communication

Mobile phone reception is available in Exmouth but not available at most of the monitoring sites or within the Cape Range National Park. UHF radios are used to communicate to each other while monitoring.

There will be an opportunity for NTP volunteers to visit the Jurabi Turtle Centre at night to witness turtle nesting activities.

What will be provided?

- Accommodation while camping at the remote camp within Cape Range National Park and within Exmouth (linen and bath towel supplied at Exmouth accommodation but bring a beach towel).
- Food is provided while camping at the remote camp and a food subsidy for the remainder of the program is provided at \$20/day.
- Training in: Track monitoring techniques, GPS and radio use, data entry and the loan of course books and materials.
- Return airfares/fuel subsidy up to value of \$800 from your principle place of residence to Exmouth.
- Transport to and from all official NTP activities during the program.
- Limited NTP merchandise.
- The Multimedia Intern will have access to digital cameras and underwater housing, Go Pro cameras, digital audio recorder, motion activated night vision cameras and a work station. Editing software can be provided after discussion with the successful applicant. The successful applicant is encouraged to also use their own equipment if willing.
- A small operating budget may be provided for equipment and development of promotional materials.

What to Bring

- Personal spending money for extra food, luxuries and recreational activities. There is a Westpac bank and a few ATMs available in Exmouth. The post office is also an agent for the Commonwealth Bank.

- Note: Exmouth tap water is quite hard with a lot of calcium and chlorine so people with sensitive stomachs may want to purchase water whilst they are here – if so factor this into consideration for your budget. 10L water available for ~\$12. Note, food prices for many items, especially fresh produce, are higher than city prices.
- Enclosed shoes must be worn for all field work – they may get wet. Therefore it may be useful to bring two pairs. Sandshoes or reef shoes work well.
- Surprisingly Exmouth can sometimes be cool at night in summer, especially when out on the beaches, so bring just a couple of warm items of clothing.
- On the other hand bathers and clothing for very hot day-time weather is a must! Be sure to remember your sunglasses, hats (broad-brimmed is best), a long-sleeved shirt, beach towel and sunscreen.
- 1L or 2L water bottle/s
- Fly net is essential!
- Toiletries

Optional:

- Snorkelling/Dive gear – can hire in town but good to have your own if you have space
- Camera and battery charger
- Torch with a red filter - optional. Head torches are recommended for use whilst you are camping.
- Entertainment such as a book and iPod
- ****Please note that volunteers and team leaders have found that having their own car here in Exmouth is useful so they can access the beaches, gorges and Cape Range National Park in their own time. There is no public transport in Exmouth, distances can be far and the NTP social activities are limited to one per week so your own transport is an advantage.**

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Other Important Information

- As previously mentioned Exmouth gets very hot in summer (up to mid 40's). Please be aware of this and your own physical limitations before signing up for the program.
- Exmouth is located in a cyclone risk area and it is possible that the program may be affected by the cyclonic weather. All accommodation is cyclone rated and in the case of a cyclone volunteers will be sheltered appropriately.
- Note: there are various scholarships and funding available to undertake projects like this if you are studying science or environmental studies. Information about the Bayerboost scholarship is available online at www.bayerboost.com.au, alternatively contact your University.

Information on Exmouth Township

Location and Climate

Exmouth is located on the North West Cape approximately 1270km North of Perth and has a population of approximately 2500 people.

Exmouth has a fantastic climate, being dry and warm most of the year. Summer daytime temperatures range from high 30's to mid 40's (average 37 degrees). Water temperatures vary from 18 – 28 degrees.

You will be required to work outdoors for a number of hours during the day. To avoid sunburn, long sleeve shirts, a hat and sunscreen are essential items while monitoring turtles. You should drink a minimum of 2-3 litres of water each day. It is a good idea to start drinking before reaching the site and not allow yourself to become thirsty.

Recreation Activities

Exmouth has a fantastic variety of outdoor recreational opportunities that can be taken advantage of in your spare time. Just to list a few:

- SCUBA diving, snorkelling, swimming
- Fishing

- Bush walking in the Cape Range National Park or the canyons to the south of Exmouth
- Camping
- Microlite flights
- Glass bottom boat tours
- Kayak hire
- Horse riding
- Relaxing on the beach and
- Coral Bay is less than two hours drive away and has manta ray tours, quad tours etc.

Team Leaders and the Multimedia Intern are involved in organising one to two NTP social activities per week and an end of season party.

Getting Here

AIRLINES

Qantas operate return flights from Perth to Learmonth Airport (37kms from Exmouth). A shuttle bus meets each flight – Parks and Wildlife will cover the cost of the shuttle bus if you require it. The flight takes between 1.5 – 2.5 hours.

ROAD ACCESS

Travelling from the south to Exmouth along the North West Highway, drive 152km North of Carnarvon and turn left at the Minilya Roadhouse – the Exmouth townsite is another 200km. Travelling from the North, turn off the North West Highway 110km South of Nanutarra Roadhouse onto Burkett Road. From here's it's 80km to the Exmouth Minilya Road. At this junction turn right to Exmouth (89km).

The drive up from Perth usually takes around 13 hours and is best split up for safety: e.g. somewhere like Kalbarri/Geraldton/Carnarvon. Where possible this drive is best shared with other drivers.

COACH SERVICES Check Integrity Coach Lines and Greyhound Australia for current schedules between Perth and Exmouth. It can be cold on the bus so be sure to take a jumper and a rug.

Transport While You Are Here

Turtle nesting beaches are located about 40 - 60 km from Exmouth. A minibus is used to transport volunteers to monitor these beaches and is also used for official NTP social activities only.

Team Leaders and Volunteers find it an advantage to have their own transport while they are here as it enables them to explore the wonderful local surroundings that the Ningaloo Marine Park, Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area and Cape Range National Park in their own time. It also gives you a bit of freedom as Exmouth Township is located on the eastern side of the North West Cape and is located approximately 40km from good snorkelling and exploring within Cape Range National Park.

Please note: Using your vehicle during volunteer work is at your own risk and the program cannot be held responsible for any damages that may occur. All drivers are encouraged to drive safely, obey all laws relating to motor vehicles and operate vehicles in a responsible manner.

Driving

Access to and from each of the monitoring sites is by car or bus. Some beaches require a 4WD. Extra care should be taken when driving on unsealed or unfamiliar roads. Slow down when driving in conditions you are not used to.

Wildlife Wise

Wildlife often crosses country roads, particularly at night and in the early morning. Being aware of this and taking care could save an animal's life and avoid damage to your car. If travelling at night, drive slowly and scan the sides of the road for wildlife (this will also help you keep alert). Remember that animals are very hard to see against a black bitumen road, particularly when it is wet. Take note of wildlife warning signs. They are there to advise you of known 'hot spots'. Animals react differently to approaching cars and it is best to let the animal move off first before passing.

Additional Information on Exmouth Township

Visit the Exmouth Visitor Centre web site on <http://www.exmouthwa.com.au/afrontpage.asp>

Any Questions?

Visit the Ningaloo Turtle Program website at www.ningalooturtles.org.au. Alternatively please do not hesitate to contact us (email is the preferred method) and we will get back to you as soon as is possible.

Contacts

- For this position email: peter.barnes@dpaw.wa.gov.au or for other NTP enquiries please email ningalooturtles@dpaw.wa.gov.au.
- Postal Address: PO Box 201, Exmouth, WA 6707 (please print "Attention: NTP Volunteer Coordinator")
- Marine Park Coordinator +61-08-9947 8024, Ningaloo Turtle Program Coordinator +61-08-9947 8045 or Department of Parks and Wildlife Reception, Exmouth: +61-08-9947 8000

Thank you for your interest in the program.
We are looking forward to the upcoming season and to meeting new volunteers with a keen interest in turtle conservation!

