



Fundacion International Service Learning Colombia

Non-Profit Organization – Founded in 2014

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What is MINGA?

“Minga entails a collaborative work system that dates back to the Incas. It refers to the commitment, contract or work agreement between two or more people. The word minga also stands for meeting or reunion.”

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Birds Lake Sanctuary – Project Assistant



Learning Objectives:

Learn more about tropical ecology, bird biology and conservation! Gain hands-on experience and practical research skills! Participate in campaigns on a variety of environmental issues; to assist in the provision of a comprehensive Environmental Health Service which will focus on the local environment through a combination of advice and education.

- Participate in the long-term monitoring of the bird communities in the nature reserve and its surroundings.
- Gain theoretical and practical knowledge in tropical bird biology
- Participate in all daily work related with the conservation of the nature reserve
- Discover what practical conservation work looks like
- Clean and care for the bird feeding stations
- Formulate ideas that lead to the conservation of local & migratory species
- Document the phenomena related to birds, fish, reptiles and other species
- Educate the public and local volunteers on issues related to the species at bird sanctuary
- Maintain record of observations on the park
- Accompany team to local conservation workshops

Participant Requirements:

Educational Background:

Undergraduate & Professionals in any of the following fields: Ornithologist, ecologists, geneticists, wildlife biologists, land managers, teachers, researchers, outdoor educators, or tour leaders

Spanish Language Skills:

(None) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (Fluent)

Potential projects and day-to-day duties:

- Shadow & assist Lake Bird Sanctuary director and other professional staff
- Tasked to compare/contrast Colombian practices vs. U.S. practices then make presentation
- Support in the review of current internal operations processes & procedures for improvement
- Assist in habitat conservation campaigns
- Assist in the maintenance and development of bird habitat
- Assist in customer service and education of park visitors
- Assist in the creation of information materials for the public

Service Term:

- **Volunteering:** Open; may be determined upon initial interview to meet mutual goals
- **ISL Internship:** 1-10 months
- **Work Schedule:** 4-8 hrs./day - Mon-Fri (TBD am - TBD pm)

Service Window:

- January to December

Special Skills Desired:

- Knowledge and/or interest in birds and lake life species
- Experience working in a park setting with emphasis of conservation and/or protection of species

