Large Marine Vertebrates Research Institute Philippines

Position title:	GIS Researcher
Position type:	Monthly stipend
Organisation:	Large Marine Vertebrates Research Institute Philippines (LAMAVE)
Research Sites:	Remote work
Position period:	3 months (renewable)
Starting Date	Immediately
Website: Facebook:	www.lamave.org www.facebook.com/lamaveproject

Applicants should send application by email to:
To: Jessica Labaja (j.labaja@lamave.org) Subject Line: GIS Researcher Application Deadline: Until filled out

Position

DESCRIPTION:

LAMAVE is looking for a *Researcher* to join our Rapid By-catch Assessment (RBA) Project studying the interactions between small-scale fishers and marine megafauna, particularly marine turtles, sharks, and rays, in the Philippines. The Researcher will be heavily involved in data processing, particularly in imputing and digitalizing images into graphical maps through geographic information system (GIS) software. This position entails proficiency in GIS software – preferably QGIS – and the ability to work independently with little supervision. It is an advantage if the RA has a professional background in research and/or marine conservation. The Researcher will be able to work remotely with weekly online meetings. The situation will be re-assessed after the COVID restriction will be lifted.

INTRODUCTION TO THE RAPID BY-CATCH ASSESSMENT PROJECT

The RBA Project aims to gather baseline information on the profile of local fisheries in identified priority sites in the Philippines, their fishing effort, and the targeted and incidental catch rate of marine turtles, sharks, rays, and marine mammals happening in these areas. The results of this project will contribute to understanding the ecological impact of by-catch in small-scale fisheries to endangered marine populations, and identifying mitigation measures with the involvement of local stakeholders.

The main data gathering method employed in this study is conducting field interviews with key informants and small-scale fishermen. As the chief source for qualitative and quantitative information, completing successful interviews is essential to the RBA project. It is important that these interviews are done ethically and thoughtfully to get the best feedback from the respondents.
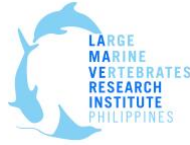
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ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Encode maps from fishers' interviews into QGIS.
- Clean, process and analyse the dataset and produce usable maps.
- Report project updates, outcomes, and/or risks to their supervisor – escalating issues as necessary

REQUIREMENTS

- Filipino
- Highly skilled in GIS software, preferably QGIS
- Has access to a computer with GIS software and a stable internet connection
- Diligent and attentive to details
- Capable of working independently
- Excellent time management skills
- Flexible and adaptable to project needs
- Commitment for 3 months, potentially renewable for 2 years.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

What's in it for you?

The position is a great opportunity to get involved in marine conservation in the non-profit non-government sector. LAMAVE is looking for determined and enthusiastic individuals who are interested in applying their skills and expertise to marine megafauna research. The successful applicant will have the potential to work with a diverse team of scientists, educators, filmmakers, and professionals from various fields, all of whom aspiring to make a positive conservation impact through scientific research and education.

WHAT'S PROVIDED?

This position comes with a monthly stipend.

For further questions please direct them to Jessica at j.labaja@lamave.org

TO APPLY:

Please submit by email to j.labaja@lamave.org with the subject heading: GIS Researcher:

- A cover letter on why you are fit for the job and the organisation
- An updated CV
- Sample/s of previous work done or link to contributions published online