



Internship opening at the Cikananga Wildlife Center, Java, Indonesia



Internship Assignments possibilities the Cikananga Wildlife Rescue Center

The Cikananga Wildlife Rescue Center provides care for an average of 250–350 wild animals at any given time. These individuals are confiscated, rescued, or evacuated from illegal wildlife trade and human–wildlife conflict situations.

Given the diversity of and the large amount of animal species and the extensive daily husbandry and rehabilitation practices, staff capacity for additional activities is often limited. This creates valuable opportunities for interns (and long-term volunteers) to contribute meaningfully. The center offers a range of structured yet flexible assignment opportunities. These assignments are designed to contribute directly to animal welfare and conservation outcomes while providing participants with great learning experiences.

We are a recognized and accredited training organisation (SBB Placement Company ID no. 100174917). We welcome vocational, Bachelor's, and Master's students in fields such as conservation, animal behaviour, animal care, veterinary science, biology and ecology, or related studies.

The center has extensive experience supervising students, and all activities are conducted under the guidance of the volunteer & internship coordinator or other experienced staff members.

If you are interested, please apply by sending your CV and a motivation letter to wanicare.volunteering@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

PS: A wide range of assignment possibilities exists at Cikananga. Independent assignment proposals aligned with the center's objectives are also welcomed.

Rescue Center Internship Assignment Possibilities:

- **Pre-release behaviour observations to assess the suitability of animals for reintroduction (specific species candidates to be discussed upon arrival)**
- **Assessment and recommendations regarding the long-term management or placement of confiscated animals using Cikananga's Animal "exit strategy" Assessment Form**
- **Species-specific animal welfare assessments, focusing on husbandry practices and enclosure conditions**
- **Systematic evaluation and development of enrichment strategies, with particular emphasis on taxa that present enrichment challenges (e.g., pheasants, pigeons, mynas, raptors, reptiles, cassowaries)**
- **Behavioural and social dynamics study of Long-Tailed Macaques (*Macaca fascicularis*)**
- **Investigation of the effects of water quality parameters on turtle health and behaviour**



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- **Critical review and optimization of animal diets based on nutritional requirements and current feeding practices**
- **Welfare improvement recommendation of enclosure, dietary, and enrichment improvements for birds of prey**
- **Design of enclosure furniture to enhance welfare in Harpy eagles (*Harpyopsis novaeguineae*)**
- **Assessment and implementation, of nest boxes to attract more wild bird diversity within the center.**
- **Assessment and recommendations for improving quarantine enclosure design and management**
- **Enclosure furniture design and environmental enrichment strategies for sun bears to enhance welfare outcomes**
- **Nutritional study focusing on lorries and parrots, with recommendations for dietary improvements**
- **Study to improve turtle rehabilitation, including enclosure design and management recommendations**
- **Improvement of welfare conditions for (individually housed) cockatoos:**
 - Behavioural assessment to identify and address anti-social tendencies
 - Development of enclosure furniture designs to promote natural behaviours
- **Welfare improvements for sanctuary civets, including enrichment, enclosure modification, and design recommendations for new enclosures (with considerations for individuals with special needs, such as visual impairment)**
- **Behavioural reassessment of otters, with targeted recommendations to mitigate stress- and anxiety-related behaviours**
- **Design, improvement, and implementation of enclosure furniture across multiple species (to be discussed upon arrival on current priorities)**
- **Social media content creation to support awareness and education and outreach initiatives, to reach a wider audience**