

Internship Placement:

Organization: Can Gio Mangrove Forest Management Board

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1. Location:

Can Gio Mangrove Forest is located at Can Gio district, Ho Chi Minh city. It is about 30 km from the heart of Ho Chi Minh city. The total area of the forest is about 36,000 ha. During Viet Nam war, the natural mangrove forest was almost completely destroyed by orange substance and bombs. In 1978, it was replanted based on the decision of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh city. Can Gio mangrove forest has been considered one of the most beautiful mangrove forest of Southeast Asia region. It was approved to be The World's Biosphere Reserve zone by the UNESCO on January 21, 2000. It is considered "The green lung" of Ho Chi Minh city. The living organisms of the mangrove forest are very diversified. There are 76 plant species, 130 species of algal, 63 zooplankton species, 100 species of invertebrate benthic animal, 145 bird species and 19 mammal species. It is well protected and managed by the staff of Management Board and local people.

2. Project Work Description

Interns or students will be contacted and consulted upon receiving their application or letter of interest to develop activities and schedules. In general, the following research and study areas could be conducted in Can Gio Mangrove Forest:

- Mangrove forest ecosystem.
- Biodiversity of plant and animal species in mangrove forest.
- Mangrove forest management strategy.
- Community-based mangrove forest management.
- Aquaculture and fishing activity in mangrove forest.

3. How to get there?

After arriving Tan Son Nhat international airport, Ho Chi Minh city, you can take a taxi to Ben Thanh market, District 1 (cost about US\$ 6), then take a public bus from Ben Thanh bus station to Can Gio district (about US\$ 2). You can also hire a private car or a taxi to Can Gio Mangrove Forest Management Board (cost about US\$ 40).

4. Living conditions:

There is a guest house belongs to Can Gio Mangrove Forest Management Board. The accommodation cost is US\$ 5 per day if you live there for at least one month. If you live there for a shorter period, it will be US\$ 7.5 per day. Each meal costs US\$ 1.5-2.0 on average. If you go to the forest by motor boat, you will pay the gas fee (the gas fee varies, depending how often and you far you go).

5. Climate

Can Gio district is located in tropical region. Therefore the weather is warm all year round. There are only 2 seasons per year: Dry season from November to April and rainy season from May to October. The highest air temperature is about 35oC (often occur in April or May) and lowest is about 20oC (occur in December or January).

6. Culture:

It is important to respect local culture and traditions. Cover-up dresses are required. Shoes or sandal does not matter but most of the time you will need to walk; therefore, light sport shoes/trainers will be suitable. Dress conservatively; casual clothing is suitable while working at the fish farm - T-shirts, shorts and sandals are appropriate.

7. Host is happy to provide:

- Dormitory type accommodation nearby
- Subsidized rate for food wherever possible
- Office space and computer and internet facilities
- Fish, labour and other materials for research, if needed

8. Interns are responsible for the followings:

- International airfare (please check with your University, may have this provision)
- Transportation from and to the airport
- Fees for visa/passport
- Food and drinks (approx. about US\$1/meal)
- Any costs of trips, trainings, and others arranged personally
- Insurance and costs of damages due to personal negligence

9. Miscellaneous

Travel medical kit, light mosquito net, insect repellent, sleeping bag, flash light, umbrella or rain coat, few books, a towel and toiletries. But do not bother if you need to buy them, they are available locally at cheap prices.

Note: you will be paired with students of our local partner institution, as far as possible.

Fotos from the Field:

--- Interns in Action ---

