

Internship Placement:

Organization: Thien Tin Shrimp Farm

Address: Tong Can ward, Lieu Tu commune,
Long Phu district, Soc Trang province

(Please contact Faculty of Fisheries, Nong Lam University at +84-8-3896-3343 for initial arrangement).

Supervisor: Dr. (Mrs.) Phu Hoa



1. Location:

Soc Trăng is a province in Mekong Delta of southern Vietnam, lies roughly between 9°14'N and 9°56'N latitude and between 105°34'E and 106°18'E longitude. It is bordered to the north west by Hau Giang Province. To the southwest it is bordered by Bac Lieu Province. And to the north east it is bordered by Tra Vinh Province. To the north is Vinh Long Province. To the southeast is 72 km of coastline of the South China Sea. The provincial capital of Sóc Trăng province is the town which is also called Soc Trang. It is 231 km from Ho Chi Minh City. The province has two large rivers: the Hau River and the My Thanh River. Soctrang is one of the poorest provinces in the southern region. The main ethnic communities living in Soc Trang are Kinh, Khmer (28%), and Chinese origin (8%). Famous sites include Doi and Dat Set Pagodas as well as a museum on Khmer culture in Soc Trang. Natural resources include My Phuoc Orchard and Thanh Tri Bird Sanctuary. Thien Tin Farm is 25 km from SocTrang town. Its area is about 100 ha with 60 growout ponds and 12 ha of reservoir.

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 work and research study can be done at Thien Tin Shrimp Farm:

- Assist day to day management of Shrimp Farm
- Research on improving culture technique
- Assist in preventing shrimp disease by doing research and proving advice in management
- Water quality monitoring and management for tiger shrimp culture
- Socio-economical issues related shrimp aquaculture

3. How to get there?

After arriving Tan Son Nhat international airport, Ho Chi Minh city, you can take a taxi to Western Bus Station (cost about US\$ 8), then take a public bus from this station to Soc Trang province (about US\$ 10). Then you hire a private car or a taxi to Thien Tin Farm at Long Phu district, Soc Trang province (cost about US\$ 10).

4. Living conditions:

Thien Tin Shrimp Farm provides a guest house for 2 foreign students. There are available rooms for rent surrounding the farm. It costs US\$ 50 per month if you live there for at least one month. If you live there for a shorter period, it will be US\$ 5 per day. Hotels are at the town and far from the farm, at a distance of 25 km. An air-condition room costs US\$ 15 per day. Each meal costs US\$ 1.5-2.0 on average.

5. Climate

The Farm 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 average temperature is about 27⁰C (often occur in April or May) and lowest is about 20⁰C (occur in December or January). The average rainfall is 1,850mm.

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
- Work 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 of the Farm:

