

Internship Placement

Organization: Phu Huu Tilapia Farm

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1. Placement description

The tilapia farm is located in District No. 9, in HCM city but 20 km far to the east, established in 1988 by Mr. Liem is an alumni of UAF. It produces mono-sex tilapia (Nile and Red) using AIT technology (plastic incubators and plastic trays). However, broodstock are kept in ponds and seined on the of seed collection. They are kept in narrow long (approx. 20 – 40 m² hapa). After egg collection they are also released into the pond. Seed harvest is every 10 days interval. Only sac-larvae or swim up fry (third stage or fourth) are kept but stage 1 are thrown away thinking that they have very low survival during incubation. Large white cloth nets are used to nursing of fry for MT treatment for sex-reversal. Hormone feeding is done for 21 days mixed with feed. The price of SRT fry is 300 Dong.

2. Project Work Description

This place can be one of the hosts for UAF and European students. 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 the Shrimp:

- Assist day to day management tilapia farm
- Research on improving culture techniques
- Feeding of broodstock and fingerlings
- Sex-reversal feed preparation and feeding
- Water quality monitoring and management

3. How to get there?

After arriving Tan Son Nhat international airport, Ho Chi Minh City, interns can travel from HCM – 1 hr by bus and 5,000 Dong (US\$0.35)

4. Living conditions:

There are available rooms for rent surrounding the farm. It costs US\$ 50-100 per month. If you live there for a shorter period, there are hotels in the town 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 27°C (often occur in April or May) and lowest is about 20°C (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 arranges:

- 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:

