

Internship Placement:

Organization: Department of Fisheries

Address: Chilanga near Lusaka

Supervisor: Mr Martin Chilala



1. Location:

Department of Fisheries is located in Chilanga, about 15 km south of Lusaka, the capital city of about 1.5 million people. It takes only about 15 – 20 min by car or bus. Between Chilanga and Lusaka, there are many good guest houses or lodges concrete western type as well as African round houses with thatched roofs with restaurants. As the centre of government of for fisheries and aquaculture, there are various offices, meeting and seminar rooms. Aquaculture related training workshop, seminars and meetings are held here. In and around Lusaka (10-15 km), there are plenty of departmental stores, fast food outlets internet cafes, banks with ATM machines and so on. Interns can also purchase an air card which is available in Lusaka or other cities.

2. Project / work description

It is very much suitable for those who want desk work as well as occasional field visits to the communities. Interns can help to produce brochures, write articles, collect data, compile, analyze the trends and write reports or magazine articles with a view to promoting aquaculture. Compilation of information on where and what inputs (fish seed, feed, fertilizer etc) are available and publishing them or sharing with farmers would help tremendously. Internship period can be from 1 to 6 months or even longer if necessary. Official working hours are between 8 am – 4:30 pm (Monday – Friday) and weekend is Saturday – Sunday. Interns can travel by bus from nearby town to anywhere. Some of the work intern can do are as follows:

- Fish catch and production data collection and compilation fish farms and suppliers of inputs in MS EXCEL spreadsheets and analyze trends.

- Learn aquaculture techniques by practicing, having interactions with the staff, farmers and going through the technical reports and other literature available at the center
- Help and learn about how community projects are implemented
- Learn about the services provided to prospective fish farmers via proper channels in its command area such as the Copperbelt.

3. **Living conditions:**

All the people can speak English in Zambia as English is an official language. It will be a life-time experience living in nice green African country. Zambia is one of the safest countries in Africa, with no violence and political problems. However, basic safety precautions for personal safety have to be followed. Normally, cell phones are common SIM card purchased in the local town. Banks, postal service, ATM/cash machines are also available in and around Lusaka.

4. **Climate**

As Lusaka is around 15° south latitude, climate is tropical, climate is different from most of the northern countries with warm and dry during summer or rainy season (Nov – April) and cool during winter (May - Oct). Temperature may go up to 35°C in summer is quite hot. It may rain heavy for short time in summer.

5. **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 in the field T-shirts, shorts and sandals are appropriate.

6. **Host is happy to provide:**

- Guidance / supervision
- Occasional field trips with staff
- Dormitory type accommodation on campus at discounted rate (i.e. approx. US\$100/month)
- Subsidized rate for food (you will need to pay only about US\$2/meal)
- A well-furnished office space and lab
- Free access to on-campus sports facilities.

7. **Your Costs:**

- 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\$2/meal)
- Accommodation (approx. US\$100/m)
- Costs of trips, trainings, and others arranged upon your request
- Insurance and costs of damages due to personal negligence

8. Packing list:

- Medical kit,
- Light mosquito net,
- Insect repellent,
- Sleeping bag,
- Flash light,
- Umbrella or rain coat,
- A towel and toiletries
- Sun glass and a hat
- Sun-screen / lotion
- Camera
- Boot
- Books to read
- etc



Victoria falls (100 m height and 1.7 m wide) is one of the most important attractions of Zambia. It is about 400 km south west from Lusaka at the border with Zimbabwe.