

JOB TITLE: EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Reports to: Program Manager

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Background

The Roatan Marine Park is a Not-For-Profit NGO, with a mission of protecting Roatan's natural resources for the future. The RMP runs a broad range of activities to protect Roatan's natural resources, including patrols and infrastructure, education, conservation and public awareness, environmental inspections, alternative livelihood projects.

Objectives

The objectives of the role are, to create environmental awareness and educate school children in marine and coastal ecosystems (with formal and informal activities). Visit and train a dive shops, snorkel tours, restaurants, hotels, and other businesses to create and reinforce environmental them on best practices within the marine protected area focusing on sustainable environmental practices including the Responsible Seafood Guide and other best practices in particular diving and snorkel tours to minimize the effect on the reef.

Scope of work

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Areas of Responsibility

1. Train school children on local environmental issues such as importance of coral reefs, key species, sustainable development.
2. Organize glass bottom boat trips and other similar activities to inspire children to protect their ocean.
3. Train restaurants in Responsible Seafood Guide for owners, managers, and staff, and distribute information and brochures to local restaurants and businesses.
4. Train Marine Recreation Providers in the Standards for Marine Recreation for Honduras.

5. Promote responsible environmental practices amongst business.
6. Respond to community outreach in a timely and accurate manner.
7. Collaborate with other NGOs and governmental bodies serving Roatan to identify and implement priority outreach and education projects.
8. Organize meetings, trainings and workshops for community members, organizations and leaders as needed.
9. Serve as liaison on boards, meetings, and events and to build relationships with individuals and businesses in communities across Roatan to learn about potential education needs.
10. Coordinate volunteers to assist in education and outreach.
11. Work with other Roatan Marine Park staff to maintain and update social media for Roatan Marine Park (Facebook, Instagram), and other operational activities.
12. Any other activity linked to the RMP Annual Plan, in terms of education and outreach.
13. Hold weekly meetings with the Program Manager for updates, reporting, and planning.

Qualifications and Experience

1. Bachelor's degree, with a background in Pedagogy, Environmental Science/Biology/Eco tourism, Marine Sciences, or related fields.
2. Must be fluent in written and spoken English and Spanish.
3. Must be a Honduran citizen or resident authorized to work in the country.
4. At least 2 years of experience developing teaching processes with adults and children.
5. Experience working with non-governmental organizations.
6. Must be able to commit to at least 2 years.
7. Driver's license, preferably.
8. Diving experience, preferably.

Personality traits

To effectively carry out the position of Education and Outreach Coordinator, must exhibit the following:

1. He/she must be friendly, outgoing, and comfortable working with children and able to effectively communicate with children of varying ages.
2. He/she must be friendly, outgoing, and comfortable working with business owners and managers.
3. Must be able to walk into unfamiliar situations and effectively build relationships.
4. Must be able to effectively make presentations to persons of different ages and levels of education.

5. Must have excellent communication skills and be able to deliver the conservation message of the RMP.
6. Must be able to work up long hours on days when needed as well as be available after hours for Roatan Marine Park events and emergencies.
7. Be a team player.
8. Understanding of the community and various target audiences.

Duration of Service:

Permanent position, including an initial 2 months' trial period.

7. Selection Criteria:

Main criteria will be on qualifications and experience and personal profile the selection process will be based on interview. 2 References are required.

To apply please email your CV and cover letter (including salary expectation):
dianaf@roatanmarinepark.org

8. Expected time to start: November 15th, 2023

***Deadline to apply:** October 30th, 2023

For more information about the Roatan Marine Park visit: www.roatanmarinepark.org