

STENAPA: Volunteering opportunity

Location: St. Eustatius, Dutch Caribbean (Sint Eustatius National Parks Foundation)

Period: Starting June / July 2024. Minimum 2 months, maximum 6 months.

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STENAPA is mandated by the National Government to manage the National Parks of St. Eustatius. The Marine Department is seeking a total of 1 project volunteer and 2 general volunteers to assist them in their task of managing the National Marine Park.

General tasks of a Marine Park volunteer are:

- Assist on projects such as annual GCRMN coral reef surveys, annual seagrass monitoring surveys, sea-turtle conservation project (nesting season), *Diadema* antillarum restoration, invasive lionfish control, beach mapping and much more.
- Assist in maintenance of dive site moorings, the patrol boat Blue Runner, etc.
- Assist in outreach and nature education activities

Candidates must:

- Be nationals from the Netherlands or the United States of America (due to immigration reasons)
- Have SCUBA Certification minimum of PADI Advanced or equivalent
- Obtain DAN sport silver dive insurance
- Be comfortable with diving 4 days a week
- Aged 18+

Benefits:

- Work-based reference upon completion of the volunteer placement
- Gain experience diving in the marine conservation field
- Learn to skipper and captain the marine patrol boat
- Gain experience in scientific monitoring techniques, invasive species control and habitat restoration activities