



Vacancy: Invasive Species Officer

Overview

Sint Eustatius National Parks Foundation (STENAPA) is seeking a dedicated and skilled Invasive Species Officer to join our team. Located on the island of Sint Eustatius in the Caribbean Netherlands, STENAPA is committed to the conservation of natural ecosystems. The Invasive Species Officer will play a pivotal role in developing and implementing strategies for invasive species monitoring and control within our national parks. This includes the Nature Environment Policy Plan (NEPP) funded project “Invasive Species Control and Restoration of Forest Ecosystems – Emergency Bridled-Quail Dove Conservation,” and other related projects. This is a full-time position, reporting to the National Park Manager.

Key Responsibilities:

- Support the Research and Monitoring Coordinator in biodiversity monitoring within the national parks, focusing on designated protected areas.
- Conduct biodiversity and invasive species monitoring, including baseline surveys and long-term monitoring plans.
- Implement invasive species control measures and monitor their effectiveness.
- Assist in fence construction and other restoration activities as part of forest habitat projects.
- Develop educational and outreach materials to raise awareness about invasive species control.
- Train staff, volunteers, and students in invasive species monitoring protocols and fieldwork techniques.
- Prepare regular monitoring reports and assist in scientific publication preparation.
- Deliver presentations to local, regional, and international stakeholders.
- Manage data collection and storage using appropriate databases.
- Liaise with stakeholders regarding project progress.
- Support general park maintenance, guided hikes, and other duties as required.

Personal Specification:

- Minimum of 8 years of experience in nature conservation and a Bachelor's degree in ecology, conservation biology, or related fields.
- Practical experience in control of invasive species.
- Experience in biodiversity monitoring, ideally focusing on invasive species.

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STENAPA is a member of the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA):

Safeguarding nature in the Dutch Caribbean





- Strong written and verbal English. communication skills, fluent in English.
- Advanced IT skills and proficiency in data management.
- PADI Rescue and Enriched Air Diver certification (or equivalent) or willingness to obtain it.
- Experience in tropical conservation fieldwork and knowledge of Caribbean flora and fauna.
- Ability to work independently and outdoors in varying weather conditions.
- Full clean driver's license and ability to acquire a St Eustatius driving license.

Desirable:

Experience with firearms and mammal trapping in a professional context.
Extensive experience with Caribbean plant and animal species in conservation.
Experience in planning and coordinating biodiversity monitoring programs.
Experience in database creation and maintenance.

Additional Information:

Full-time position with a competitive salary based on experience and qualifications.
Health insurance included.
Position available from January 2025.

Interested candidates should send their CV and motivation letter to the National Park Managers at manager@statiapark.org. Please visit our website www.statiapark.org for more information about STENAPA. All applications should be received by November 6th, 2024.