**Field Botanist**

**Position Available with Nature Iraq**

Nature Iraq is a leading non-governmental, conservation organization dedicated to improving and protecting the environment in Iraq. We are looking for a person with a background and strong interest in field botany for one position with Nature Iraq to conduct botanical field surveys of Peramagroon Mountain, in Sulaimani, Kurdistan, Iraq and other areas as part of the Darwin Conservation Project conducted in collaboration with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

We need a serious, energetic and skilled Field Botanist. This is a full-time position at Nature Iraq funded by the Darwin Project and will involve extensive field survey work, specimen collection, preservation and analysis, reporting on findings, and participating in other related conservation activities.

This is a great opportunity to do meaningful fieldwork on a spectacular and botanically rich mountain in Kurdistan, northern Iraq and to gain skills and experience working as a field botanist and conservationist.

**Required for this position**:

* Strong interest in environmental issues and dedication to improving and protecting the environment in Iraq;
* Excellent physical conditioning;
* Experience and/or interest in field botany and plant ecology;
* Willingness to work in remote and challenging mountainous terrain;
* Strong English reading, writing & speaking skills (Native speaker of Arabic and/or Kurdish);
* Licensed to drive;
* A strong work ethic, well organized, professional and self-motivated, and
* Computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office, Excel &/or GIS software

**To apply**: Submit the following items by email to: [info@natureiraq.org](mailto:info@natureiraq.org) by **28 February, 2013**

1. A CV documenting your work and academic experience
2. A cover letter stating your interest in the position, personal goals and any additional information you think we need to know to determine if you are right for the position
3. A minimum of two (2) letters of reference from people who know your work or academic skills.

***No application will be considered without all of the above items***. Due to the volume of applicants, candidates will be contacted for interviews by email. Successful candidates will be invited for an interview in Nature Iraq office in Sulaimania, Iraq where final evaluations for selection for this position will take place.

**Payment**: Depends on experience but typical starting salaries for a field position range from 600 to 1000 USD/month.

**Other Benefits**: Nature Iraq has three offices in Sulaimania, Baghdad and Chibaish-Thiqar and the selected candidates will be able to use the facilities in these offices such as the librar, Internet access, field equipment, etc. The successful candidate will also have the ability to participate in Nature Iraq trainings, workshops and other educational activities.

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