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Tropical Conservation Internships in an Embattled Ecuadorian Eden

Manabi, ECUADOR—The non-profit conservation organization Third Millennium Alliance (TMA) is expanding its internship program to offer options ranging from a month-long “Taste of the Tropics” to a 6-month professional apprenticeship.

TMA manages a nature reserve in one of the most endangered ecosystems on Earth, the coastal rainforest of western Ecuador. Possibly only 2% of the original forest cover remains. The organization is pursuing a multifaceted mission: conservation of this imperiled forest, biological research on the unique ecosystem and the wildlife within, and promotion of sustainable permaculture, agroforestry and reforestation in the neighboring communities to ensure that the protected area not only persists but thrives for future generations.

Internships are available with the permaculture farm and biological research divisions of TMA. Interns are involved in real-world work with all the excitement, latitude, and occasional bumps in the road that go along with working for a young non-profit. Ongoing projects include: expansion of organic coffee and cacao orchards, primate demographic and behavioral research, avian nesting ecology, and land use differences across habitat types. Interns come from many walks of life and are challenged to bring their skills, experience, and perspectives to contribute to the mosaic of engaged learning. Former interns have gone on to graduate school in agriculture, biology, ecology, and related fields, and some have even returned as specialist consultants to TMA. Find out more at www.tmalliance.org/internships.