



ΑΡΧΕΛΩΝ - Σύλλογος για την Προστασία της Θαλάσσιας Χελώνας
ARCHELON - Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece

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Subject: **Call for Field Leader / Internship Opportunities for sea turtle conservation in Greece in 2020**

To whom it may concern,

ARCHELON, a nonprofit conservation organization active since 1983, runs a number of volunteer projects for the protection of sea turtles and their habitats in Greece every year. More than 500 international volunteers per year participate in our projects, including about 25 field leaders. Every year we are entering in internship agreements with 70 Universities and other educational establishments from all over the world.

With this letter we are providing information about our projects for 2020 and the field leader / internship opportunities available in order to help students prepare their applications.

Our projects for 2020

- **Protecting sea turtle nesting activity in 7 locations**

Locations: Zakynthos, the Peloponnese (Kyparissia – Lakonikos - Koroni) and Crete (Rethymno – Chania – Messara).

Participation period: From May to mid-October. These sites together host about 50% of the nests of the loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*) in the whole Mediterranean.

Activities/tasks: monitoring of nesting activity, nest and hatchling protection, public awareness, fundraising, living in a campsite and maintaining common living spaces with an international team of volunteers.

- **Monitoring sea turtles in the foraging area of Amvrakikos bay**

Location: Amvrakikos bay and Preveza, Western Greece

Participation period: From mid-June to mid-August. The shallow waters of Amvrakikos bay provide a great opportunity for studying loggerheads and green turtles foraging in the area.

Activities/tasks: daily transects with the boat where turtles are captured, measured and released within a few minutes, living in shared rooms and maintaining common spaces with a small team of volunteers. These tasks are combine

Volunteering/Internship Opportunities for 2020

For the 2020- projects we are offering opportunities for **field leaders**.

Field Leaders (*pls. open the hyperlink for more info*)

Field leaders are volunteers selected on the basis of their experience and skills and they are responsible for leading the teams in the nesting beach conservation projects as below:



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The role of field leaders is to ensure the proper on-site implementation of sea turtle monitoring actions (Monitoring Leaders), public awareness actions (Public Awareness Leaders) and the good state of ARCHELON's Field Stations (Camp and Volunteer Leaders).

An introductory informative session for field leaders is organised in May and several theme specific seminars are organised during the project period.

IMPORTANT NOTE: the **deadline** for applying for a Field leader post is **30 November 2019**.

As the success of our work in protecting sea turtles in Greece relies mainly on our leading team of field leaders, we would be really grateful if you could publish this call to your newsletter, magazine or add it in your announcement board and/or website. You may also distribute our call for field leaders to your supporters by other means that you find suitable.

Information on our projects and instructions [on how to apply](#) for a field leader role can be found on our website, www.archelon.gr. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions or proposals you may have. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chara Papailiou, Volunteers Officer