

# Public Awareness field leaders for Loggerhead nesting projects in Greece-ARCHELON

## Volunteer Opportunity

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### Period

1 May to October (might differ slightly by project)

### Locations

1. [Zakynthos - Laganas Bay](#), 2. [The Peloponnese- Kyparissia Bay](#), 3. [The Peloponnese - Lakonikos Bay](#), 4. [The Peloponnese - Koroni](#), 5. [Crete-Rethymno](#), 6. [Crete-Chania](#), 7. [Crete-Messara Bay](#), 8. [Western Greece \(Preveza\)](#)

### Background Information

Since 1983, the primary objective of ARCHELON, the Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece has been to protect the sea turtles and their habitats in Greece through monitoring and research, developing and implementing management plans, habitat restoration, raising public awareness and rehabilitating sick and injured turtles. ARCHELON runs programmes in all the main nesting beaches as well as in foraging areas of Loggerhead Sea Turtles in Greece.

### Duties

Each Public Awareness (P.A.) Field Leader is responsible for spreading the message for the protection of sea turtles, by creating awareness amongst tourists, locals and businesses about the threats that sea turtles face. The P.A. field leader must make sure that enough background information is provided to stakeholders in order for them to understand what they can do to reduce negative human effects on the species. He/she works under the supervision of the corresponding Project Officer.

In more detail, the duties include organizing weekly presentations in local hotels, touristic businesses and touristic boats, installing and operating Information Stations of the Society, participating in ARCHELON's educational projects at local schools, groups of Scouts etc., organizing events for the local community such as nest excavations and sea turtle releases, representing the Society at public events and preserving and improving public relationships of ARCHELON with stakeholders of the project areas.

P.A. Field Leaders are responsible for communicating conservation efforts to locals and tourists in person and online, managing the social media according to given guidelines and writing articles for the project. Fundraising activities are a very important part of their role as they will be in charge of sales, donations and adoptions. They make sure that there is always adequate material for fund raising and public awareness and they will lead their respective training, supervision and motivation of a multiethnic team of volunteers. They organize public awareness data in Excel databases and write a final Public Awareness report for the Head Office, within the given deadlines. They will be responsible for maintenance and preservation of the public awareness equipment, participation in monitoring field work.

All Field Leaders (Monitoring, Public Awareness and Camp & Volunteer Coordinator) share the responsibility for the smooth organization and operation of the project by organizing the weekly

schedule (rota) and ensuring the organization of the team, the motivation of the volunteers and the management of any problems occurring within the season, always by reporting and dealing with them in good cooperation with the Project Officer of the area.

### **Requirements**

- Age over 20 years old
- Fluent English language
- Valid car driving license
- Experience (one year minimum) in field projects (experience in managing groups, crisis management, fundraising and/or communication and/or marketing preferably in charities, NGOs and Societies)
- Hardworking, sociable, reliable, enthusiastic, organizational, committed person who can work under a challenging work environment and demanding schedule
- Volunteer management skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Good physical condition [duties include long working hours in the heat (sometimes up to 6 hours at a time), and some of the sites are reached by walking; duties can be hard and exhausting]
- Good at public speaking and reporting
- Capability to live in basic living conditions and under adverse climatic conditions

### **Preferred/ Desired additional skills**

- Academic background/ experience in Public Relations, Faculty of Economics, Management, Marketing, Communication studies, Environmental Education, Biology, Ecology, Zoology, Marine Science, Marine Conservation
- First Aid certification
- Use of computers and relevant new technologies, such as UAVs (drones) and GPS

### **Benefits/Costs**

Basic subsistence expenses (accommodation and food) in the project site will be covered by ARCHELON. Accommodation usually includes space for putting up your tent. Communal facilities including cooking will be provided in organized campsites. There will be private insurance coverage for accidents up to a certain ceiling.

Travel expenses to Greece are not provided by ARCHELON and must be covered by the Field Leaders. Travel expenses to the project sites within Greece must also be covered by the selected Field Leaders, with the notable exception of participation in introductory information sessions and training events organized by ARCHELON (see below).

### **Introductory information sessions**

Candidates selected for the first time to be Field leaders, will be asked to participate in introductory information sessions in early May (the exact dates and the location are not yet finalized). Participant accommodation and lunches/ dinners, as well as transportation within Greece will be provided by ARCHELON.

NB. The availability of candidates to attend these sessions will influence the final selection of Field Leaders.

**Specific training events** on monitoring, public awareness and fund raising for Field Leaders will be organized during the nesting season. Details will be announced at a later stage. Accommodation and transportation within Greece will be provided by ARCHELON.

### **Further contact and application info**

If interested, please send an email to [archelon.projects@gmail.com](mailto:archelon.projects@gmail.com) with the following:

- Application form that you can download from [HERE](#)
- Short Curriculum Vitae (400-900 words)

**NB. The application deadline is 31st January 2019. The selection is expected to be finalized until 30 March 2019.** Early applications have more possibilities to be considered as the places are limited. Short interviews with candidates maybe organized by Skype in an informal manner.