



ARCHELON, the Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH IN ARCHELON FIELD PROJECTS

To undertake a post-doc research project, the researcher must be first accepted on an ARCHELON project as a volunteer. This involves submitting an application with relevant documents and paying the current volunteer fee. For more information on applying please visit www.archelon.gr

It is preferable that the researcher has volunteered before on one of ARCHELON's field projects. If this is not the case, the researcher must demonstrate that she/he has sufficient experience with other sea turtle conservation projects.

ARCHELON field leader and field assistant duties are incompatible with conducting research.

To undertake a research project, the following requirements must be met:

- The research topic, with rationale and precise methodology, must demonstrate clear conservation objectives that do not involve invasive techniques or animal manipulation.
- The researcher must participate for a minimum of 4 weeks on the project during which time their research work is to be carried out in addition to regular volunteer duties. Only data collected by the researcher can be used in his/her work. Data collection by the researcher should not interfere with standard ARCHELON data collection.
- The deadline to submit a research proposal with a detailed methodology is **15 March** of the year of the project. Proposals will be answered within two weeks. If accepted, then a Research Agreement, provided by ARCHELON, must be signed by **21 April** the latest.
- ARCHELON will nominate an internal supervisor, to assist the researcher in various issues that may be raised in the course of the research, who will be named on the signed Research Agreement.
- The researcher must submit to ARCHELON a copy of the data collected prior to departure from the project. This is to ensure adequate backups are kept and that ARCHELON is assured some outcome from the researcher in case of discontinuation of the research or failure to produce a publication. In such a case the collected data can be used by ARCHELON for unpublished internal analyses.
- If the researcher decides to submit a scientific paper in peer reviewed periodicals or conference proceedings, then ARCHELON must be duly asked for appropriate participation in write-up and co-authorship of the article.

Further, the researcher should take into account the limitations of ARCHELON fieldwork routines to avoid putting extra workload on ARCHELON staff and volunteers. For this reason, the researcher is asked to describe in detail the proposed methodology and to fill the attached Appendix in order to show how his/her

research work will not impose on or in any way interfere with the routine fieldwork of ARCHELON.

Please submit, by **15 March at the latest**, your proposal with the attached Appendix duly filled, and your volunteer application at: volunteers@archelon.gr

The Scientific Committee of ARCHELON