

ECF EECA Project No. 1448
Establishing a framework and resources for Hong Kong BioBlitzes
Job description

Role: HK BioBlitz Project Coordinator (4 month contract: Aug – Nov 2015)

Do you enjoy learning and teaching about HK wildlife? Do you want to inspire new generations of HK environmentalists? Would you like to work on a **short and intense pilot project** involving scientists and schools, government and NGOs to change people's mindsets about the environment?

In October 2015 Tai Tam Tuk Foundation in partnership with the University of Hong Kong, Swire Institute of Marine Science, Civic Exchange, Bristol Natural History Consortium (UK) and National Geographic Young Explorer, HK Explorers Initiative will host **HK's first official "BioBlitz"** – a 24-hour event where leading wildlife experts, volunteers, schools and students work together to identify as many species as possible in a defined area. BioBlitzes have proved popular in the UK and US and your work will set a precedent of success for other BioBlitzes throughout HK.

This Environmental Education and Community Action Project is sponsored by the HKSAR Environment and Conservation Fund and supports HK's first Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2015-2020 under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

About us: Just 30 minutes from Central you can find a historic fishing village beside one of the earliest Sites of Special Scientific Interest featuring HK island's only remaining mangroves, 100 year old heritage buildings and a thriving hub for traditional fisherfolk culture.

Tai Tam Tuk Foundation is a young HK charity based in Tai Tam. We aim to inspire action for sustainable development in HK's young people through hands on experience of the area's special nature and culture. We are involved in Education for Sustainable Development working with local and international schools and NGO collaborators.

We believe in a partnership approach to sustainable development and environmental conservation – forming a **diverse local stakeholder community** engaged in their immediate local environment.

Project aims:

- Measurably increase biodiversity awareness and knowledge in participating schools and volunteers by educating about observing and recording wildlife, and supervised hands on experiences.
- Collect and contribute high quality data on local biodiversity for government policy.
- Encourage collaboration, networking among schools and government/ academic/ NGO experts.
- Encourage schools and communities to organise their own BioBlitzes to meet 2020 BSAP targets.
- Determine impact, effectiveness of BioBlitz format in HK and local adaptations: "proof of concept".

Organiser



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Responsibilities:

- Plan, implement and coordinate event, reporting to Project Leader:
- Recruit and train volunteers
- Support for stakeholder engagement meetings (with experts and schools)
- Prepare information package for schools
- Liaise with project partners, experts (government/academic/NGOs), schools and other stakeholders
- Devise and implement media strategy including managing social media, writing articles, interviews etc
- Manage project budget and report monthly to project partners
- Support for evaluation

Ideal candidate:

- Degree in natural/ environmental sciences or conservation-related discipline
- At least 1 year work experience leading environmental education in English and Chinese
- Successfully planned, implemented and coordinated large events (eg 100-500 people)
- Experienced in volunteer recruitment and training
- Drive to pursue conservation/ environmental-related career
- Confident communicator in spoken and written English and Chinese
- Enthusiastic, resourceful, professional attitude with an eye for detail and able to get things done

Salary: 15K per month (4 month contract)

Application: Send CV and 1-page covering letter to info@taitamtuk.org by **17 July 2015**.