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ARCHELON - Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece

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Subject: **Volunteering / Internship Opportunities for sea turtle conservation in Greece in 2024**

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 30 field leaders. Every year we are entering in internship agreements with 70 Universities and other educational establishments from all over the world. All projects are conducted in English.

With this letter we are providing information about our projects for 2024 and the volunteering/internship opportunities available in order to help students and other interested parties to prepare their applications.

[Our projects for 2024](#) *(pls. open the hyperlink for more info)*

☐ Protecting sea turtle nesting activity in 7 locations

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

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

Minimum volunteer participation period: 4 weeks

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.

☐ Taking care of rescued sea turtles and other operations of ARCHELON's Sea Turtle Rescue Centre

Location: Glyfada, near Athens

Project duration: All year round.



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Minimum volunteer participation period: 5 weeks

The Centre receives about 70 rescued sea turtles per year from all over Greece, which are injured or sick. The turtles receive treatment and care and when they are fully rehabilitated, they are released back into the sea

Activities/tasks: participation in the Rescue network, the sea turtle care and rehabilitation schedule, the public awareness/fundraising schedule, the tanks/surgery/open space maintenance duties, the data collection needs, living in shared rooms with a small team of volunteers.

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

Location: Amvrakikos bay, Kopraina

Project duration: From end-June to end-August (two fixed time periods).

Minimum volunteer participation period: 4 weeks

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.

Volunteering / Internship Opportunities for 2024

For 2024 projects we are offering opportunities for **Full Time Volunteers combined with [Internships](#) and [Special Volunteer](#) Categories.**

[Full time volunteers](#) *(pls. open the hyperlink for more info)*

Full time volunteers receive induction upon arrival by their field leaders and they are consequently trained on the spot. Their duties are well described, following international monitoring standards. The organization of our projects has been evolving through the 40 years of experience in running them. Below are the projects which are available for full time volunteers:

- ☐ **Protecting sea turtle nesting activity in 7 locations**
- ☐ **Taking care of rescued sea turtles and other operations of the Sea Turtle Rescue Centre**
- ☐ **Monitoring sea turtles in the foraging area of Amvrakikos bay**



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Information on our projects and instructions on how to apply 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.

Learn more about volunteering life and our action in our [Youtube Channel](#).

Learn more about our work and connect with us on [Linkedin](#)

Yours sincerely,

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