



Full-time Javan Green Magpie Field Biologist

Yayasan Cikananga Konservasi Terpadu

Yayasan Cikananga Konservasi Terpadu (YCKT) is a non-governmental organisation that aims to rescue, protect and reintroduce Endangered Javan species. It was created in 2001 and is divided in two parts: the Rescue Centre (PPSC) that receives and takes care of animal taken from the illegal wildlife trade and illegal keeping; and the Cikananga Conservation Breeding Centre (CCBC) that focuses on Endangered species and protects them from extinction through captive breeding (*ex-situ*) and reintroduction (*in-situ*).

Cikananga is looking for a full-time Field Biologist to work on the ***in-situ* project**:

- Integrated conservation project for Javan Green Magpie (*Cissa thalassina*)

Job description

The Javan Green Magpie (Critically Endangered) is endemic to sub-montane and montane forests of western Java, Indonesia, where there are few recent records, and the species now appears to be extremely rare and localised (van Balen et al. 2011) largely due to trapping for the cagebird trade. Our project aims to gain a better understanding of the ecological and biological requirements of this almost mythical species through fieldwork, and to apply targeted conservation efforts by engaging with and developing alternative livelihoods and income streams for remote forest communities, including those that currently trap Javan Green Magpies. This Javan Green Magpie Project will be in partnership/cooperation with Chester Zoo and Manchester Metropolitan University.

For this project, we are seeking an enthusiastic and highly motivated Field Biologist. The Field Biologist will work full-time on this project, with the main responsibilities being field surveys, collecting ecological data, vegetation surveys and other supporting activities. The Field Biologist will help to develop the methodology implemented for the JGM project. The Field Biologist will also have to train, guide and supervise any students/volunteers on the project. The Field Biologist will be mostly based at the project site (tbc), but some time will be spent at YCKT Headquarters for data analysis, writing reports, and communicating with stakeholders.

The project activities include the following:

- To carry out specific targeted searches for Javan Green Magpie in areas of its historical range (both inside and outside protected areas).
- Engage with remote communities and bird trappers who are known to specifically target this species to understand the processes and livelihood implications of bird trapping.
- Identify potential safe haven/s for the species, where birds can be released and where international birders may reliably see JGM in the wild.
- There may be opportunities for additional training or to assist other related projects where appropriate, to be discussed.



Required qualifications

- Degree in Biology, Ecology, or similar; postgraduate degree is desirable
- Good knowledge of birds of Java
- Extensive experience of ecology/conservation fieldwork
- Ability to work with local bird trappers and forest guides
- Able to develop a strong methodology depending on the objectives of the project
- Able to supervise a team (students/volunteers)
- Ability to communicate with a range of stakeholders including local and national government officers, and the international steering committee
- Independent and reliable
- Speaking fluently Bahasa Indonesia
- Able to speak English and write English reports
- Able to work in difficult terrain/conditions and to adapt to a multi-cultural environment

Working conditions

- **Closing date for applications: 21st June 2021. Proposed starting date: End July 2021**
- 3-month probation period, followed by a 1-year contract
- Working 23 days per month (7 days-off). Days-off can be consecutive or scattered along the month depending on the on-site duties (discussed with Management)
- Most of the time will be spent working in the field but some time will be spent at Cikananga Headquarters for writing reports, data analysis and meeting with management
- When the Field Biologist is away from Cikananga Headquarters (on the field), food and transport are provided by Cikananga
- Housing provided in guest houses when the Field Biologist is in Cikananga Headquarter
- Health and work insurance provided by Cikananga after the 3-month probation period
- Salary: Rp 3.500.000 per month

To apply, please submit a cover letter and a CV to: cikanangawildlifecenter@gmail.com

The closing date for applications is **21st June 2021**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Please note that applicants will be asked for an interview with management

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