



Internship: Surveys for the Conservation of Reptiles and Amphibians in the Comoros Archipelago

The department of herpetology of the Zoologische Staatssammlung München (Bavarian State Collection of Zoology) participates in surveys of the endemic and threatened species of reptiles and amphibians of the Comoros Archipelago. This archipelago is situated in the Western Indian Ocean and comprises the islands of the Union of the Comoros and Mayotte, a French overseas department.

We are searching two highly motivated candidates for an internship in this project. The interns will perform surveys of the populations of reptiles and amphibians, map habitat parameters, give public presentations on these animals, etc. in collaboration with local partners. The goal is the publication of a distribution atlas.

The planned duration of the internship is six weeks. The starting date is flexible around the second half of 2018 and will also have to be coordinated with the schedules of other project participants. The work could be combined with lab rotation, Bachelor or Master theses, etc.

Candidates must have:

- * At least two years of studying biology or a related discipline (ecology, forestry, landscape management, etc.)*
- * The ability to conduct fieldwork independently and in small teams in a tropical environment*
- * A driving license for cars (EU class B; at least one team member)*
 - * Basic spoken French (at least one team member)*

Advantages, but not required:

- * Experience in field work and conservation management with reptiles and amphibians*
- * Experience with basic analyses of ecological data and with GIS*

Interested candidates should send their applications in English or French via email with the subject 'Internship Comoros' to hawlitschek@zsm.mwn.de. Applications should include a short letter of motivation (including information on the availability of the candidate in the second half of 2018) and a CV. We plan to select candidates on 15 March 2018, but applications will be reviewed until two suitable candidates are found.



Important: The decision on funding for this project is still pending and is expected for April 2018. We ask interested candidates to contact us as soon as possible, as bookings etc. must be made directly upon a positive funding decision. Then, all expenses for travelling, housing, and car rental will be covered. In case of a negative decision the project will be postponed.

