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Recruitment of Nature Conservation Practitioners (Intern / Naturalist) – 05 Nos. at AIWC, Vandalur, on contractual basis.

Notification No.: 06 /2026 dated 24.11.2026

The Advanced Institute for Wildlife Conservation (AIWC), a premier Institute in the field of wildlife research, training and education under Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, invites application from Indian nationals for the temporary position of Nature Conservation Practitioners (Intern / Naturalist) **(05 Nos.)** for Biodiversity Survey, Assessment, Monitoring and Awareness Activities in various districts of Tamil Nadu. The selection will be based on short listing of applications (educational qualifications and experience), followed by a personal interview. Details of the position along with essential and desirable qualifications, age criteria, monthly consolidated remuneration are given in Annexure- I.

The last date of receipt of completed application form along with supporting documents is **04.12.2026 (Friday) @ 5.00 p.m.** The duly filled in application documents should be sent only by hard copy to the following AIWC postal address.

Chief Conservator of Forests and Director
Advanced Institute for Wildlife Conservation
(Research, Training & Education), Vandalur,
Chennai - 600048

Sd/-R.Padmawathe,
Chief Conservator of Forests and Director,
AIWC (R, T & E), Vandalur

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GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Age limit for the position is given in Annexure I; age relaxation will be considered as per Government of Tamil Nadu norms for Reserved category candidates.

2. Application should be in the prescribed format, duly signed and should be accompanied by self-attested copies of documents on educational qualifications, research experience, UGC/CSIR/GATE certificate (if applicable), extracurricular activities, date of birth, mark sheets of all examinations, community certificate (if seeking relaxation as per Government of Tamil Nadu rules) etc.

3. The Institute will not provide accommodation, and no TA/DA will be paid to the candidates appearing for the written test and personal interview. The interview will be in either online or physical mode.

4. At the time of the verification of original documents or even after selection, if it is found that an attempt has been made by the applicant to wilfully conceal, misrepresent the facts or canvass, such an application will be rejected, and due action will be taken against the candidate.

5. The application form can be downloaded from the **https://www.aiwc.res.in/**

6. The date and time of the personal interview will be intimated individually by email to the shortlisted candidates.

7. In case of candidates who score equal marks in the qualifying tests, the candidate with the highest aggregate in the Master's degree will be selected.

8. The CCF & Director, AIWC the right to reject any candidature in view of incomplete information provided by the candidate or for any other reason thereof.

9. The applicant should be cautious against touts and agents who may cheat by making false promises of securing jobs through unfair means.

10. The Institute shall not be responsible or liable for any loss that may be caused to any applicant on account of indulging in any sort of dealings with such unscrupulous elements.

11. The positions advertised are purely temporary and contractual for the period as specified in the notification. They will stand abolished after completion of the tenure period.

12. Any application received or submitted after the last date shall not be taken into consideration.

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ANNEXURE – I

Post Code	Post	Educational Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Age Limit	Age Relaxation	Monthly Fellowship
Broad Project Themes: Engagement of Nature Conservation Practitioners (Intern / Naturalist) for Biodiversity Survey, Assessment, Monitoring and Awareness Activities						
IN 01	**Intern Naturalist (05 - Position) on a contractual basis for a period of 24 months**	**MSc in Wildlife Biology/Botany/Zoology/ Ecology/Forestry/ Environmental sciences/ Biodiversity and conservation or its equivalent degree** 1. MSc in the above disciplines with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks from a recognized university. Candidates should have excellent understanding of biodiversity and conservation and natural history of different species 2. Excellent knowledge of written and spoken Tamil & English (Atleast should have studied Tamil as a language/ subject in 10th standard) 3. Proficiency in basic computer software, preparing reports, project planning, budgeting, and resource allocation. **Note:** For this Project, intensive and long duration field work is mandatory across various location in the Tamil Nadu. Only travel expenditure will be borne under the Project, no additional allowance will be paid	Strong leadership, organizational and coordination skills to biodiversity programmes. Proficiency in GIS, GPS, mapping and statistical software for biodiversity data collection, analysis and documentation. Relevant experience in conducting nature education and environmental awareness programmes in schools and colleges through National Green Corps, Eco-Clubs, Nature Clubs and other initiatives. In-depth knowledge of Tamil Nadu's biodiversity, ecosystems, wildlife and conservation challenges. Practical experience in biodiversity surveys, species identification, ecological monitoring and field assessments. Ability to conduct training programmes, quizzes, bird identification competitions and field-based capacity-building activities for frontline forest staff. Experience in preparing photo journals, species documentation, biodiversity inventories and range-wise biodiversity reports. Excellent communication, report-writing and interpersonal skills to coordinate with forest departments, educational institutions, government agencies and other stakeholders.	30 years	The upper age limit may be relaxed up to 5 years for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/ Women/ BC/MBC and Physically challenged categories.	Consolidated pay of Rs. 31,100/- per month

APPLICATION FORM (FORMAT)

Post Applied:

Post Code:

General/SC/ST/BC/MBC/Physically Handicapped, please indicate _____

Please affix a recent passport size photograph

1. Name of the applicant: _____

A. Present Postal Address with *Pin Code*

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Phone/Fax #_____

E mail_____

B. Permanent Residential Address with Pin Code

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Phone/Fax #_____

E mail_____

2.Date of Birth_____ Age in years (***01.07.2026***) _____

3. If belonging to **SC/ST/BC/MBC, please enclose** _____

a Photo copy of the original caste certificate issued by competent authorities may be attached.

4. **(a) Academic Qualifications:** (Enclose self-attested certificates)

Examination Passed	**Year of Passing**	**University**	**Major Discipline**	**Percentage of marks obtained**
Higher Secondary				
Bachelor Degree				
Master Degree				
Doctoral Degree (if applicable)				

(b) **Creative Achievement** (State briefly in ***not exceeding 15 lines*** your bio data as a research worker, about your achievements that may be helpful for the present post applied)

5. Have you received any **scholarship/fellowship** before applying for this award? *(If so, please give its source, value, period under that award)*

Name of the Scholarship	Awarding Agency	Period		Amount
		From	To	

6. **Employment held** so far *(up to date):*

Name of the Employer	Position held	Period		Emoluments per month
		From	To	

7. **Research publications**, title of the publication, year of publication, journal, etc., only 5 most important publications may be indicated in the box below.

8. Extracurricular activities / Activities related to wildlife research.

9. Name, Complete Postal Address, Email and Phone Number of three referees who can be contacted for Verification of Credentials of the candidate.

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10. Certified that information furnished above are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Place: **Date:** **(Signature of the Applicant)**