



# Role Description

## Marine Intern

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**Contract Type:** Voluntary Internship (8-months) unpaid

**Location:** Isle of Man – coastal sites across the Island, based at Manx Wildlife Trust (MWT), 7-8 Market Place, Peel, IM5 1AB and residing at Thie Vunn (Munn’s House), 10 Crown Street, Peel, IM5 1AJ

**Reports To:** Head of Engagement

**Support From:** Head of Conservation & Land, Marine Officer and MWT Conservation Team

### 1. Role Purpose:

The Marine Intern supports MWT’s marine conservation, outreach, and research programmes. The role provides experience in marine ecology, citizen science facilitation, public engagement, and environmental advocacy.

The intern will contribute directly to MWT’s marine conservation ambitions and the wider Isle of Man UNESCO Biosphere Reserve objectives.

### 2. Role Responsibilities:

#### 2.1 Core Responsibilities

- Assist with shoreline and marine surveys, marine mammal monitoring, and data compilation, assessments and report writing.
- Collect, manage, and input marine data to MWT systems
- Support marine engagement events, talks & school visits
- Contribute to marine-themed communications and public awareness campaigns, including by creating engaging content
- Surveying for invasive species and raising public awareness of biosecurity
- Assist the Marine Officer with policy, protection, and marine reserve-related tasks
- Lead in the delivery of the annual Calf of Man seal pupping census

#### 2.2 Wider Responsibilities

- Participate in activities and meetings with the other MWT interns as part of the programme.
- Support wider conservation and engagement activities where required
- Represent MWT in community and stakeholder settings
- Adhere to all H&S and lone working procedures
- Attend relevant marine team meetings and wider staff meetings

### 3. Duration, Hours & Place of Work:

- **Duration:** 8-month voluntary internship

- **Hours:** 37.5 hours per week (some evenings/weekends for events or volunteer sessions)
- **Base:** Manx Wildlife Trust, 7-8 Market Place, Peel, IM5 1AB, with Island-wide travel, including to the adjacent island of the Calf of Man and occasional at sea boat work
- **Support Package:**
  - Residential accommodation provided
  - All necessary PPE, equipment and training provided

This is a voluntary position with no salary or stipend.

#### 4. Person Specification:

##### 4.1 Technical Competencies:

Competency	Essential	Desirable
Interest in marine biology and conservation	√	
Confident working on or near the sea	√	
Ability to record and handle data accurately	√	
Marine species identification skills		√
Experience in citizen science or surveys		√
Full driving licence	√	
PADI or BSAC open water diver certification		√

##### 4.2 Behavioural Competencies:

- Enthusiastic and passionate about marine conservation
- Good communication skills
- Team-oriented, respectful, and reliable
- Safe and responsible approach to fieldwork
- Flexible, positive and eager to learn

##### 4.3 Experience/Qualifications:

- Marine related degree required
- Useful backgrounds: marine science, ecology, conservation

##### 4.4 What You Get:

Interns will have free accommodation throughout the internship along with use of an e-bike for travel around the Island. Structured training which includes both informal and formal training in marine survey techniques, citizen science engagement, marine ID skills, data management, and advocacy.