



WHALE AND DOLPHIN CONSERVATION SOCIETY

About the Organisation

The Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (WDCS) is the global voice for the protection of whales, dolphins, porpoises and their environment. WDCS Australasia is part of the global WDCS family and concentrates its efforts on

Australia, New Zealand, the Indian Ocean, Southwest Pacific Ocean and the Southern Ocean. Whales and dolphins in each of these regions experience a wide range of threats from the impact of climate change, interaction with fisheries and over-fishing, noise pollution and industrial and military activities at sea, chemical pollution, plastic debris, captivity and harassment, whaling and habitat loss.

Established in the UK in 1987, WDCS is staffed by a small, dedicated team of people determined to do their best for the animals and proud of the fact that WDCS's operating costs are kept to a minimum. Money raised by the organisation is spent on urgent conservation, research and education projects that make a difference to the daily lives and long-term security of thousands of whales, dolphins and porpoises around the world.

Project Information: Policy Making and Research

Students who wish to volunteer on a project based in South Australia will have the opportunity to take part in policy and campaign work with WDCS Australasia.

WDCS is an international non-governmental organization that specialises in cetacean (whale, dolphin and porpoise) conservation. Our activities span more than 25 countries around the world. Our expertise crosses the spectrum from cetacean conservation science and field research, to the development of habitat protection models and policy implementation, to political and legal capabilities covering a wide range of cetacean conservation and protection issues.

WDCS is a formal Partner Organization to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS, also known as the Bonn Convention). Together, WDCS and WDCS work on a Programme of work that weaves a fabric of broader conservation measures across many jurisdictions, coordinating local, regional and international political and scientific efforts to maximize conservation outcomes.

WDCS Australasia is currently campaigning for a Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act to protect whales and dolphins in Australian waters. At least five species of whales and dolphins are on the brink of extinction in Australia, and Federal legislation is needed to protect these creatures from being entangled, contaminated or starved in their natural habitats.

Volunteers seeking to work with WDCS in the WDCS CMS Programme can expect to assist with WDCS and CMS policy development work through one of two CMS agreements - the *Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area* or the *Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Cetaceans and their Habitats in the Pacific Islands Region*. The Secretariats for these agreements are based in Monaco and Samoa respectively. Strong English and French language skills are desirable.

Cost

Approximately \$6000.00 in Monaco and \$4000 in Samoa

Length of Service

Approximately 6 Months

What is not Included

- Airfares to Monaco and Geneva
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Visas
- Airport Departure Tax

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