

"If anyone has been looking for an ethical and professional NGO in Ghana, then I can personally recommend Ikando and its leadership."

Ralph Stone



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"Thanks so much for all your support during my stay, you went beyond the call of duty. It was an amazing experience."

Lorna Williams

Ghana's leading wildlife society, is a non-governmental, non-political, non-profit making environmental organization which seeks to conserve wildlife in all its forms to ensure a better environment and improved quality of life for all people.

The Society aims to achieve this through:

- Initiating and supporting projects which address specific problems.
- Public awareness and conservation education programmes.
- Promoting the conservation of wildlife protected areas.
- Encouraging research on wildlife and environmental protection and conservation.

Projects

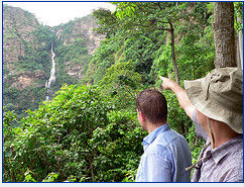
Significant among the project portfolio of GWS include:

- The community conservation education and the terrestrial biodiversity monitoring components of the Coastal Wetland Management Program of the Wildlife Division of the Forestry Commission of Ghana (funded by Global Environmental Facility, GEF)- Conservation Education and Awareness ongoing at sites.
- Important Bird Areas (IBA) project under the African NGO-Government Partnership for Sustainable Biodiversity Action - Periodic monitoring of IBA sites.
- Two community-based conservation projects at Afadjato and Amanzuri with funding from the Dutch Embassy in Ghana (in progress).
- Capacity Building for biodiversity conservation in West Africa (funded by Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund).

National Parks

Nature is important to Ghana and a conservation program strives to protect this heritage, to enable us enjoy it with our visitors and to pass it on to future generations. Ghana has a rich natural treasure made up of 16 National Parks, Resource Reserves and Wildlife Sanctuaries, which are open throughout the year. From the savanna of the coastal plains, the dense tropical forest and the grassland of the north to the life giving water bodies, which criss-cross the country, distinct wildlife abound.

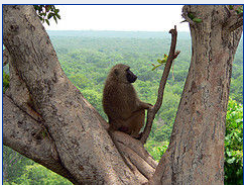
- **Mole:** The largest, oldest and most developed park, Mole began in 1957 as a game reserve. It was upgraded into a National Park in 1964. It covers an area of 4,912 sq. km. The vegetation is savanna woodland with gallery forest along watercourses. 734 species of flowering plants have been recorded in the park.
- **Digya:** Created in 1971 with an area of 3,478 sq. km, Digya is located on a lowland peninsula west of the central shores of the Volta Lake. The vegetation of the Park is largely savanna woodland and gallery forest along the riverbanks. Mammals found here include elephant, buffalo, water buck, hartebeest, bush pig, baboons and five other species of monkeys. Crocodiles and the clawless otter are also found here.
- **Ankasa:** Established in 1976, the 490 sq. km Park incorporates the former Nini-Suhien National Park and was opened to the public in March 2000. The vegetation is virgin evergreen rain forest having exceptional botanical species, which include the newly discovered "psychosis ankasensis". Mammals include forest elephant, bongo antelope, duiker, leopard, civet cat, chimpanzee and several monkeys. The bird life abounds.
- **Kakum:** Near Cape Coast, is popular for its canopy walkway, the first in Africa. Together with the adjacent Assin-Attanso Resource Reserve, it covers a total area of 360 sq. km of moist rain forest. The canopy walkway which was opened in 1995 enables visitors to observe the tree-top habitats of canopy-dwelling animals including flying squirrels and bush babies.
- **Bui:** Renowned for its hippopotami, Bui National Park covers 1,821 sq. km of hilly



How to Apply

Please fill in the application form you have been sent and email it together with an up-to-date resume (CV) to: info@ikando.org

We will email you within 48 hours of receiving your completed application form and resume.



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woodlands and valleys within the catchment area of the Black Volta River where it turns left from the Ivorian border. In 1971, the gorge below the Park was earmarked for the construction of a hydroelectric dam, which is expected to flood.

The volunteer

Students interested in wildlife conservation and want to work in the field are more than welcome to join the GWS team and share knowledge

The placement could include some of the following:

- Join the Ghana Wildlife Society on expeditions to the National Parks
- Help the GWS document the Ghanaian Wildlife
- Draft wildlife & general environmental reports .
- Assessing the general state of the image, efficiency and productiveness of the society.
- Develop & run new and ongoing projects.
- Building relationships with organisations in developing nations.
- Helping with the fundraising. This will include drafting proposals, writing letters and meeting with potential donors.
- Documenting previous work and achievements of the society.

The ideal volunteer will have a keen interest in wildlife preservation.

What kind of skills you need to go on this placement

You will need to be flexible and tolerant, show initiative and enthusiasm to face the many hurdles and challenges that you will encounter. We are only looking for positive, flexible and proactive people!

You will have to be able to cope with simple living and working conditions. Volunteers should be aware that early starts will be required.

Where is the placement based?

The placement is based in the capital of Accra, dot in the centre of town. Accra is a lively, bustling city with a wide range of restaurants and “spots” (outside drinking bars) to enjoy. Volunteers will be required to join expeditions, when this is the case volunteers will stay in basic accommodation in and around the project areas

Project Fees

Currency	2 weeks (incl deposit)	Each additional week	Deposit
British Pounds	£ 481	£ 87	£ 150
US Dollars	\$ 913	\$ 163	\$ 297
Euros	€ 717	€ 127	€ 234

What’s included in the project fees?

- Accommodation
- Welcome pack
- \$100 donation to the host organisation
- Transfers to and from Airport
- 24/7 emergency support
- In-country introduction to life in Ghana.

What’s not included?

- Flights & Visa
- Food
- Vaccinations (please speak to your local GP)
- Medical and Travel Insurance