

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

A two-month research methodology internship offered by Gobabeb

Survey of household plastic consumption in Namibia

Interns will assess and report on household plastic consumption in selected centres in Namibia. The work will entail questionnaires to record perceptions and behaviour; observations on plastic waste routing, and surveys of macroplastic contamination.

Following an intensive introduction and preparation week at Gobabeb, interns will be deployed to their home towns for data-gathering and awareness creation. Interns will reconvene at Gobabeb for data analysis and to prepare scientific deliverables. A public presentation of the results will be organised in Windhoek at the end of the internship.

The survey will provide a baseline of perceptions and attitudes to plastics, and attempt to understand local plastic routing from point sources (supermarket) to dispersal sites (households). The results will be of value to communities, environmental managers, local authorities and regulators to understand behaviours and pathways leading to environmental contamination by plastic waste.

Gobabeb – Namib Research Institute, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) and the giz-Biodiversity Management and Climate Change (BMCC) II project, is inviting recent **graduates** to apply for this internship opportunity. Graduates in the following disciplines are especially encouraged to apply: **geography; environmental sciences; psychology; economy; and public administration.**

The objectives of the programme are to equip emerging Namibian researchers with experience and skills in survey techniques; data processing and analysis; and scientific presentations, while emphasising teamwork, critical thinking and problem-solving.

Participation is fully sponsored and **12** interns can be accommodated. The internship will run from **22nd July to 29th September 2020**. Participants should be based in **Katima Mulilo; Ondangwa; Windhoek; Keetmanshoop; Mariental; or Swakopmund.**

Completed applications can be submitted by email to internship@gobabebtrc.org. The application form with your CV and proof of qualification must be submitted **before Friday 10 July 2020, 17:00.**

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