

REGISTRATION

- ◆ Registration fee per participant; Rs. 3,500/-
- ◆ Sponsored Eco-internship fee per participant; Rs. 1,000/-
- ◆ Sponsored Eco-internship will specifically be for the students of government schools or the students who cannot afford fee for such tours
- ◆ Similar nature exploration trips can also be arranged for family groups and corporate sectors.
- ◆ Separate groups for male and female students can also be arranged



INCENTIVES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

- ◆ Opportunities to observe nature and experience wildlife photography
- ◆ Opportunities to meet eminent ecologists and environmentalists of the country
- ◆ Opportunities for experiential education and learning through field expeditions
- ◆ Travelling, food and refreshments will be provided by Pakistan Wildlife Foundation
- ◆ Students will be offered an MCQ type test in the afternoon about what they will be taught in the field and the successful students will be awarded an Eco-Internship Certificate
- ◆ Free membership of Pakistan Wildlife Foundation

The Pioneer White / African Caper White (*Anaphaeis aurota*) © Waseem Ahmad Khan, Pakistan Wildlife Foundation



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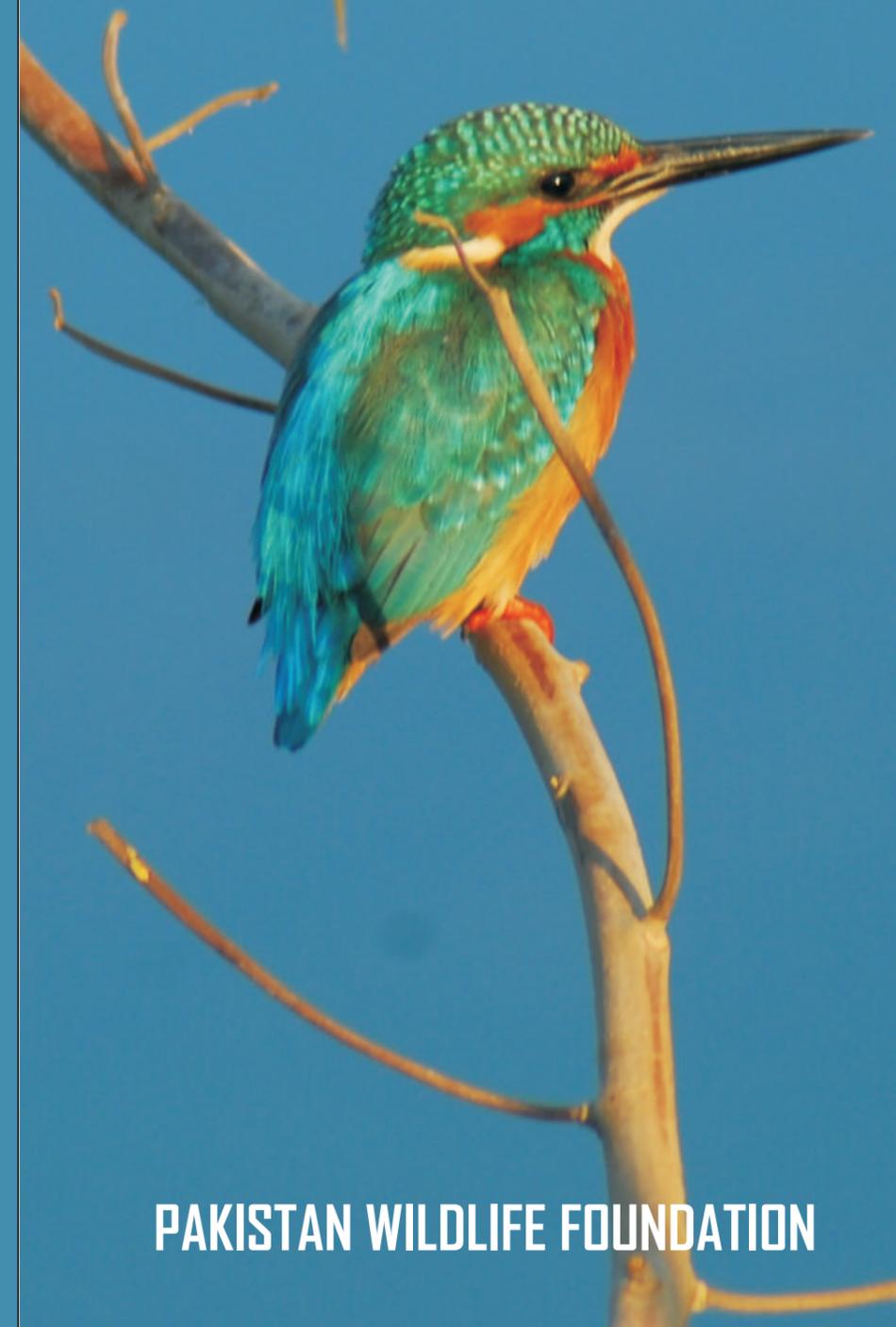
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ECO- INTERNSHIP

Eco-trips for nature lovers throughout Pakistan



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Pakistan hosts a wide range of ecosystems and associated biological diversity due to its unique geographical and climatic conditions. There are snow covered peaks, permanent snowfields, lush green as well as barren mountains, forests, irrigated plains, riverine tracts, sand dunes and deserts and coastal areas.

Pakistan Wildlife Foundation aims to provide a platform and an opportunity of experiential learning for the nature lovers in Pakistan and to explore the nature and natural wealth of the country and observe and enjoy the outstanding scenery, natural landscape, majestic and awe-inspiring places, natural flora and fauna in their natural state through Eco-Internship in Pakistan.

Unfortunately, there is little awareness about environmental issues and ecological role and importance of wildlife species both among educated and uneducated people in Pakistan. Only a few people care about mother nature and animal rights. Crushing turtles intentionally under the vehicles on roads for fun and killing snakes and other animals without any reason and considering them fearful animals and enemies of human beings are common practices. This situation reflects the level of awareness among masses in the country. Ruthless and unchecked killing of turtles for soft body parts, pangolins for their scales, foxes, otters and leopards for their skins etc. are examples of animal rights violations.

Throwing household wastes and garbage into streets and dumping solid wastes and industrial effluents into natural water bodies are common practices especially in small cities and towns without knowing the hazardous impacts of such activities on environment. Owners of vehicles emitting thick smoke on the roads do not bother to keep the engines of their vehicles fit. This shows the level of responsibility towards nature and approach of many of our citizens.

Nations cannot be educated without educating the youth. Pakistan Wildlife Foundation aims to educate, train and sensitize our youth especially the school and college students regarding nature conservation and environmental protection through experiential learning. Eco-internship is such an activity and opportunity through which the young scientists and nature lovers meet the senior scientists, environmentalists and ecologists in the field / wild lands / protected areas and share their nature related experiences and discuss their ideas with the seniors and learn from the experiences of the seniors in a friendly atmosphere.



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Eco-Internship is 1-day hands-on training in the field regarding biodiversity, environment, ecosystems and their importance. Senior environmentalists and biodiversity specialists accompany the participants in the field and brief the participants about every natural phenomenon that the participants observe during the field trip. Pakistan Wildlife Foundation has designed a specific syllabus for such eco-tours that the resource persons convey to the participants during the trip. Similarly, a medical specialist will also accompany and give the first aid tips to the participant during the trip. In the afternoon, before leaving back from the field, the participants are offered an MCQ type test based on all the information conveyed to them by the resource persons during the whole day. Successful participants are awarded with Eco-internship certificates.

Eco-internship is basically for the students of grade 9 and 10 (Matric and O level's). However, nature lovers other than students Matric and O level's can also join this interesting and experiential learning trip.



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SALT RANGE ECO-TRIP

1. Group of 25 Eco-Interns will leave for Salt Range from Islamabad in the morning through Motor Way
2. Exit from Kalar Kahar interchange and arrival at Best Way Cement factory on Choa Saidan Shah Road
3. Briefing about cement industry, its benefits, impacts on environment and remedial measures
4. Visit of Katas Mandir and briefing about archeology
5. Visit of coal mines near Choa Saidan Shah and briefing about coal industry, usage of coal in the past and its present usage, impacts of coal industry on environment and their solutions
6. Visit to Ameer Khatoon's paleontological site near Chakwal and briefing about fossils, their formation and role in studying evolution
7. Arrival at Khokhar Zair Dam, lunch break, rest for an hour, visit of the dam, briefing about dams, importance of dams, water pollution, environmental impacts of water pollution and their solutions.
8. Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) test
9. Question & answers about the sites visited and issues discussed
10. Announcement of the results and certificate distribution
11. Departure for Islamabad through Chakwal from Balkasar Interchange

GANDHARA-KHAN PUR ECO-TRIP

1. Group of 25 Eco-Interns will leave from Islamabad in the morning for Hattar Industrial state to visit Qarshi Herbal Garden
2. Visit to a glass factory in Hattar Industrial State
3. Briefing about glass industry, its benefits, impacts on environment and remedial measures
4. Arrival at Gandhara archeological sites near Taxilla and briefing about archeology and role of archeological studies in human civilizations
5. Arrival at Khan Pur Dam, lunch break, rest for an hour, visit of the dam, briefing about dams, importance of dams, water pollution, environmental impacts of water pollution and their solutions.
6. Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) test
7. Question & answers about the sites visited and issues discussed
8. Announcement of the results and certificate distribution
9. Departure for Islamabad in the evening

