



Master thesis offer

The Institute of Nature Conservation in Krakow, Polish Academy of Sciences, invites applications for one master student to perform his/her master thesis within the project “The ecology of human-wildlife conflicts: disentangling the drivers of brown bear (*Ursus arctos*) damages at the biogeographical, population and individual level”. This project is funded by NCN under the HARMONIA call and is conducted in cooperation with other research institutions (Estación Biológica de Doñana, University of Saskatchewan)

The general objective of the master thesis is to characterize differences in the incidence of brown bear damages in the Northeastern Carpathians, among the Ukrainian, Slovakian and Polish bear range, as well as to analyze the ecological and socio-economic factors which may be associated with these differences. Basic knowledge on statistics, database management and use of GIS is required.

The candidate should have good communication skills in English (oral and written), a strong capacity for work, and ability to work in a team and think independently. As the candidate will be part of an international research team with collaborators from different countries, social and cooperative character is highly desirable. The successful candidate is expected to contribute to the publication of at least one scientific paper out of the master thesis.

Applications should be sent to the project leader Nuria Selva (nuria@iop.krakow.pl) and include the following documentation in English:

- (1) A letter of interest briefly explaining why the candidate is interested in the proposed research, their qualifications for the proposed research, whether he/she has some research experience, and how this position will help to fulfill his/her future career goals
- (2) A curriculum vitae
- (3) A letter of reference

The preselected candidates will be requested for a personal interview in English. The application deadline is 15th October 2015. Note that applications will be considered on a rolling basis, so candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Starting date will be 26th October 2015.