

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY WITH BROWN BEAR IN THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS

The Institute of Nature Conservation, Polish Academy of Sciences, offers to students and volunteers the opportunity to take part in several research projects on brown bear in the Carpathian Mountains, SE Poland. The projects are focused on most aspects of bear ecology: habitat requirements, food habits, population monitoring, movements, genetics, and the effects of ungulate supplementary feeding on bears and the local communities. Students will be involved in field and laboratory work, as well as computer data processing. The methodology the students will be acquainted with includes hair sampling, camera trapping, track identification and censuses, snowtracking, isotope analysis, diet analysis, GIS, GPS handling, habitat measures and database preparation. The projects start in January 2010 and will last till 2012. The requirements are:

- Some field experience and a good physical condition are desirable. The field work includes walking in the mountains.
- The training period should be at least 6 weeks.
- In most cases the Institute cannot cover the costs of travel, accommodation or insurance. The accommodation cost in the field station is about 100 € per month.
- Working time is on average 40 hours a week.
- An own car vehicle are highly recommended (costs of fuel covered by the project).
- The students should be provided with insurance within the scope of health care in the territory of Poland.

- English language (fluent).

For further information and to apply for a practical training, please contact and send your CV to Nuria Selva (nuriselva@gmail.com).