

The research group CIRCÉ (<http://www.circe.biz>) is seeking applications for research assistants to help with fieldwork in the South of Portugal (Algarve), they will be working in collaboration with dolphin watching companies. Fieldwork will take place from 15 July to 30 September 2010.

This project intends to continue the work that CIRCÉ is developing with the dolphin watching companies in the South of Portugal. Participants will be on board of different dolphin watching boats, always accompanied by researchers of CIRCÉ. Data collection will include species, behaviour, group size, as well as photo-ID. Participants will obtain experience in data collection at sea, photo-ID and how to cooperate with dolphin watching companies. All participants will be trained by CIRCÉ researchers.

Volunteers should be available at least for two weeks but preference will be given to applicants that can stay for longer periods. You will be responsible for your transport to and from the main center. We will provide accommodation although there is a fee for basic maintenance of the center. Transport will be provided to the harbour most of the time. Food will be at your own expenses, but communal shopping will keep the expenses low.

Successful applicants will:

- have a mature attitude towards marine mammal research
- be autonomous and quickly operational
- be able to live and work constructively with others in a team
- speak fluently English and/or Portuguese, Spanish

Preference will be given to those who:

- have previous experience in photo-identification
- have previous experience working from dolphin/whale watching platforms
- have previous relevant marine mammal field experience
- have professional cameras that can be used for photo-ID

Applicants should send an email introducing themselves to [joana@circe.biz](mailto:joana@circe.biz). The email should include an outline of why you would like to work on this project, your qualifications and previous experience. Please also attach a brief CV.

Applications will be accepted until 10th June although early application is recommended as applications will be examined in order of reception.

For more information contact [joana@circe.biz](mailto:joana@circe.biz).

All the best,

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