



WANTED:

2 field assistant to study cooperative breeding African cichlids, Lake Tanganyika (Zambia)

The project investigates the influences of personalities on helping behavior and fitness prospects in the highly social, cooperatively breeding cichlid *Neolamprologus pulcher*. It is part of an ongoing project which has been launched in 2009 attempting to follow permanently marked individuals over several years.

The field assistants will be involved in catching, marking and testing individuals and carrying out behavioral observations under water using Psion PDAs and Observer software of marked fish in their natural group.

We search for 2 field assistants for the field season of the University of Bern in autumn 2010. The field work will last 3 months and takes place near Mpulungu, Zambia, starting end of August /beginning of September. Candidates must hold a SCUBA diving certificate (PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent) and should have diving experience (diving depth: 8-12m). The field team will have 3 members and support from local authorities. Experience in conducting behavioral observations is considered an asset.

Accommodation at the field site is remote and very basic, but beautifully located on the shore of Lake Tanganyika. Fieldwork and diving is physically demanding. All expenses for travel, accommodation and medical precaution are covered, but no salary can be paid.

Candidates send a statement of scientific interests and their CV to:

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Further information about the working group and our institute: <http://behav.zoology.unibe.ch/>

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