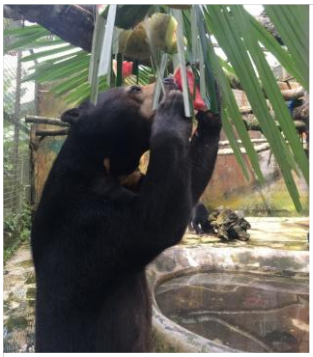







3-month Regenerative Sustainable Eco-Agriculture placement opportunity

Cikananga Wildlife Center, West Java, Indonesia

We are offering a 12-week (3-month) placement for PhD students interested in gaining hands-on experience in regenerative and sustainable agricultural systems. The project will provide practical exposure to the application of research in real-world agroecosystems, with a focus on sustainability, soil health, and ecosystem-based land management.

Placement details:

- **Duration**: 12 weeks (flexible timing)
- **Start data**: Flexible
- **Location**: Cikananga Wildlife Center, West Java, Indonesia
- **Website:** https://www.cikanangawildlifecenter.com/
- **Funding**: Unpaid
- **Eligibility**: Open to UKRI-funded PhD students (e.g. biosciences, environmental science, geography, related disciplines)

Project Focus:

The placement will involve defined projects tailored to the student's background and PhD topic. Areas may include:

- Soil health and nutrient cycling
- Integrated pest management
- Comparison of soil mulches on soil moisture and weed suppression
- Pollinator diversity in regenerative systems vs conventional farms
- Cost analysis of regenerative vs conventional farming
- Regenerative land management practices
- Crop-soil interactions and sustainable productivity
- Field-based data collection and analysis

What you will gain:

- Practical experience in regenerative agriculture systems
  - Propagation, greenhouse management and maintenance, harvesting and post-harvest handling, soil cultivation and composting, compliance with organic growing standards.
- Exposure to applied science beyond academia
- Development of transferable skills:
  - Project design and management
  - Science communication
- Insight into careers in environmental and agricultural sectors

Supervision and Support:

- Dedicated on-site farm manager
- On-site farmers

How to apply:

Please send:

- A short expression of interest (max 1 page)
- CV
- Brief statement on how this placement aligns with your PhD

To: Wanicare.voluenteering@gmail.com

Contact:

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Background:

Cikananga Wildlife Center (YCKT) is a non-governmental and non-profit organization for conserving Indonesian wildlife. It encompasses Cikananga Wild Animal Rescue Center (PPSC), Conservation Breeding Center (CCBC), Sustainable Farming Program (PPBC), and Wildlife Learning Center. The Center was established in 2001. Since then, it has been dedicating its efforts to the welfare and conservation of Indonesian wildlife and its habitat. It provides facilities and support to rehabilitate confiscated wild animals, helps them regain natural behaviour lost during captivity, and tries to reintroduce them into their natural habitat. The Center also provides a permanent sanctuary for animals that cannot be released back into the wild. There are about 550 animals ranging from crocodiles to hornbills and sun bears to primates such as orangutans and gibbons. Most animal are (critically) endangered, and on the brink of extinction. They usually arrive at Cikananga in a severely neglected state and need medical care. YCKT aims to assist the government in rescuing and conserving Indonesian wildlife and teaching the public about the correct treatment and care of animals.

The Sustainable Farming Program or Program Pertanian Berkelanjutan Cikananaga (PPBC) is dedicated to sustainable agriculture practices that support food for the animals at YCKT, supporting local communities, preserve natural resources, and contribute to wildlife conservation in Indonesia. The mission of PPBC is to promote sustainable food systems that protect biodiversity and foster ecological balance. Through regenerative agriculture, agroforestry, and eco-friendly farming practices, PPBC works to create a positive impact on both local communities and the environment.



