General Volunteer Role

Key tasks

Your main tasks will be:

- Environmental education. Helping with our successful young ranger programme and school visitation programme. Both programmes work with students aged 7 years up to University level, from the local and regional areas who visit our Conservation Centre and the wetland and forests of REGUA.
- Writing content for the REGUA website and social media sites.
- Wildlife photography.
- Monitoring trees in the reforestation programme.
- Maintaining the gardens and infrastructure all in a beautiful state of care.
- Maintaining and marking REGUA’s extensive network of trails. You will be involved in making and painting the posts, which will later be used to mark out the trails.
- Research activities. There are a number of research activities that you can become involved in. Past volunteers have studied otters in the area and surveyed tree plots in the forest.
- Helping with REGUA day to day maintenance work.
- Assist with guests staying at Guapi Assu Bird Lodge.
- Patrolling the forest trails with our rangers aiding in protection.
- Working in the tree nursery with seed planting and collecting seeds in the forest (NB Seasonal work and dependent on funding).
- Replanting deforested areas - a core part of the REGUA’s plan (NB Seasonal work and dependent on funding).

Skills required:

- Use of initiative
- Able to work with minimal supervision
- Good communication and interpersonal skills. The ability to communicate with people of various nationalities and ages including visitors (mainly English speaking), REGUA staff and volunteers
- Some knowledge of Portuguese or a willingness to learn a few basic phrases would be a distinct advantage
- To be able to impart information to visitors about the Atlantic Forest and the importance of REGUA’s work

Minimum commitment:

A minimum one month stay is required, as some time will be required to familiarise yourself with the reserve.

If you have any questions please contact Rachel Walls at volunteer@regua.org.

To apply please complete our application form and email it to Rachel Walls at volunteer@regua.org.