Vacancy: Reforestation Ranger

Overview

Sint Eustatius National Parks Foundation (STENAPA) is seeking a Reforestation Ranger to strengthen our Reforestation Project. The Ranger will also take part in education and outreach in support of the island's ongoing conservation and reforestation initiatives.

Our reforestation program became a priority after hurricane Irma (2017) caused widespread damage to Statia's forests. Trees prevent erosion, support soil moisture retention, and are vital for natural ecosystem functioning. The project is currently funded by the Nature and Environment Policy Plan (NEPP) of the Ministry of LVVN. The Ranger reports to the Reforestation Coordinator and is part of the National Parks Foundation team.

Key Responsibilities

- Maintenance of the greenhouses and watering system.
- Problem solving of technical issues and maintenance of tools and equipment.
- Buying and collecting plants and seeds from on-island suppliers.
- Growing, watering, and distributing plants.
- Planting and fencing designated plots.
- Carrying out scientific monitoring on reforestation sites.
- Act as the point of contact for visitors, school groups, and volunteers, and as a local ambassador for the project.
- Supporting other projects being undertaken within the national parks.

Personal Specification and Qualifications

- Experience in outreach, environmental education, or community engagement.
- Enthusiasm and willingness to share the story of reforestation and conservation with diverse audiences.
- Ability to work independently and deliver results.
- Willingness to work outdoors, in all weather, for long periods.
- Valid driver's license.

Desirable Qualifications

- A degree or diploma in forestry, environmental education, sustainability, or a related field. Education is a plus, but relevant practical experience is equally valued.
- Practical skills in plant propagation, ecological monitoring, or conservation work.
- Experience using hand tools, power tools, and outdoor equipment.

Additional Information

- Full-time position (36 hours/week).
- 12-month fixed-term contract, from 1 February 2027 to 31 January 2028.
- Health insurance included.
- The expected start date for this position is February 1, 2027.

Due to immigration regulations, preference will be given to applicants holding a Dutch or US passport. We also warmly encourage applicants from St. Eustatius and the wider Caribbean region to apply, as local and regional knowledge is highly valued.

Sint Eustatius is a small (10 sq. miles, 26 sq km. pop 3,250) island in the Eastern Caribbean. STENAPA is responsible for the management of the National Parks Boven/Quill, the Marine Park and the Botanical Garden. The organization also works on conservation of flora and fauna outside of the National Parks. www.statiapark.org

Send your CV and motivation letter, addressed to Dr. Erik Boman, Director of STENAPA, to info@statiapark.org. Closing date 31 December 2026. For questions about this position, please contact the Terrestrial Parks Manager at jethro.vanthul@statiapark.org.