

The Mangrove Action Project (MAP) is a global non-profit based in Washington State, with offices in Indonesia and Thailand. Its mission is to partner with mangrove forest communities, grassroots NGOs, researchers, and local governments to conserve and restore mangrove forests and related coastal ecosystems, while promoting community-based sustainable management of coastal resources.

Mangroves are critically important ecosystems that provide priceless ecosystem services like carbon sequestration, water filtration, storm barriers, marine nursery habitat, shelter, medicine, land animal habitat, and food sources that support 75% of all tropical fish catches.

They are also being eradicated from the planet by industrial shrimp farming. Most people are simply unaware of this connection, so the Mangrove Action Project is working to educate the public on this issue so that they can make informed decisions about what they eat.

Environmental Education Campaign - Seattle, Washington

MAP is conducting an environmental education campaign in Seattle, Washington called "Question Your Shrimp" (QYS). The goal of the campaign is to educate retail, restaurant, and private consumers about the destruction caused by industrial shrimp farming and the role that consumer demand plays in the industry's expansion.

QYS Food Justice Campaign Internship

MAP is seeking creative, energetic, and environmentally literate individuals to support the QYS campaign in Seattle, Washington. College credit is available for students.

Role and Responsibilities:

- Advancing our goal of educating chefs & restaurants as well as consumers about un/sustainability of choosing cheap, imported shrimp versus local, wild caught shrimp
- Attend and represent MAP at Seattle area events where MAP's message could resonate, including events hosted by Chef's Collaborative and the Slow Food Movement (MAP will pay for this person to attend)
- Publicize QYS message through public speaking, tabling at street fairs (such as Sustainable Ballard, the Fremont Solstice Fair), conferences, meetings, community events and the like
- Develop and maintain relationships with other international NGOs and non-profit organizations (e.g. Global WA and others)
- Support fundraising activities via staging of house parties, an annual fundraising dinner and/or similar events
- Possibly pursuing grants

Hours are flexible and can vary based on campaign activities and your previous commitments, but there is a minimum commitment of 10 hours per week.

Desired Qualifications

Successful candidates possess the following attributes:

- Independent self-starter
- Highly organized, responsible and mature
- Unafraid to talk to strangers about shrimp & mangroves and possesses the ability to effectively communicate our message
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and grassroots community work
- Interest in food sustainability and the food/restaurant industry
- Candidates should have transportation of some kind in and around the Seattle metropolitan area
- Willingness to work occasional weekends and weeknights required

To Apply: Please send your resume, cover letter, and availability to mangroveactionproj@gmail.com and reference QYS Food Justice Campaign Internship in the subject of the email.

Duration of Internship: 6 months to 1 year.

Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

Please visit our website, www.mangroveactionproject.org for more information about the threats that coastal shrimp farming poses to environmental wealth and human health.