

Volunteer Opportunities with ATP's SEEDS Program

Eco-Tourism Specialist

ATP has introduced a new program known as SEEDS, or “Social, Economic, and Environmental Development for Sustainability.” Under the supervision and guidance of the SEEDS Program Manager, the Eco-Tourism Specialist will be responsible for identifying eco-tourism opportunities in Margahovit Village and adjacent communities of Lori marz.

He or she will be responsible for the development of hiking routes, guides for tourists, and any other necessary materials for potential visitors of the region. The Eco-Tourism Specialist will be based in Yerevan with frequent travel and if necessary staying in Lori marz for a few days at a time.

Key Responsibilities:

- Ensure that wildlife/biodiversity values are adequately considered when developing tourism activities
- Develop and deliver technical assistance and training in eco-tourism planning, development, management, and marketing to ATP staff and potential partners in Lori marz
- Serve as an information resource about eco-tourism and helping to develop communication materials
- Develop a draft budget for basic actions necessary to attract eco-tourists to the region
- Participate in data collection, processing, and reporting activities

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in tourism, biological sciences, or natural resources management (Master's degree will be an asset)
- Three years of experience in community development and/or conservation education, or equivalent
- Excellent communication in English (knowledge of Armenian will be an asset)
- Familiarity with the political and cultural environment of Armenia