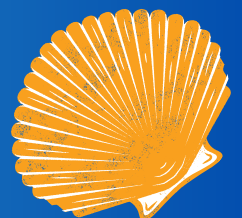
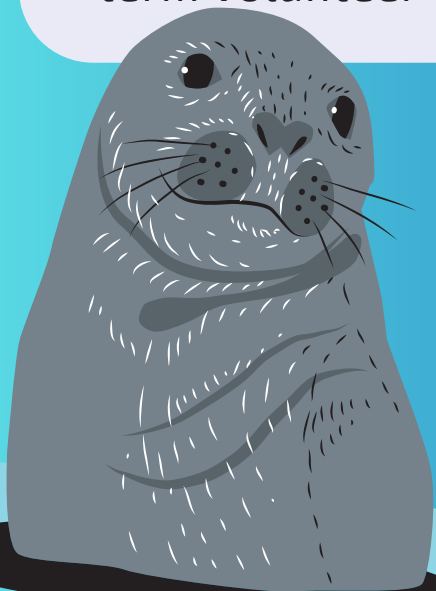
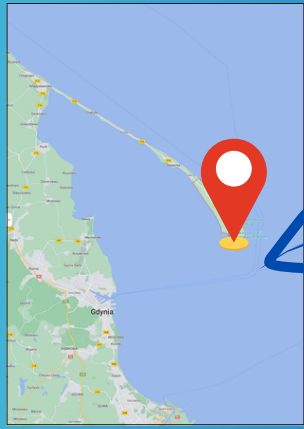


Long-term Volunteer/ ERASMUS+ Seal Rescue Internship

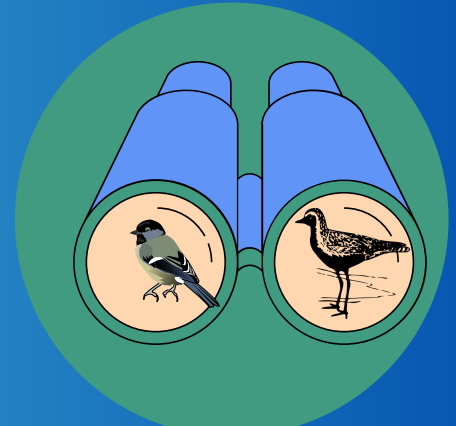
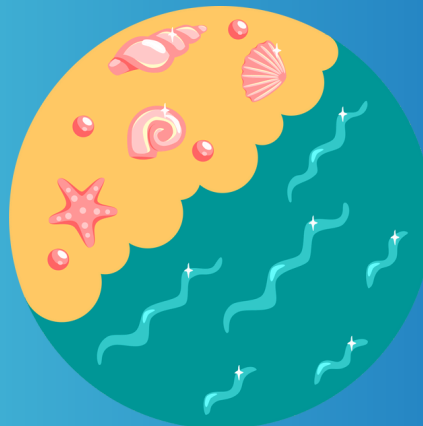
Project Overview

Do you want to spend the spring gaining practical skills while helping rescue stranded seal pups? If the answer is „YES” come and apply for our ERASMUS + internship/long-term volunteer program in the only seal rescue center in Poland!





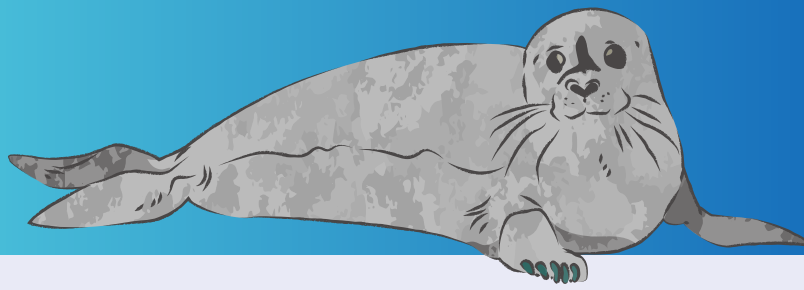
Our Seal Rescue Center is a part of **Prof. Krzysztof Skóra Hel Marine Station of The Institute of Oceanography, Univeristy of Gdańsk**. It is located on the tip of Hel Peninsula in the city of Hel, Poland. It is a small town with ~3000 citizens, surrounded by the Baltic Sea, beautiful beaches and forests. There are couple of tourist attractions including Museum of Hel, Museum of Fishery, Museum of Coastal Defence, a lighthouse and couple of restaurants. In the neighboring towns there are opportunities to enjoy water sports like sup, surfing, etc. Hel is also a great place for birding during spring and autumn migration because it is often the first stopover for birds after they pass the sea. Hel is about 1,5 h train ride to Gdynia and 2h train ride to Gdańsk – the biggest cities in the area.





In the sealarium of Hel Marine Station we also house 5 resident seals which are a part of grey seal recovery program. They are playing role as ambassadors of the Baltic Sea and help us in education work.

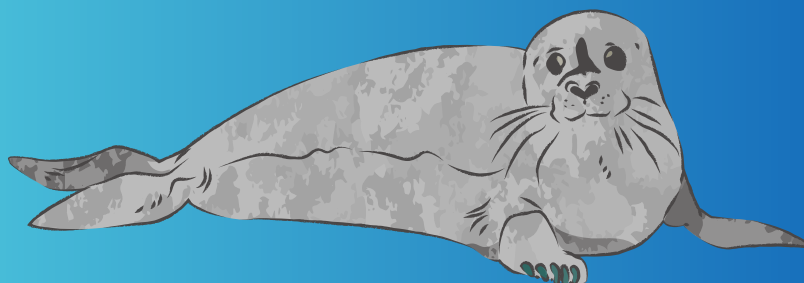




We welcome students, graduates and other adult individuals who are looking for great opportunities to help with the rescue and rehabilitation of stranded sick and injured seal pups.



We now open recruitment for **ERASMUS+ program** participants or individuals with other **funding opportunities**. Long-term volunteering without external funding is also possible.



What we offer:

- Unique opportunity to work on seal rehabilitation and medical training
- Lots of learning and hands-on experience
- Opportunity to be a part of seal recovery and release!
- onsite housing which your funding programm can cover
- days off - so you can travel and experience local culture
- Certificate and letter of recommendation after successful completion of your work here

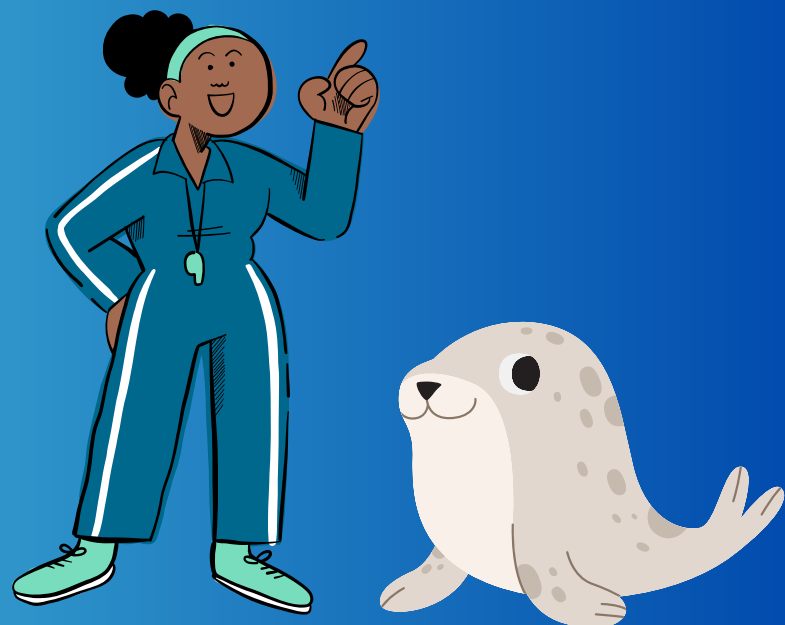


Programm

Our interns will assist professional staff and gain experience in two main blocks simultaneously:

Rescue,
rehabilitation, and
release of stranded
seal pups

Medical training and
taking care of resident
seals



1. Rescue, rehabilitation and release of stranded seal pups

Rescue

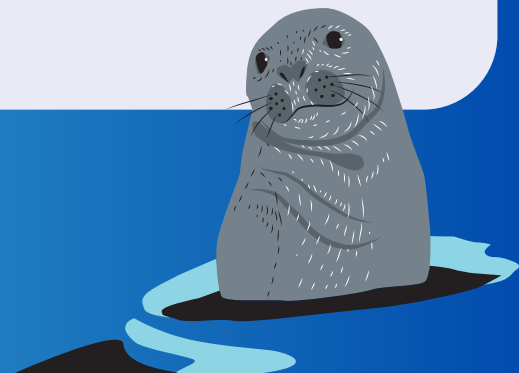
- Assist in monitoring of seals on the beach
- Help rescue and transport of seals to the center
- Assist with people education in the field



1. Rescue, rehabilitation and release of stranded seal pups

Rehabilitation

- Preparing enclosures for stranded seal pups
- Preparing meals and unique formulas for seal pups according to feeding protocol
- Keeping “seal kitchen” areas and utensils clean
- Cleaning and disinfecting boxes and enclosures
- Assisting staff with tube-feeding seals
- Feeding seal pups according to the feeding plan
- Assisting in relocating seal pups into pools and new enclosures
- Assisting/shadowing staff with medication, wound management, treatment of sick and injured animals
- Assisting in daily protocol digitalising
- Assisting in collecting samples
- Taking photos and short movies for documentation and social media



1. Rescue, rehabilitation and release of stranded seal pups

Release

- Assisting/shadowing staff in ID marking animals before release
- Taking ID photos
- Sorting and cataloging ID photos
- Assisting in transporting animals to release site



2. Medical training and taking care of resident seals

- Preparing meals and enrichment for seals
- Learning basics of medical training
- Cleaning animal's beaches
- Taking photos and short movies for documentation and social media



Requirements

- Interest in working in animal rehabilitation and wildlife conservation
- Education in biology, animal management, animal husbandry, zootechnics, zoology, environmental science or similar (preferable)
- Desire to help animals back to nature
- Willingness to work long hours in hard conditions (often rescues happen in night hours, so you need to be able to help when needed)
- Able to lift 12-20 kg couple times a day
- Resistant to unpleasant views (seal pups which come to the rehabilitation centre are in bad condition, often with excessive wounds and trauma)
- Willingness to learn and practice
- Positive and „can do” attitude
- English is mandatory (written & spoken)
- Ability to work in a team and alone
- Availability for the full period (15th March - 31th May)
- Places are offered for adults only



Summary

- Internship in Seal Rescue Center in Poland
- Hands-on experience in rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick and injured seal pups
- availability and commitment from 15th March-31th May
- internship only for adults
- English language is required
- accomodation avaiable onsite



Please send your CV and contact our Volunteer and Intern Coordinator - Katarzyna Kucharska for more information:

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