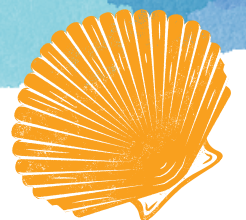




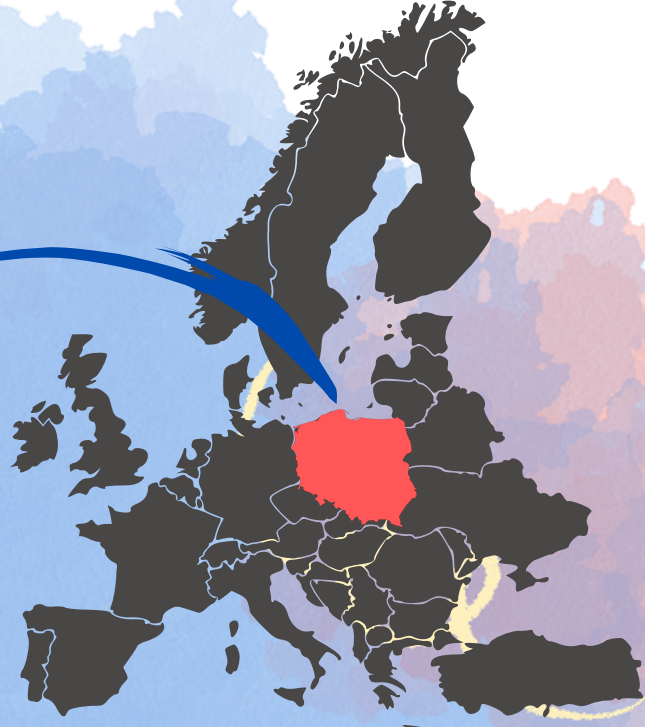
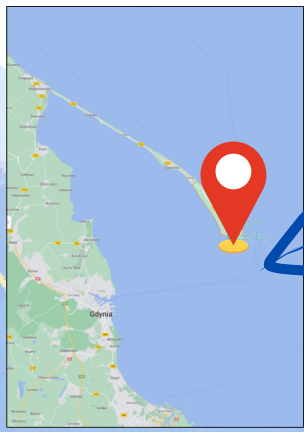
# Seal Rescue Internship/ Longterm Volunteer

## Project Overview

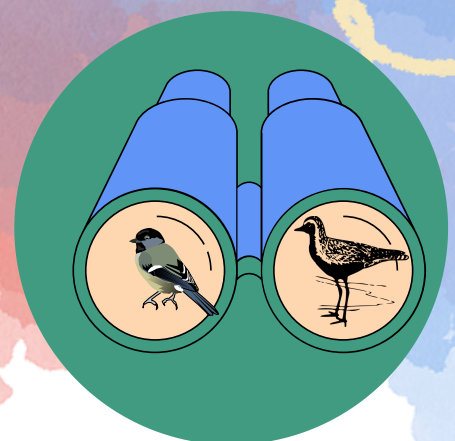
Do you want to spend the spring gaining practical skills while helping rescue stranded seal pups? If the answer is „YES“ come and apply for our internship/long term volunteer program in the only seal rescue center in Poland!



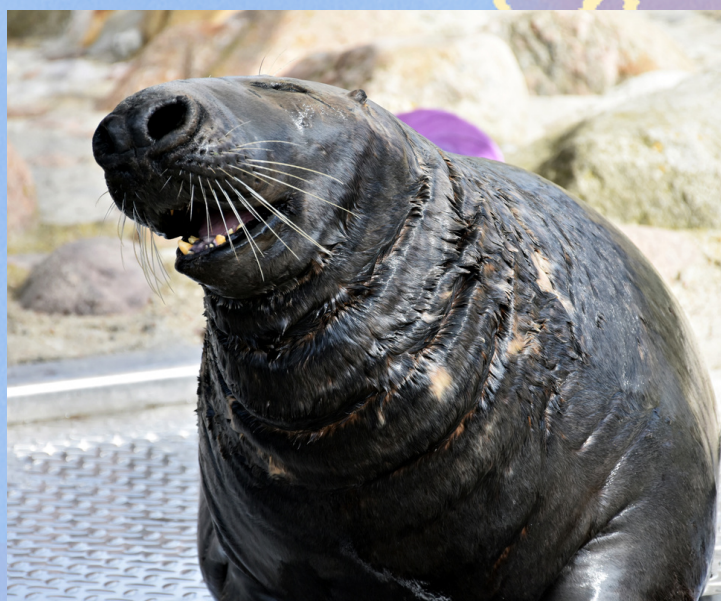
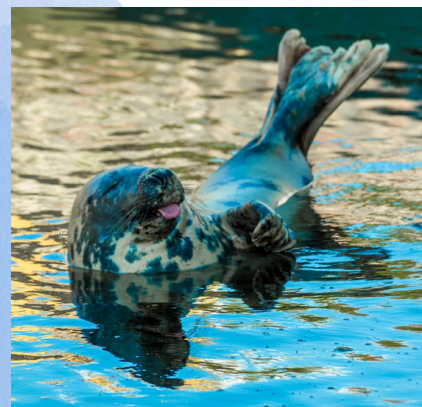




Our Seal Rescue Center is a part of **Prof. Krzysztof Skóra Hel Marine Station of The Institute of Oceanography, Univeristy of Gdańsk**. It is located on the tip of Hel Penninsula in the city of Hel, Poland. It is a small town with ~3000 citizens, surrounded by the Baltic Sea, beautiful beaches and forests. 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.



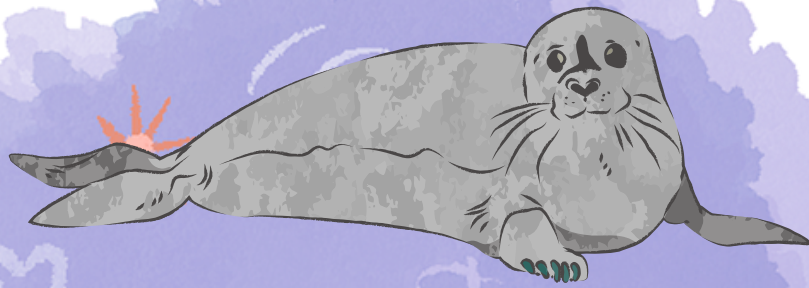




In the sealarium of Hel Marine Station we also house 5 resident seals which are a part of grey seal recovery program. They are playing role as ambassadors of the Baltic Sea and help us in education work.





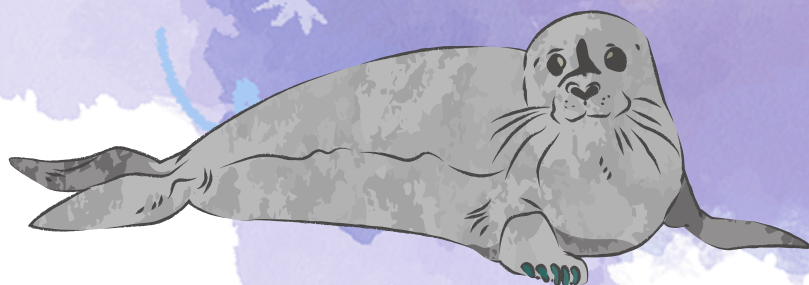


We welcome students, graduates and other adult individuals who are looking for great opportunity to help with rescue & rehabilitation of stranded sick and injured seal pups.

We have open space for **three interns/**  
**long term volunteers.**



This is non-paid internship and interns are responsible for travel arrangement, food and all extra activities during time here. We offer free accommodation and lots of experience. We encourage students to apply for ERASMUS+ program to participate in this internship.





# 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!
- Free housing (dorm with shared bathroom)
- Two days off a week - so you can travel and experience local culture
- Certificate and letter of recommendation after successful completion of your work here





# Programm

Our interns and long term volunteers 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
- Educate people in the field





# 1. Rescue, rehabilitation and release of stranded seal pups

## Rehabilitation

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





# 1. Rescue, rehabilitation and release of stranded seal pups

## Release

- Assisting 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 medical training
- Cleaning animal's beaches
- Taking photos and short movies for documentation and social media





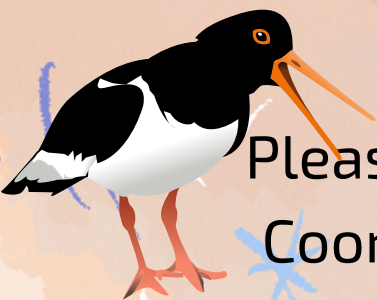
# Requirements

- 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
- Resistant to unpleasant views (seal pups which come to the rehabilitation center 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 minimum 3 months
- Places are offered for adults only



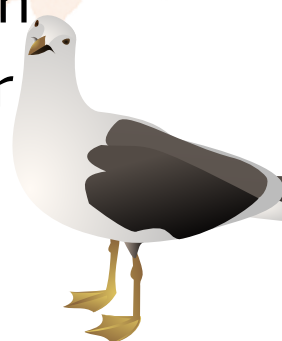
# Summary

- Internship/ Long-term volunteer in Seal Rescue Center in Poland
- Hands on experience in rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick and injured seal pups
- minimum 3 months commitment
- highly encourage to apply for ERASMUS + program
- internship only for adults
- English language is required
- free accomodation
- not included: meals, travel costs, activities



Please contact our Volunteer and Intern Coordinator - Katarzyna Kucharska for more information and how to apply:

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