

FRONTIER

Introduction

Frontier was established in 1989 as a non-profit conservation and development non-governmental organisation (NGO) dedicated to safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystem integrity, and building sustainable livelihoods for marginalised communities across the world's poorest countries. It runs over 300 projects internationally and provides people from across the globe with the opportunity to volunteer abroad and travel ethically.

Frontier volunteers

From July 2011 to July 2012 Frontier deployed 1,042 volunteers.

- During this time the oldest volunteer deployed was 64, and the youngest was 16
- On average Frontier volunteer ages range between 15-37, with roughly 60% female and 40% male volunteers
- Frontier is an international organisation. In the representative month of July 2012, 65% of volunteers came from the UK, while 16% came from the USA, 6% from Europe, 6% from Australia and New Zealand, 4% from Canada, and 3% from South Africa

Frontier education

From July 2011 to July 2012:

Frontier trained 96 volunteers for BTEC qualifications. This included:

- 43 10-week BTEC Diplomas in Tropical Habitat Conservation
- 53 4-week BTEC Certificates in either Tropical Habitat Conservation or Expedition Management

Frontier issued 201 volunteers with PADI Dive qualifications.

In the last 10 years Frontier has awarded 1,286 PADI Dive qualifications, including:

- 510 Advanced Open Water
- 135 First and Second Primary Care Dive Awards
- 165 PADI Rescue Diver qualifications

Frontier awarded 12 Certificates of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE).

Frontier had 11 volunteers gain the Field Guide Association of South Africa (FGASA) Level 1 Field Guide Certificate.

Frontier deployed 557 volunteer teachers. These volunteers taught a range of subjects including (but not limited to) English, conservation issues, sports coaching, agriculture, and health awareness.

- 33 of these volunteers completed a log book of 20 hours teaching and were awarded a TEFL Certificate
- 25 of these volunteers were trained for the BTEC TEFL Advanced Certificate

- 95 volunteers participating in Frontier's group projects taught English for an excess of 10,000 hours in over 20 schools across the globe

Frontier deployed 59 volunteers on medical volunteering projects.

Frontier projects

Frontier runs group projects researching wildlife conservation in Tanzania, Madagascar, Kenya, Costa Rica, Cambodia, and Fiji; in addition it runs ethical adventure trails in Central and South America as well as South East Asia. Frontier has previously run past group projects in Mozambique, Nicaragua, Uganda, and Vietnam also.

Frontier also runs a selection of partner projects across the globe that connects volunteers with local programmes to ensure help is received in communities where needed most, and that volunteers aid is used effectively with long-term results.

In the last year (July 2011 – July 2012), Frontier launched two new group projects:

- Fiji Beach Conservation Project (FJB) run in association with the University of South Pacific
- Cambodia Teaching and Temples (CTP)

Frontier science

From 2011 to 2012, Frontier's project research has been published by 11 independent peer-reviewed journals.

In the last year, Frontier volunteers have studied marine conservation through carrying out dive surveys on over 25 marine sites across Tanzania, Madagascar, Costa Rica, and Fiji.

Frontier group project volunteers have also worked on four terrestrial conservation projects outside protected areas in Costa Rica, Madagascar, and Tanzania, and in one IUCN protected area in Cambodia.

From July 2011 – July 2012:

In Cambodia Forest (CBF):

- Frontier's camera traps caught images of one near threatened species, the Asian gold cat (*Catpuma temminckii*), and three vulnerable species: the sun bear (*Ursus malayanus*), the northern pig-tailed macaque (*Macaca leonina*), and gaur (*Bos gaurus*)

In Costa Rica (CBP):

- A new butterfly and odonata survey was established
- 51 bird species new to Frontier's research were observed

In Fiji Marine (FJM):

- The project site has expanded to include three new reef survey areas

In Madagascar Forest (MGF):

- A new behavioural study of black lemurs (*Eulemur macaco macaco*) has begun

In Madagascar Marine (MGM):

- Three species of fish new to Frontier's research were observed

In Tanzania Marine (TzM):

- The project site has expanded to begin collecting baseline data on whale sharks
- A new study into the local population of Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibious*) has been implemented

In Tanzania Savannah (TZS):

- Two wildlife corridors between the Selous Game Reserve and the Udzungwa Mountain Range have been legally ratified

Since Frontier's creation in 1989 it has helped establish 14 protected areas and marine parks as a result of its biodiversity surveys and ecosystem assessments.

Who does Frontier work with?

The Society for Environmental Exploration (SEE): Frontier is the operating name of the Society for Environmental Education. As a member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), SEE focuses on using environmental science research to help conserve endangered wildlife and preserve biodiversity by creating baseline data and monitoring habitats and species.

Partners: Frontier's first project carrying out remote surveys in Tanzania led to the creation of the Mafia Island Marine Park as a partnership between Frontier and the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) in 1989. Since then Frontier has worked on many projects in collaboration with various community groups and schools, local NGOs, international agencies, government departments, and private sector companies.

Frontier is currently partnered with:

- University of Antsirana
- University of South Pacific
- University of Dar es Salaam
- Royal University of Phnom Penh
- Osa Conservation
- Mafia Island Marine Park
- Kilombero Valley Teak Company
- WWF South Pacific
- Darwin Institute
- International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Young Explorers' Trust
- Department for International Development (DFID)
- Field Guide Association of South Africa (FGASA)
- Edexcel
- PADI

Mission Statement

To conserve the world's most endangered wildlife and threatened habitats and build sustainable livelihoods for marginalised, under resourced communities in the world's poorest countries. To create solutions that are apolitical, forward-thinking, community-driven, and innovative and which take into consideration the long-term needs of low income communities.

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