Honours Scholarship 2013

The Centre for Fish, Fisheries and Aquatic Ecosystems Research at Murdoch University has secured funds to undertake a survey of the fish fauna of two sets of salt ponds in the Pilbara and is seeking an Honours student to assist in the research.

The project, which includes a $5,000 scholarship and all fieldwork expenses, will involve seasonal fishing trips (lasting about two weeks) up to Dampier and Port Hedland. Fishing will be conducted in shallow and deeper waters using seine and gill nets to investigate the fish community of the pond. Fish will be identified and recorded and a suite of biological measurement and samples collected. These data will be used to assess the spatial and temporal changes in the composition of the fish fauna of the ponds and also provide information on the biology and age structure of various key species.

Potential candidates must be enthusiastic, have a sound undergraduate academic record, hold a drivers licence and have a positive attitude to safety. Note that, as some of the fieldwork occurs on a commercial operation everyone will be subjected to random drug and alcohol tests. If you are interested in becoming involved in this project or would like more information please contact;

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