



# BTSA GPN

## Management and Protection of Nature



### During his/her training period, a student can be asked to :

- Help diagnose an area, i.e. diagnosis of the ecological, landscaping, cultural and economic heritage of the natural area
- Help to draw up a forward-looking study of the natural area/species
- Put forward the most suitable technical management solutions
- Organise application of the technical management choices in the field
- Apply the monitoring protocol drawn up by the scientific team
- Integrate their actions in a social, economic and legal framework
- Take part in establishing the pedagogical policy for the structures in which he/she works
- Implement the management project and carry out management actions
- Analyse the results of his/her actions
- Manage and / or form a team
- Work with the manager to promote the project

As a general rule, the student must have an active role in the entire process, including the issues and decision making at the end of the project.

This will be an important part in the report, to be defended at the exam, where the student can show ability to analyse procedures, results and the outcome of the experiments he/she has taken part in for the company.

The French team composed of technical and English teachers will keep in touch with the student and his/her supervisor during the placement to help and act when necessary.



### The objectives of work placement abroad are to :

- approach a new social, professional and cultural environment
- put into practice and improve technical skills
- compare techniques, procedures ....
- discover Europe and become a European citizen
- learn autonomy, responsibility, mobility
- use a foreign language
- and thus, hopefully, be better prepared for active life..

The student may get a compensation for his/her work, at the company's discretion. The trainee remains considered as a student of the French school and will comply under the labour legislation of the host country.

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**Our students :**

- are aged 18 to 20, some older
- on a 2-year course for an Higher National Degree (HND/HNC) in Management and Protection of Nature
- must take a 12-week (minimum 10 week) training period in companies in France or abroad
- may apply for placement and later, jobs as :
  - ✓ managers of nature areas
  - ✓ nature managers
- They have opportunities for further training and qualifying after this degree, in specialised schools or in technological universities (Bachelor of Science Degree)



**They receive :**

- ✓ Technological courses : nature management and protection, environmental technologies, ecology, agronomy, interdisciplinary project (about 20 hours a week)
- ✓ General courses : mathematics/data processing, economics, computer science, French & communication, English or Spanish, sports (about 15 hours a week)
- ✓ They are trained to project work in both scientific and cultural subjects all along the 2-year course.



Their aim is to conserve or restore ecological richness and diversity and enhance public awareness, while ensuring maximum economic value and creating as many jobs as possible in the field. They can opt for becoming Nature Area Managers (“Nature Area Manager” speciality) or Nature Managers (“Nature Management” speciality).

Their work placement occurs at the end of Year 1 when they have acquired enough skills :

- to be autonomous and take part in an experimental project.
- to have a good practice of environmental technologies, ecology, protection of natural areas and species
- to communicate in technical English
- to be able to adjust to a new environment and team, to be in charge of an experimental project, discussed beforehand or on the early days of the placement with their placement supervisor.



This placement will of course meet the needs of the company. It will be the subject a final exam report (10 pages + annexes) achieved by the student and assessed by a board of examiners (teachers and professionals).  
 The weighting factor in the final exam is 8 (out of 20). Both written report and oral defence will be assessed. Thus the student has to make a relevant choice for his/her placement, corresponding to his/her best abilities among his/her subjects, as well as the needs of the company.  
 The supervisor is required to ensure that the student will have a project to work on, producing results to use in his/her report. He/she should not be carrying out the same routine analyses all along the 12 weeks out of any specific research.

