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Vacancy: Internship Urban Nature

The Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO) is the Flemish research and knowledge centre for nature and its sustainable management and use. INBO conducts research and supplies knowledge to all those who prepare or make the policies or are interested in them.

Through its scientific research, INBO supports all agencies dealing with open space in the Flemish government, as well as in organisations involved in nature conservation, forestry, agriculture, hunting and fishery. INBO publishes its results as open data and provides data for international reporting. It participates in (inter)national research networks and research projects in Europe and globally. INBO is an unincorporated internal agency of the Flemish government.

INBO is looking for a bachelor(student), master(student) or general relevant expert to participate in the URBAN NATURE RESEARCH PROGRAMME at VAC Herman Teirlinck (Havenlaan 88, box 73 1000 Brussels). The internship period and work load can be discussed.

The research programme Urban Nature consist of a number of projects and explorative topics, and involves literature studie, ecological and social field work, policy and governance analysis, data analysis, and writing of scientific findings and policy recommendations. It entails interdisciplinary collaboration as well as working with and for local stakeholders and policy makers.

Urban habitats are virtually undescribed as a biome, yet the city is growing fast and of tremendous importance. The INBO research programme aims to qualify, quantify and assess urban habitats and urban nature developments from a plural value lens, meaning ecological, socio-economic and relational values of urban nature are recognized alongside capabilities, justice and transformative potential of urban nature processes, policy and governance.

If you are an expert looking to developping or applying either specialized or combined skills, with a keen interest in engaging with different disciplines and local knowledge, and a strong motivation to create more and better habitats for humans and other organisms, please contact [Sander Jacobs](#) who coordinates the Urban Nature research programme, and [Davy Verspeet](#) who coordinates internships at INBO. Good knowledge of English and/or Dutch (speaking, reading and writing), as well as knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PP) are commendable.