



# SLOTH TECHNICIAN SARAPIQUI

## ABOUT

The **Saving Sloths Together (SST)** program was founded in 2017 by The Toucan Rescue Ranch and The Sloth Institute with the purpose of combining each organization's skills and knowledge to improve the process of sloth rescue, rehabilitation and release in Costa Rica. Together, we are able to combine the best medical care, scientific expertise, dedication and passion to provide the very best experience for every sloth needing help for a second chance at a life in the wild.

**Toucan Rescue Ranch (TRR):** was founded in 2004 for the purpose to rescue, rehabilitate, and release Costa Rican wildlife. TRR receives and cares for confiscated, sick, and injured wildlife from government agencies. We give the animals a loving home while providing appropriate medical treatment and rehabilitation in order to return them safely to the wild. TRR is a legal foundation in Costa Rica and is a 501(c)3 tax deductible non-profit. Our headquarters are located in the San Isidro, Heredia in the central region of Costa Rica.

**The Sloth Institute Costa Rica (TSI)** was founded in 2014 for the purpose of enhancing the welfare of captive and wild sloths through research and education. We also collaborate with Toucan Rescue Ranch on the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sloths. TSI is a legal non-profit in Costa Rica and fiscally sponsored by a US 501(c)(3) tax deductible non-profit. Our headquarters are located in the Manuel Antonio rainforest maritime zone property at Tulemar Resort a short distance from Manuel Antonio National Park.

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Sloth Saving Sloths Together program (SST) accepts up to 12 Sloth Technician I's a year to support the Field Supervisor in daily fieldwork activities at the Sarapiqui Release Site. We are looking for an active, passionate individual to help us elevate our sloth release program.

The Sloth Technician absolutely must have the ability to work long days (12+ hours) with very little time off. In addition, because most of this work will occur at night, this person will need to be able to work when tired and basically become nocturnal.



This person must be extremely dedicated to sloth conservation and willing to forgo personal comfort for the benefit of the animals. You will be hot, sweaty, wet, cold, eaten by mosquitos, sleepy, sore, and tired but you'll still feel that there is no other place in the world that you would rather be than watching sloths in the jungle. The ideal person will sleep, breathe and dream about sloths! This is rigorous fieldwork with very limited hands on interactions with sloths.

### **Research and fieldwork**

- Conduct behavioral monitoring at night in the rainforest.
- Daily Data Entry
- Using VHF radio telemetry

### **Animal husbandry**

- Preparing food/collecting wild food items for sloths
- Feeding, cleaning and enriching sloth cages
- Assist in opportunistic capture, sample collection and release of sloths

## **QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE**

All applicants must be physically fit, healthy, have field research experience, behavioral research experience (Requires patience!), excellent communication skills, a strong interest in animal welfare and conservation and a great sense of humor.

Coursework or experience in zoology, environmental education, wildlife ecology, or a related field is required. Experience traveling to a tropical country and living in rainforest conditions are a plus.

Spanish language skills and experience working with VHF tracking technology are strongly considered.

Must complete required vaccinations and purchase current international health insurance prior to arrival in Costa Rica.

### **Additional Items to Bring:**

- Snake proof boots
- Serious rain gear, including heavy duty rain poncho. You will be getting wet very often.



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- Comfortable clothing, preferably quick-dry. Clothes get destroyed in the jungle, so bring plenty of shirts/tank tops and shorts.
- Large umbrella
- Water bottle
- Backpack (waterproof is ideal)
- Headlamps
- Binoculars
- Laptop
- Unlocked smart phone
- Waterproof case for phone

### LOCATION

This Release Site is located in Sarapiquí, about 1 ½ hours from the Toucan Rescue Ranch headquarters. The property is in a small village called Nazareth in the Sarapiquí region on the Caribbean slope of Costa Rica. This Release Site is remote and has a company vehicle for emergencies and animal related responsibilities..

### SALARY/FUNDING

This is a voluntary self-funded position. You will be responsible for all travel expenses/flights and immigration expenses. Room in shared house and basic meals will be provided. WIFI, electricity and running water will be included.

**Term of Appointment:** Must be willing to stay at least 3-months with an option for extension upon review. Position begins as early as possible in 2018.

**To apply please send your CV and letter of interest to [volunteer@theslothinstitute.org](mailto:volunteer@theslothinstitute.org).**