



2012 STRETCH: Going Green in the Galapagos

Environmental Service Trip to the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Working alongside local Ecuadorians, the service experience focuses on environmental conservation and sustainable farming, including:

- Restoring native habitats,
- Classifying animals/plants for conservation,
- Supporting nurseries with seed classification, and
- Planting and harvesting native, organic fruits and vegetables.

The Galapagos Islands are geologically famed for their vast number of endemic species, which were studied by Charles Darwin during the voyage of the Beagle in the 1830's. His observations and collections contributed to the inception of Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection. Entire species live in the Galapagos Islands that do not exist anywhere else on earth.

Unique Features for 2012 STRETCH Expedition

Prouty will partner with UBELONG, a social venture organization based in Washington, DC that was founded by Cedric Hodgeman and Raul Roman, social entrepreneurs with 20 years of international development and management experience. UBELONG's mission is to empower people to make a difference in communities around the world through volunteer opportunities.

Cedric will join us as our Immersion Leader to provide learning opportunities on relevant topics from local researchers, professors and NGO workers, such as the environment and conservation, sustainable tourism, how poverty and the environment intersect, and so on.

Tentative Itinerary: April 2012

Travel to Ecuador:	4/15 or 4/16
Orientation Meeting in Quito:	4/17
Service Experience in Galapagos Islands:	4/18 – 4/25
Return to States:	4/25 or 4/26

Cost

Approximately \$2000, plus airfare from States to Quito. Space is limited.

Kick-off Meeting: **Wednesday, October 26th** - 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Prouty offices.

Deadline for 2012 STRETCH registration: **December 15, 2011**