

Norway polar bear spotter job

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Unfortunately, our website is currently unavailable in most European countries. We are looking into this issue and are looking for options that support our full range of digital offerings in the EU market. We continue to identify technical compliance solutions that will provide all readers with our award-winning journalism. Unusual outdoor work? Good with the animals? Ready to run for your life? Then Norway only has a job for you. Odd Olsen Inger, the governor of Svalbard, is on the hunt for a polar bear spotter to stand guard while researchers carry out work on the islands. The pristine Arctic desert, a remote archipelago between Norway and the North Pole, is one of the few places in the world where polar bear populations are actually growing. And with 3,000 bears and only 2,400 human inhabitants, the chances are not great for those venturing outside designated settlements. The government's official guide instructs visitors (pdf) to take precautions: To protect against polar bears, a .308 Win caliber rifle (Winchester) or above is recommended - even for brief trips. Any tourists are still brave enough to book a break in the region welcomed with an optimistic slogan: BOW TO FORCES NATURE IN SVALBARD ... We wish you a pleasant and safe stay. The ridge of polar bears of Svalbard. Graphic: Guardian.co.uk It's no surprise that researchers conducting fieldwork in the region are keen for someone to keep an eye on their backs and the governor's office advertised for a bear spotter for three weeks of placement starting July 8. Although firearms skills are desirable, the governor's office insists that a polar bear spotter should not use a gun as long as they have a loud voice to scare any bear. Flare guns can also be very effective, as well as knocking together pots and pans to make a lot of sound, Guri Tveito, Svalbard's head of the Department of Environmental Protection, told the Guardian. The successful applicant can expect a summer of half-constant fog, temperatures from below zero to a mild 6C and limited communication with the outside world. Mobile phone reception is only available in the towns of Longierbien, Sveagruva and Barentsburg now - just another reason why a loud voice will come in handy. Only those with strong lungs need to be applied. Subhankar Banerjee There's One! I see it! Am I going to get a job? How do we know that polar bear populations are declining? Obviously, because someone went and counted the polar bears. And if you are willing to (temporarily) move to the Svalbard Islands, located between Norway and the North Pole, that someone could be you. There are more polar bears than humans in the Svalbard Islands - from 3,000 bears to 2,400 people - so it may be that the governor advertises a polar bear spotter not out of scientific interest, but because of (In fact, according to Google Translate the job ad says it's due to documentation documentation but he also says: We need polar bears for three weeks, so maybe the translation is not an expert.) If you consider bears or just keep an eye on them though, you need good vision, outdoor experience, the ability to shoot a gun, and a loud voice to scare the bears, so you don't have to shoot a gun. You also need satisfactory behavior, though I'm not sure how often that overlaps with outdoorsiness, loud voices, and firearms experiences. Is this a job for you? Well, it's only three weeks, but it starts on July 8th, which means you'd be beyond the Arctic Circle at the best time to be behind the Arctic Circle. It pays the equivalent of about \$60,000 a year, so ... how to \$3500 for three weeks? It's not bad for a summer concert. And of course, there is a small risk of being eaten by a polar bear, but no work is perfect. Give me a drink. Help Wanted: Polar Bear Spotter on Norwegian Island, Time Who Prepares the Boldest Decision to Save This Planet Here? Help us choose the 2021 Grist 50 list and nominate rising stars who are building a better future. Send in your election today! Adventurers with sharp eyesight and loud vocal cords are offered the opportunity to explore the Arctic with scientists, in a three-week contract to work as a polar bear spotter. The successful candidate is expected to join scientists during research trips to Svalbard, located between Norway and the North Pole. The job advertisement, posted at the Svalbard governor's office, states that successful candidates already have experience with guns and polar bears. Applicants should also be able to scare off approaching bears by knocking pots and pans, screaming and lighting flashes. While the watchman will carry the rifle, shooting the approaching bear only has to be done as a last resort. The position can be quite demanding, given that the population of a strong polar bear far exceeds the 2,394 people living there. A warning sign for polar bears outside Longyearbyen, Norway's main settlement in the Arctic archipelago of Svalbard. (John McConnico/AP PHOTO) OSLO, Norway - Do you like the outdoors and strong vocal cords? If so, Norway may have a summer job for you: three weeks in the Arctic desert spotting polar bears. The governor's office on the remote northern islands of Svalbard is looking for a polar bear spotter to alert researchers to projects in the region. The work begins on July 8 and also requires previous outdoor experience, good polar bear sighting skills and competence with firearms. But Helge Solly of the governor's office says a successful candidate likely won't have to use a gun as long as they have a loud voice to scare off bears. It is estimated that the archipelago about 3,000 polar bears, numbering about 2,400 people, are inhabited. The happy applicant is expected to follow the backs of scientists as they go about their research in snowy snowy snow and mountains of islands that lie between Norway and the North Pole. The month-long work, which begins July 8, requires a good eye - spotting a polar bear as it lumbers towards you amid the ice and snow-taking concentration - and familiarity with firearms. The itchy trigger finger won't be welcome, however - the governor's office says it's mostly enough to scare off bears by screaming, firing missiles or pounding pots and pans. Shooting a charging bear is the last resort. The corrector is likely to be busy - Svalbard's population of 2,400 exceeds the polar bear population of more than 3,000. The pristine Norwegian territory is one of the few places in the world where the polar bear population is increasing. Polar bears are formidable predators and one of the few mammals capable of attacking and killing humans. Bears are protected by law and can only be shot in self-defense. Anyone outside the scattered settlements of the archipelago is advised to carry a rifle in the event of an attack. Tourists who take part in ski expeditions, husky sleigh rides, walks on glaciers and snowmobiles and ice cavers are protected by guides with firearms. A fully-grown male bear can weigh up to 1,700 pounds. The opening of the vacancy comes two years after British schoolboy Horatio Chapple, 17, was mutilated to death by a polar bear when he entered his tent. ANDREY SMIRNOV/AFP/Getty Images A polar bear mother plays with two of her three cubs at the Moscow zoo on March 22, 2012. Want to work outdoors? Comfortable around bears? Norway can have a job for you. The governor's office in the Svalbard Islands, located in the Arctic Ocean, halfway between Norway and the North Pole, is looking for a polar bear. The role includes constant protection and warning to research teams working on the island about the approach of polar bears. The islands of Svalbard boast a polar bear population of 3,000, while the human population on the island is only 2,400. (MORE: Can polar bears keep their heads above water in a warming world?) Position requirements - which starts on July 8, when temperatures can reach a mild 42 degrees - include outdoor experience, sharp vision, and a firearm experience, though it's unlikely you'll have to use a gun, as long as you have a loud voice to scare off the bears. The Svalbard archipelago contains one of the only polar bear populations that is still growing. In other parts of the world, polar bear populations have been severely affected by global warming, and their habitats are rapidly shrinking or disappearing as Arctic ice melts. In fact, no other animal seems to be such a direct victim of climate change, which is one of the reasons why white has become a symbol of climate change. MORE: Boris Polar Bear Gets Root Channel More: Lifesize Model Whip Polar Bear to Go on Display in Berlin Berlin

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