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## Report On Foreign Internship at Mauritius

I am **Ashmit Kothari of EC 3rd year, Poornima University**. I went **Mauritius** (5/12/2015 – 27/1/2016) for my internship through **AIESEC exchange program**. My project was based on marine conservation. During the 6 weeks of my training I learnt a lot about managerial skills. It was a difficult task as everyone over there were from different countries and we were asked to work in a team to complete the particular tasks. There were two **Brazilian** girls, one from **Ukraine**, two **Pakistani** people and two **Indians in my group**. Staying with the two Pakistanis cleared many of my doubts. I realized that people of Pakistan are so generous.

This project helped me to learn about various cultures. We were working there with an NGO called **LAGON BLUE** which deals with the conservation of the sea life and prevents it from the different dangers. We carried out many beach patrols to check for illegal fishing activities other than that our major focus was to spread awareness among the youth about the need of marine conservation and this was done by conducting seminars in school and public places. Other than work it also gave me an opportunity to showcase my culture worldwide. We were brought out of our comfort zones and were made to work from 6AM till 4PM. I was the house captain for my project and thus there very many situations where I had to handle my entire team and make it up to the expectations of the **AIESEC** people. The project helped me gaining knowledge which will be useful for me in the coming future. Talking about Mauritius as a country, it is simply amazing. We had locals helping us in the project who took us to all the wonderful places in Mauritius. As the result, at the end of the 6 weeks I was aware of all tourist destinations of Mauritius.

On my weekend I used to rent a car and used to travel to any coast of the country. Mauritius is a very beautiful country with a variety of beaches. The best thing I saw there was the **seven colours of the sand**. As my work was purely based on marine life I used to spent my time on beaches almost every day. **SCUBA DIVING** was the best part of the trip. I actually got chance to explore the life under water which I had only dreamt off. The internship brought out the best in me in terms of working as well as exploring myself. These 6 weeks has helped to become a better person in all aspects of life and I would encourage all my juniors to take an opportunity like this and explore atleast a country and work for the welfare of the society.

Thank you **Poornima Foundation** for providing me such a beautiful chance to explore a new world.



