



## Internship Offer – 6 months

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Design and Evaluation of an Agroforestry System in the Lam Dong Region, Vietnam; Planting a plot of cocoa without irrigation under the canopy of the forest.

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### Context:

Presentation of MAROU of the agroforestry plantation « Tu Nu »

« Marou Faiseurs de Chocolat » was created in 2011 by Samuel Maruta and Vincent Mourou. In 2015 they meet Xavier and Huyen, owners of a large 400ha concession with 150 hectares of primary forest in the region of Lam Dong, Vietnam. Since 2015, we've planted together nearly 10 hectares of cacao in an Agroforestry system. Our aim is to show that cacao can be grown with good results in an agroforestry setting and be economically viable. Today, a future plantation is planned but without irrigation. This internship's objective will be to design and evaluate this new plantation.

### Objectives:

- Establishment of the general framework with the actors and their requests. Description of the context (issues / objectives).
- Animation of co-design workshops bringing together the different partners.
- Conception of prototypes of cropping systems, and construction of experimentation. Multi-criteria evaluation (Use of DEXiFruits) and selection of prototypes according to their overall sustainability.
- Project budgeting
- Implementation of medium and long term protocols

### Internship progress:

The intern will be part of the "Sourcing Team" within MAROU. The supervisor will be Claire Vaskou, engineer in agriculture and environment, responsible for the agroforestry station of Madagui (Tu Nu). The intern will have to go to the Agroforestry station regularly (Camp on site for several days if necessary). The rest of the time he will be based in Ho Chi Minh City. A training period will be planned.



The intern will have several interlocutors of different nationalities, so good English speaking skills are necessary.

### **Level of study and skills:**

- Engineering student in agronomy or agriculture, MASTER 2
- Interest in agroforestry
- Organizational and planning capacity and animation skills
- Autonomy and sense of relationship to interact with many partners
- Writing and synthesis capacities
- Possible knowledge of DEXi or MASC assessment tools
- Good physical conditions, handle the weather of tropical countries

### **Internship conditions:**

**Cover Letter and CV must be sent in English before February 13, 2019**

**Interviews scheduled from February 17, 2019**

- **Starting date:** Preferably March 2019 – 6 month internship
- **Place of employment:** Marou Factory, HCMC Thu Duc District, Vietnam / Tu Nu Plantation, Lam Dong Province, Vietnam
- **Working hours:** 35h / week
- **Housing:** A private room in our intern house in Ho Chi Minh. Camp for Tu Nu Plantation.
- **Compensation:** 300 USD/ month
- **Visa expenses**
- **Transport and accommodation for potential business trip**

#### **Contact to candidate:**

Claire Vaskou, Tu Nu Plantation Manager

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#### **References:**

- <https://marouchocolate.com/story/agroforestry-project/>
- <http://www.inra.fr/Entreprises-Monde-agricole/Resultats-innovation-transfert/Toutes-les-actualites/DexiFruits>