



**ASCENSION ISLAND
GOVERNMENT**

**We are looking for a
Marine Conservation Scientist
to join our Conservation and Fisheries Directorate**

Do you have a passion for marine conservation? We're looking for an experienced marine scientist to join our Marine Conservation Team and help us protect the unique ocean environment around Ascension Island. The Ascension Island Marine Protected Area was designated in August 2019 and is one of largest areas of protected ocean in the world. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to help deliver management, monitoring and research in the reserve and work with the Ascension Island Government, local community and international stakeholders to realise the huge potential of the MPA for global marine conservation.

We are looking for someone with a strong background in marine conservation and research who will be able to join our small team of marine scientists and forge partnerships with research organisations and NGOs across the globe. Crucially, you will have experience of conducting fieldwork in sometimes challenging conditions and have advanced diving qualifications. You will require a good knowledge of marine ecosystems, threats to marine biodiversity and sustainable management practices. You must have a strong grounding in the biological sciences, but also have the ability to translate the results of monitoring and research into programmes of practical conservation action. Ascension Island is a challenging environment to live and work in, so you will need to be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive.

We are offering a two year, single status, contract with a salary of £14,625 per year (taxable in Ascension). You will also receive the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with electricity and water allowances)
- A food allowance of £3,089 per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

This appointment will be subject to satisfactory:

- Enhanced DBS Check
- Employment References
- Medical Clearance

We are looking for the successful applicant to start in April 2020

Closing Date: Monday 17 February 2020, 12 midday

Interviews: Monday 24 February 2020

Interviews will be carried out via Skype or teleconference

For more information (including detailed job description) and to apply visit: www.ascension-island.gov.ac/working-here/ or email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

