



**ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

Do you have a passion for marine conservation?

Marine Conservation Scientist

Two-year fixed term contract

We are 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 an 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 £3,350 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

Closing Date: Wednesday 15 July 2020

Interviews: End of July (by Skype if not on island)

Both appointments will be subject to satisfactory:

- Enhanced DBS Check
- Employment References
- Medical Clearance

To for more information and to apply for this role, visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/>

For more information about AIGCD, or about living and working on Ascension Island, please visit the official website at www.ascension.gov.ac/conservation **or find us on Facebook:**

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