



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE:	Conservation Intern
TEAM:	Conservation
REPORTS TO:	Conservation Team Leader and Nursery Officer
JOB PURPOSE:	The UK Overseas Territory of Ascension Island hosts a unique assemblage of animals and plants in a dramatic volcanic landscape. It is home to one of the world's largest nesting populations of green turtles, over a million seabirds, plant species found nowhere else on earth and a marine environment that abounds with fish. The Ascension Island Government Conservation and Fisheries Directorate is responsible for protecting and managing this biodiversity.

MAIN DUTIES

Conservation interns will be involved in all aspects of the conservation programme on Ascension Island. Duties will include:

1. Non-native species clearance from high priority conservation sites.
2. Monitoring nesting turtle populations through nest counts and post-hatching nest excavations.
3. Returning stranded turtles to the ocean.
4. Assisting with maintenance of the National Park.
5. Leading educational tours for members of the public.
6. Assisting with the long-term monitoring of seabird populations.
7. Assisting with tagging studies of Ascension Island's near-endemic land crabs.
8. Assisting with endemic plant cultivation and restoration work.
9. Organising and leading litter clearing events in protected areas.
10. Assisting with the collection of data from fishing catches.
11. Producing education and outreach material.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Health and Safety: Carrying out all work in a safe and responsible manner, including fieldwork in hazardous and remote locations, and some evening/night time work.

Continuous Development: Continuous development of knowledge through study and involvement in scientific programmes.

PERSON SPECIFICATION
SKILLS / KNOWLEDGE / EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Essential

- Degree in the biological or environmental sciences (highly desirable).
- A genuine desire to learn more about and to gain experience of practical conservation work.
- The ability to work well as part of a team and be mature and reliable.
- Be physically fit and able to carry out strenuous physical activity in high temperatures.
- A willingness to work unconventional hours, including early mornings, some evenings and weekends.
- A full driving licence with at least one year's experience of driving manual transmission vehicles.

BENEFITS

AIG will provide:

- One return flight between the UK or Saint Helena and Ascension.
- A contribution of £120 per month towards subsistence.
- Accommodation in a shared bungalow with other project staff (private bedroom and shared bathroom, kitchen communal area) including electricity and water costs.
- Training in all tasks.
- Personal protective and safety equipment.

This Job Description indicates the main duties and responsibilities of the post. It is not intended as an exhaustive list.

The Ascension Island Government (AIG) reserves the right to amend this Job Description from time to time according to operational needs. Any changes will be discussed with you and confirmed in writing. Please note that you share with AIG the responsibility for making suggestions to alter the scope of your duties and improve the effectiveness of your post.

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Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____