



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE:	Assistant Park Warden
TEAM:	Conservation and Fisheries Directorate
REPORTS TO:	Terrestrial Officer, Biosecurity Officer and Park Warden
JOB PURPOSE:	To assist with the management of the National Park and nature reserves.

MAIN DUTIES:

1. Take the lead role to ensure that the designated trails in Green Mountain National Park are always passable and as safe as practicable. Establish and follow a regular schedule for checking and clearing the paths.
2. Maintain and enhance visitor facilities in the National Park and Nature Reserves.
3. Organise and lead volunteers.
4. Clearance of invasive plants e.g. Mexican thorn and tree tobacco from important nature sites including the turtle nesting beaches and seabird colonies.
5. Assist with habitat restoration projects for native flora and fauna in the National Park.
6. Assist with biological monitoring programmes for land crabs, turtles, seabirds, invertebrates and endemic plants.
7. Biosecurity surveillance monitoring and inspections.
8. Plan, lead or participate in public outreach events and engagement activity such as social media posts and press articles.
9. Maintenance of tools and equipment.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Health and safety** – to share in the corporate responsibility for the safety of staff and visitors to the office/work environment.
- **Continuous development** – responsible for your own Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- **Interaction with the Public:** To interact with all members of the public, both the island community and visitors, in a courteous manner and to promote conservation efforts on Ascension where appropriate.

PERSON SPECIFICATION: Knowledge, skills, experience and personal attributes

Essential

- Computer literate.
- Ability to write reports for internal use.
- Ability to work as part of a team, and also alone and unsupervised in isolated areas of the island.
- Ability to use clearing tools such as machetes, strimmers and chainsaws safely and effectively.
- Experience of general conservation and protected area management.
- Experience of practical conservation practices such as path maintenance, invasive species management and control.
- Experience of tool and equipment maintenance
- Experience of Health and Safety procedures including risk assessment.
- Be physically fit and enjoy working outdoors in all conditions (the job is field based with most days spent walking, often over rugged terrain and carrying heavy loads).
- Be flexible and an enthusiastic team member.
- A good school education.
- A clean valid driver's licence.

Desirable

- Knowledge of the flora and fauna of Ascension Island.
- Experience of Conservation management on Ascension
- Experience of biological monitoring methods
- Experience of basic construction and building maintenance
- Experience of off road driving
- A chainsaw licence
- A strimmer licence
- A brushcutter licence
- Qualification in the safe use of pesticides
- First aid qualification

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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