



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

BLUE MARINE CONSERVATION PLACEMENT

About the role

We are looking for an aspiring marine scientist and experienced diver to join our Marine Conservation Team from August 2021 to February 2022.

We'd like to hear from anyone who is over 18, interested in being involved in marine conservation work and able to commit to working with us full time for six months. We particularly encourage applications from young people living on Ascension or St Helena who have a passion for marine conservation, so that we can grow and develop local skills, knowledge and passion in this area.

What you'll bring

With a sound knowledge of marine conservation and fisheries biology, you'll have post-16 education, including study of biology or environmental sciences.

You'll hold an Advanced Scuba qualification (PADI rescue diver or equivalent) and will have significant (ideally 100+) logged dives. You'll also hold a clean, valid driver's licence.

You must be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive in what can be a challenging environment. You'll need to be capable of working autonomously as well as part of the wider Conservation Team to deliver an ambitious programme of work. In addition, you will need to have good interpersonal skills that allow you to work well as a team, lead groups of volunteers and participate in public engagement events.

What's it like to work on Ascension?

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26-34°C). We are part of the wider British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, situated approximately 1,000 miles from the mainland of Africa and 800 miles from our nearest neighbour, the island of St Helena. To thrive here, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in an incredibly small and diverse island community.

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

Closing date: Friday 14 May 2021

Interviews: Week commencing 24 May 2021 (by Skype if off island)

For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/ If you have any queries about the role, please email recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

What you'll do

You'll assist with research and monitoring surveys, data input, public engagement activities and equipment maintenance to help us protect one of the largest areas of protected ocean in the world.

This includes conducting abundance, age, growth, reproductive and diet studies on marine species around Ascension Island, in particular for commercial or recreationally fished species.

You'll also monitor Ascension Island's marine environment using research methods set out in the MPA Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Strategy.

What we offer

This is a six-month placement, with the following offered:

- Salary dependent on experience.
- Rent free accommodation (with Single status electricity and water allowances)
- A Single status food allowance of £280 per month.
- 15 days' holiday (with additional public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care.