



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Do you have a passion for marine conservation?

Marine Protected Area Officer

Two-year fixed term contract

We are looking for an **experienced marine conservationist** to join our Marine Protected Area Management (MPA) Team and help us protect the unique ocean environment around Ascension Island. The Ascension Island MPA was designated in August 2019 and is one of the largest areas of protected ocean in the world. This is an opportunity for you to help deliver management, monitoring and research 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 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 £14,625.00 per year (taxable in Ascension). You will also receive the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with electricity and water allowances)
- A food allowance of £3,350.00 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: 20th December 2021

Interviews: Early January (Remotely 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 the Ascension Island Government Conservation and Fisheries Directorate, or about living and working on Ascension Island, please visit the official website at

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