



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Park Warden / Biosecurity Officer

£13,750 per annum, single status, free accommodation plus other benefits

About the role

Do you have a passion for conservation and the outdoors? We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to work with us to implement the Green Mountain National Park Management Plan by conserving and enhancing the recreational and conservation value of the National Park.

What you'll do

You'll work with colleagues within the Conservation Team to implement the management plans for Ascension's six other terrestrial protected areas covering seabird and turtle breeding areas, and lead on implementing the Ascension Biosecurity Strategy. This includes enforcement of pre-border control measures, conducting border inspections and post-border monitoring, coordination of responses to any new species detected and public awareness-raising.

What you'll bring

You must be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive in what can be a challenging environment, with a good level of physical fitness. You'll have prior experience of protected area management, conducting biological surveys and will hold valid chainsaw and brushcutter qualifications, with extensive experience of using these tools. With excellent written and verbal communication and public engagement skills, you will work with colleagues to promote the work of the team. A BSc in Environmental Management or similar subject is desirable.

What we offer

We are offering a 2-year, single status contract with a salary of £13,750 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
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

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. Ascension Island has no right of abode, so all people living on the island are employees or dependents of one of the organisations here. Children accompanying parents up to the age of 18 are dependents, following which they are either required to take up their own employment on the island, or move away. Travel to and from the island is a challenge, even more so with recent travel restrictions worldwide. A charter flight travels to Ascension via St Helena from South Africa, and returns, approximately every 4 weeks. To thrive here on this unique, challenging and beautiful island, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in an incredibly small community.

Appointment will be subject to satisfactory:

- Enhanced DBS Check
- Employment References
- Medical Clearance

Closing Date: Monday 25 July 2022, Interviews: Early August 2022 (by Skype/Teams if not on island)

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