



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Marine Protected Area Officer

Total Package value £23,528 per annum

(comprising salary of £15,230 per annum + food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits – details below)

About the role

The Conservation Directorate of the Ascension Island Government is currently looking for a passionate, suitably qualified and experienced marine conservationist to join our Marine Protected Area (MPA) Management Team. The Ascension Island MPA was designated in 2019 and is one of the largest areas of protected ocean in the world.

What you'll do

As a member of the small MPA Management Team of marine scientists you will work with us to help protect the unique ocean environment around Ascension Island and develop and grow partnerships with research organisations and NGOs across the globe.

What you'll bring

We are looking for someone with a strong background in marine conservation and with experience of conducting field work in sometimes challenging conditions. You will require a good knowledge of marine eco systems, threats to marine biodiversity and sustainable management practices. In addition, you will have a strong grounding in the biological sciences and have the ability to translate the results of monitoring and research into programmes of practical conservation action. You will also need to have experience and certification in outboard motor powerboat handling. Ascension Island is a challenging environment to live and work in, so you will need to be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive here.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £15,230 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a single status two-year contract and the following additional benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £2400 pa (taxable benefit)
- A food allowance of £3,600 per year (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth £938 per year
- A water allowance worth £1,360 per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with 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
- Free annual travel insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing Date: 24 March 2024 Interviews: Week commencing 2 April 2024 (by Skype if off island).

For more information, job descriptions, and to apply visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/>