



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

National Park Warden and Biosecurity Officer

Total Package value up to £21,904.00 per annum

(comprising salary up to £14,626.00 pa plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and 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

In addition to an annual salary of up to £14,626 pa (depending on experience and taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a two-year single status contract and the following allowances and benefits:

- Rent free accommodation valued at up to £1,200 pa (taxable benefit)
- A single status food allowance £3,780 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance paid in kind worth £938 pa
- A single status water allowance paid in kind worth £1,360 pa
- Relocation costs for your personal effects from your home country and assistance with shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of the 2-year contract
- 30 days paid annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance

Appointment will be subject to satisfactory:

- Enhanced Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory employment References
- Satisfactory Medical and Dental Clearance

What's it like to work in Ascension?

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26-37°C). We are part of the wider UK 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 in this high-profile role, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in an incredibly small community with limited availability of perishable food, non-food items and internet connectivity.

Closing Date: 12pm Monday, 20 January 2025. Interviews: Week commencing 27 January 2025 (by Skype if off island).

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