

Island Conservation & Ecology Manager Position

An exciting opportunity is available for a couple to work as the conservation and ecology managers of a private conservation island resort in the Seychelles. Core duties will be the management of the islands conservation and ecological monitoring programmes. The package includes a comfortable, private apartment (air-conditioned), all meals and a laundry service. Although the primary responsibility will be to maintain existing programmes, there is freedom to pursue personal research and implement new initiatives.

Application Details:

Deadline for applications is on the Friday the 5th of December 2014. All applications should include a brief curriculum vitae and short cover letter. Application should be forwarded to Julie_gane@yahoo.ca. Only couples should apply, single applications will not be considered. Only short listed applications will be contacted.

Education Qualification:

A Diploma / B-Tech or Degree in Natural Sciences/Botany/Zoology/Nature Conservation or a related field is required.

Required Experience & Skills:

- At least two years experience in a conservation management/ senior officer position
- Experience in working on islands or isolated areas will be a great advantage
- Proficiency in English (French will be an added advantage)
- Computer literacy (Windows, MS Office)
- Proficiency in GIS and Mapping (QGIS / Arc view / Google Earth Pro)
- Invasive Species Control and Bio security
- Vegetation management and ecological Restoration
- Experience with bird ringing and bird handling
- Previous experience monitoring and tagging sea turtles
- A sound, working knowledge of general ecology
- Excellent monitoring and data collection skills
- Good project management skills

Key Areas of Responsibility:

Conduct scientific survey programs, monitoring & management

- Hawksbill & Green Turtle monitoring: tagging & data collection
- Seychelles Magpie Robin management: Ringing, blood samples, behaviour and nesting
- Seabird monitoring: Bi-Annual population censuses of the islands breeding seabirds
- Nesting success monitoring of various seabirds and colony monitoring and bird ringing
- Land bird monitoring: monitoring endemic and other bird species on the island
- Monitoring and management of the Giant Tortoise population
- Vegetation surveys when required

General Conservation Management

- Eradication of alien species, habitat restoration, and species rehabilitation
- Clearing and felling of fallen trees
- Indigenous plant nursery management
- Weather recording
- Beach patrols and anti-poaching patrols
- Maintain Cousine Island scientific equipment and materials

Reporting and Communication

- Provide technical monthly reports of activities and conservation work for the Island owner.
- Compilation and design of the monthly conservation newsletter
- Form part of the Seychelles Magpie Robin Recovery Team (SMART), the Seychelles Seabird Group (SSG) and contribute data to these bodies when required.
- Provide conservation write ups and detailed reports in order to contribute to SMART, SSG and the Seychelles Wild Life News publication.
- Communicating with guests: Guided conservation walks, demonstrating different conservation programmes and birding.

