

JOB DESCRIPTION

Research Assistant – SOSF D'Arros Research Centre, Seychelles

The Save Our Seas Foundation (SOSF) D'Arros Research Centre (DRC) has a Research Assistant role available. The successful applicant will play a key role in progressing the work of the D'Arros Research Centre, contributing to all science and research activities.

Primary responsibilities will include assisting with fieldwork and data collection, as well as data processing and administration. In addition, they will be required to assist with the centre's conservation education programme, and in general support the D'Arros Research Centre management team. Please visit our website for more information about us and our research projects: <https://saveourseas.com/sosf-darros-research-centre/>

Minimum Qualifications

- Native / Fluent in both spoken and written English and Creole;
- High level of computer literacy, data management experience;
- Qualified Scuba diver to PADI Advanced Open Water or equivalent;
- First Aid certification.

Advantageous Qualifications

- Bachelors degree and/or Masters degree in marine biology/conservation or other relevant field;
- Valid skipper's license with experience handling and maintaining boats;
- Commercial, scientific, rescue or dive master qualifications;
- Photography skills (including underwater);
- Knowledge and identification skills of Seychelles marine species;
- Experience in marine fieldwork and/or turtle monitoring;
- Experience in terrestrial rehabilitation or mangrove restoration work;
- Data visualisation and analysis experience.

Minimum Requirements

- Ability to actively contribute to tasks when working both independently and as a team member with mixed nationalities and varied cultural backgrounds;
- Excellent interpersonal skills - Ability to respond to difficult, stressful or sensitive situations in a way that reduces or minimises potential conflict, strives to maintain good working relationships characterised by respect and mutual regard;
- Strong and professional work ethic - Self-motivated, organised and detail oriented;
- Team skills – ability and drive to perform with team members to complete tasks in a timely manner;
- Physically, medically and mentally fit - Ability to live on a small remote island away from family and friends, in close quarters with senior staff;
- Exceptional communication skills - Ability to convey clear, concise messages both in written and verbal format;
- Willingness and confidence to take on sole responsibility of tasks or projects (as requested);
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in the field under changing and challenging conditions;
- Demonstrated commitment to and keen interest in environment and conservation issues;
- Professional and respectful behaviour.

The exact start date of the position is to be determined with the successful candidate. This is a full-time paid position – competitive salary (room and board included).

Please direct any questions or queries to Henriette Grimmel and Robert Bullock or submit your application (CV and Cover Letter) directly to contact-drc@saveourseas.com

Closing date for applications: 23:59 (GMT +4) on 28th February 2021