



JOB DESCRIPTION

Position title: Protected Area Project Manager

Directly reports to: Blue Iguana Operations Manager

Validity: 1 year

Location: Grand Cayman

Background:

Blue Iguana Conservation (BIC) is a project under the National Trust for the Cayman Islands (NTCI), focusing on saving the charismatic Grand Cayman blue iguanas.

Job Summary:

The Protected Area project Officer (FO) is responsible for the implementation of the objectives outlined in the Darwin Plus Grant (DPLUS163 - Preserving Endemic Threatened Wildlife Populations Through Effective Protected Area Management) which is aligned to the National Trust for the Cayman Islands Strategic Plan (2021-2025) and the Blue Iguana Strategic Species Action Plan 2021 -2026. The FO will ensure the delivery of the activities of the grant.

Main Responsibilities include:

- Working closely and supported by Blue Iguana Conservation Ops Manager as well as by technical leads from the RSPB (BirdLife in the UK), the postholder will support the implementation of the DPLUS163 project , particularly:
 1. Leading/supporting on the development, implementation and evaluation of management plans for the Salina and Colliers Wilderness Reserve and the National Conservation Plan for blue iguanas, including end of project evaluation
 2. Supported by technical leads from the RSPB (BirdLife in the UK), lead the continued collection of biodiversity data from the reserves and support the establishment of long-term biodiversity monitoring programmes and the updating of IBA/KBA designations
 3. Working with project partners lead/facilitate training and capacity building initiatives for local staff on key areas including protected area management and evaluations of management effectiveness, GIS training, biodiversity data collection and data analysis
 4. Working with project partners design surveys/research that will help to define important habitats and areas of high use as well as wildlife corridors for the blue iguana and other key wildlife within and around these protected areas



- Invasive Species Management and monitoring within PAs
- Supervises and supports the Assistant Field Officer
- Co-ordinates biodiversity surveys of Colliers Wilderness Reserve and Salina Important Bird Areas
- Ensures the delivery of conservation strategic species action plan for BIC and supports the implementation of NTCI Strategic plan.
- Manages the project administration, working with the NTCI finance manager and RSPB finance support, to ensure appropriate project budget planning, monitoring, and reporting and facilitates support to in developing and managing project budgets.
- Works with the Education Manager for the development of educational resources and community outreach.
- Leads on report writing and collating necessary financial information for grant reporting purposes

Other activities outlined in the grant

Required Qualifications and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Biology, conservation, environmental management, or >3 years' experience in relevant fields. Experience in supervising others would be desirable.
- At least 6 months of practical experience in working within a conservation or similar program, experience working in the region, various outdoor terrains and with *Cyclura* would be an advantage.

Salary & Benefits:

- Salary KYD\$48,000, full health insurance and statutory pension contribution. Due to the tough fieldwork environment, shoe allowance and uniform shirts provided.

Closing deadline: 29th June 2024