Assistant Coral Biologist

Title	Reefscapers Assistant Coral Biologist (full time, annual renewable contract)
Location	Marine Discovery Centre, Four Seasons Resort Landaa Giraavaru, Baa Atoll, Maldives
Apply Before	20 May 2024
Start Date	August 2024 *(dependant on visa application)*
Contact	Katrina Himpson, MDC Manager: mdcmanager.mlg@fourseasons.com
Websites	Reefscapers.com / MarineSavers.com

We are seeking an enthusiastic Assistant Coral Biologist to join our team of dedicated conservationists at our Marine Discovery Centre (MDC), based at Four Seasons Resort Landaa Giraavaru in the Maldives.

Assistant Coral Biologist Role

- Engage in all aspects of our coral propagation program, under direction from the Coral Biologist.
- Maintain our coral frame database and provide photo updates for guest-sponsored frames.
- Collect coral fragments to create new frames; maintain and monitor/photograph existing frames.
- Write monthly illustrated reports (in English) for resort management and to feature on our websites.
- Conduct marine life briefings and guided snorkels for guests and journalists.
- Participate in night-snorkels alongside colleagues, to collect data on coral spawning.
- Explore new ideas: education and local outreach; marine biology and coral propagation.
- Produce social media content to highlight conservation issues and increase awareness of our work.

Candidate Specification

- BSc (or equivalent) in Marine Sciences, or a similar field (Marine Biology, Environmental Science).
- Experience with tropical corals: ID, handling, conservation.
- Experience shooting underwater photos/video and creating social media content.
- Good standard of written/spoken English; additional languages useful; *Dhivehi (Maldivian) speaker preferred.*
- Excellent team player, able to work closely alongside colleagues and unsupervised under own initiative.
- Confident swimmer/freediver, SCUBA certification (PADI Dive Master preferred); boat licence (preferred).
- Physically fit non-smoker, able to carry 20kg weight, and work long hours daily in the ocean in all weathers.
- Accurate computer skills and Excel numeracy; experience of databases (preferred).
- Positive, professional attitude; self-disciplined; good time management; resort experience (preferred).

Salary and Benefits

- The salary for this position is $750 USD per month (plus a small commission).
- Working hours 09:00 to 18:00 with occasional evenings; 6 days (one off day) per week; 36 days annual leave.
- Basic DAN dive insurance (sports diver bronze).
- Uniform; staff canteen meals; shared same-sex staff accommodation.
- Annual return flight (from Maldives to a regional international hub).
- High standards of dress code and behaviour are expected (details provided upon selection). This includes maintaining a professional appearance and a helpful attitude towards resort guests and fellow staff.

Application process – please read carefully

Email your CV and cover letter (as PDF file/s with your name in the filename) to:

Katrina Himpson, MDC Manager - mdcmanager.mlg@fourseasons.com

Include in your application: (a) "Assistant Coral Biologist" position; (b) why you fit this role; (c) contact details for 2 referees; (d) where you saw this vacancy advertised.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted (within 1 month of the deadline).