

Marine Biologist (aquarium focused)

Title	Marine Biologist (aquarium focused) (full time, annual renewable contract)
Location	Marine Discovery Centre, Four Seasons Resort Landaa Giraavaru, Baa Atoll, Maldives
Apply Before	31 October 2023
Start Date	November 2023
Contact	Dr Katrina Himpson, MDC Manager: mdcmanager.mlg@fourseasons.com
Websites	Reefscapers.com ; MarineSavers.com

We are seeking a motivated, out-going Marine Biologist with an interest in aquarium management to join our Marine Discovery Centre (MDC) team at Four Seasons Resort Landaa Giraavaru. The right candidate will have experience of managing tropical aquaria, be passionate about teaching, and have the motivation to help drive innovation.

Marine Biologist / Aquarist Role

- Maintain and develop all aspects of the Fish Lab Program under guidance of the Head of Fish Lab (sustainable food production; ornamental fish, shrimp and jellyfish breeding; plankton culture, marine aquaria).
- Conduct tours of the MDC for resort guests, journalists, and tour operators. Provide marine life briefings and guide excursions (snorkel tours, dolphin cruises, scuba dives).
- Lead 'Trainee Biologist' days for guests, and teach apprentices and interns the basics of aquaculture.
- Assist with all environmental activities including coral propagation, turtle rehabilitation, outreach programs.
- Write monthly illustrated reports (in English) for resort management. Produce eye-catching content for use on websites and social media to highlight conservation issues and increase awareness of our work.
- Collect information to document marine life and help maintain long-term databases.

Candidate Specification

- **Maldivian nationals preferred.**
- BSc/MSc in a relevant discipline (Marine Biology, Aquaculture).
- Essential: Knowledge and experience of marine aquaculture, aquaria maintenance and tropical marine systems.
- Effective communication skills, particularly written/spoken English (other languages desirable).
- Excellent team player; able to work closely with colleagues and unsupervised under own initiative.
- Confident swimmer, SCUBA certification essential (PADI Divemaster or equivalent preferred).
- Physically fit non-smoker, able to carry 20kg weight and work long hours in the ocean in all weathers.
- Accurate computer skills and Excel numeracy; experience of databases preferred.
- Positive, professional attitude; self-disciplined; good time management; public-facing/resort experience.

Salary and Benefits

- The salary for this position is \$1100 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) and health insurance provided.
- Uniform; staff canteen meals; shared same-sex staff accommodation.
- Annual return home flight, plus one return flight after six months (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:

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

Include in your application: (a) job title "Marine Biologist (aquarium focused)"; (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.