

## Turtle Veterinarian / Nurse

<b>Title</b>	Turtle Veterinarian (full time, annual renewable contract)
<b>Location</b>	Marine Discovery Centre, Four Seasons Resort at Kuda Huraa, Maldives
<b>Dates</b>	Apply before: 10 March 2023 / Start: May 2023
<b>Contact</b>	MDC Manager: Charlie Sleddon-Plant
<b>Websites</b>	<a href="http://Reefscapers.com">Reefscapers.com</a> ; <a href="http://MarineSavers.com">MarineSavers.com</a>

We have a unique opportunity for a turtle care specialist to join our Marine Savers team. We invite applications from qualified veterinarians with experience of reptile biology, as well as from veterinary nurses and turtle biologists with extensive experience of sea turtle care and rehabilitation.

### Job Role

- Manage our sea turtle projects at Kuda Huraa, adhering to best practice and government guidelines.
- Work alongside our turtle biologist, and work remotely with our offsite turtle veterinarian.
- On-call for stranded turtle rescue missions and emergency turtle nest relocations.
- Turtle first aid (wounds, amputations); long-term rehabilitation; custom diet plans and handfeeding.
- Manage medications & equipment; develop facilities; clean & maintain tanks.
- 'Buoyancy Syndrome' (acute and chronic) - research the causes and develop new treatments.
- Connect with rescue centres in the Maldives & overseas; assist with our on-going '[Flying Turtles](#)' program.
- Communicate with guests & journalists; arrange community outreach; train and supervise staff.
- Develop and improve protocols; write internal procedures and illustrated reports for websites & social media.
- Assist with all environmental activities when required (corals, Fish Lab, guest presentations & excursions).

### Candidate Specification

- Either: Veterinary Science qualifications, with experience in reptile pathology and surgery.
- Or: Extensive experience in sea turtle care, with qualifications in veterinary nursing or marine science (or similar).
- Knowledge and experience of tropical marine biology and coral reefs.
- Good written/spoken English (extra languages desirable), with confidence in public-facing roles.
- Sociable team player, creative and adaptable, able to support & educate colleagues.
- Confident swimmer with SCUBA certification (essential). Bonus: 10m freediving skills.
- Computer literate, MS Office, data entry, report-writing. Bonus: video & photo editing for social media.

### Salary and Benefits

- The salary for this position is \$1000 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 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 our Centre Manager:

**Charlie Sleddon-Plant - [MDC.Manager@fourseasons.com](mailto:MDC.Manager@fourseasons.com)**

Include in your application: (a) job title "Turtle Veterinarian"; (b) explain why you would be good for this role; (c) contact details for 2 referees; (d) where you saw this vacancy advertised.

*Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.*