



Dive Officer

Next vacancy: June 2008

ReefDoctor requires one person to work with our active coral reef research and conservation team in Ifaty, southwest Madagascar.

The successful applicant for this position will be responsible for providing dive training and running diving operations for a small team of International and Malagasy scientists, support staff and volunteers.

This position is a 12 month contract.

The job involves some of the following activities, though this list is not considered exhaustive:

- To ensure all of ReefDoctor's diving operations are carried out according our Diving Rules and Regulations in a safe and appropriate manner
- To supervise all open water diving operations
- To supervise all land based diving operations
- To record all diving operations, write up daily dive logs into the templates provided and send it, along with regular dive reports, to the UK
- To supervise and log equipment maintenance – dive equipment, compressors, boats, generators
- To conduct PADI courses for Malagasy students and international staff and volunteer research assistants when requested by Reef Doctor.Org Ltd
- To conduct refresher dives for all Malagasy students and international staff and voluntary research assistants
- To update and improve our emergency evacuation plan and procedures for the project site
- To update and improve our diving Rules and Regulations for all staff and volunteer research assistants
- To update and improve our dive site documentation – mapping, GPS recording, risk assessments etc.
- To update and improve our procedural documentation
- To teach first aid procedures to all students and staff
- To provide First Aid, as per your qualifications, to all staff and volunteers
- To be responsible for the logging of all medical incidents and ensure the medical store is properly stocked and looked after
- To undertake scientific surveys (using the pre-designed survey methodologies) of the coral reefs encompassing the interior and exterior of the Bay of Ranobe, Ifaty, Madagascar
- To conduct general activities (e.g. teaching English; supervising local school children, especially in the water; supervising voluntary research assistants) to your job description

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Applicant Requirements

Outlined below are the requirements personnel need to have to apply for the voluntary Dive Officer position at our Ifaty site in Madagascar.

- Teaching status PADI OWSI or above (must be PADI)
- Your own full set of dive equipment
- First aid certificate no older than 12 months
- Current liability and dive insurance for the term of your contract
- Current UK HSE Professional Dive Medical certificate (or equivalent) valid for the term of your contract
- Experience in certifying students (minimum 20 certifications) at Open Water level or above
- Experience working in small teams in isolated, tropical environments
- Ability to work in basic conditions with limited facilities and diet
- Ability to work under pressure to deadlines and within limited budgets.
- General computing skills using Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Publisher
- Adaptable with good practical problem solving abilities
- Financial ability to pay the cost for your international return flight to Madagascar and one domestic flight to the south of Madagascar (to be reimbursed on completion of your contract)
- Financial ability to cover standard travel, dive and medical insurance

The following additional skills and experience are desired but not necessary, though applicants with any of the below will be considered higher than those without:

- Ability to learn or already able to read and speak French to a basic / moderate level, preference to those that can teach in French
- Driving licence (International)
- Motor RYA small boat licence
- Past experience in the field of ecotourism as a staff member
- Past experience in the field of ecotourism as a volunteer
- Over six months work experience as a dive instructor in a tropical climate
- Experience in conducting any type of marine survey work, especially if working with Indo-Pacific coral reef species
- Additional diving and/or other qualifications relating to marine work such as DAN Instructor, Emergency First Response instructor, VHF radio certification
- A degree or higher in a biological science
- Any service certifications for maintenance of scuba equipment and/or mechanical expertises i.e. compressors, boat engines, car mechanics
- Any other medical or first aid certifications

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Applicant Receives

- Reimbursement of total cost of International/domestic flights on completing the full term of the contract
- Accommodation and food in Ifaty and Toliara
- Free internal transport
- Diving medical insurance and standard equipment insurance
- Working liability cover
- Salary of £100 per month
- Internet access
- Four weeks paid holiday

What you will gain from the work

We hope that by working on our project you will gain work experience in hands-on conservation work and gain:

- Team building skills
- Knowledge of marine survey work and data collection
- Knowledge of coral reef fish and invertebrate identification
- Liaison skills for interacting with the local fishing community (i.e. working with different cultures) and a basic knowledge of Malagasy
- Skills to teach local adults and children conservational English
- A greater awareness of conservation issues for local communities and foreign tourists
- Working alongside like minded NGOs, staff and scientists
- Additional student certifications
- Experience of supervising diving activities in a remote area

The job is on a voluntary basis but the applicant will have to sign a standard employment contract on acceptance.

Please send your CV and a brief covering letter to Roderick Stein-Rostaing at staff@reefdoctor.org

Thank You