

1. Project Title: CONSERVATION OF THE NICOBAR MEGAPODE

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1(a). SENIOR PROJECT ASSOCIATE

- **No. of Positions:** ONE (1)
- **Duration:** One year (likely to be extended)
- **Essential Qualifications:** i) Post-Graduate degree (M.Sc.) or its equivalent with a minimum of 55% marks in life sciences or environmental sciences (Zoology/ Wildlife Biology/ Wildlife Science/ Forestry/ Conservation Biology/ Biodiversity Studies/ Ecological Sciences/ Environmental Studies or any other allied disciplines) from a recognized university, AND ii) Four years of post-PG research experience in relevant scientific projects and activities;

OR

Doctoral degree (Ph.D.) in any allied disciplines of life sciences or environmental sciences from a recognized university.

- **Desirable Qualifications:** i) Considerable experience in bird research and conservation; ii) skill in bird surveys and field ecology methods (to study breeding, foraging, and behavioural ecology of the species); iii) willingness to reside in remote locations with challenging conditions, and travel extensively by both road and sea between the islands; iv) proficiency in field techniques for bird capture, handling and collection of biological samples for disease screening; v) familiarity with data analysis, including R programming and GIS tools; and vi) proficiency in English and Hindi (speaking, reading, and writing).
- **Upper Age Limit as on 31-03-2025:** 40 years
- **Monthly Emoluments:** Rs.57,000 + HRA.
- **Description of Work:** Selected person will be expected i) to coordinate project activities and implement the project objectives on the ground in remote areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; ii) to help the junior project staff to achieve their project goals; iii) to collate and analyze field data on Nicobar Megapode and draft project reports; iv) to work closely with the forest department and local communities to develop sustainable conservation/management plan; and v) to assist the Project Investigator in achieving project goals and other institutional activities.

1(b). PROJECT ASSOCIATE-I

- **No. of Positions:** FOUR (4)
- **Duration:** One year (likely to be extended)
- **Essential Qualifications:** Post-Graduate degree (M.Sc.) or its equivalent with a minimum of 55% marks in life sciences or environmental sciences (Zoology/ Wildlife Biology/ Wildlife Science/ Forestry/ Conservation Biology/ Biodiversity Studies/ Ecological Sciences/ Environmental Studies or any other allied disciplines) from a recognized university.
- **Desirable Qualifications:** i) Keen interest in bird research and conservation; ii) skill and

experience in bird surveys and field ecology methods; iii) willingness to reside in remote locations with challenging conditions, and travel extensively by both road and sea between the islands; iv) prior exposure to field techniques for bird capture, handling and collection of biological samples for disease screening; v) familiarity with data analysis, including R programming and GIS tools; and vi) proficiency in English and Hindi (speaking, reading, and writing).

- **Upper Age Limit as on 31-03-2025:** 35 years
- **Monthly Emoluments:** Rs.37,000 + HRA for CSIR-UGC NET (Lectureship)/GATE qualified candidates and Rs. 30,000 + HRA for non-NET/GATE qualified candidates.
- **Description of Work:** Selected person will be expected i) to conduct species population surveys and ecological studies in remote areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands with limited resources and challenging field conditions; ii) to collect and analyze field data and contribute to preparation of reports; iii) to assist with conducting social surveys among local communities to understand their views on species conservation; iv) to work closely with the forest department and local communities to develop sustainable conservation/management plan; and v) to assist the Project Investigator and senior project staff in achieving project goals and other institutional activities.