

4. Project Title: COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION PLAN FOR COCONUT CRAB *Birgus latro* IN THE NICOBAR ARCHIPELAGO

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4(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) Research experience in studying wildlife ecology and conservation, with good track record of scientific publications in reputed journals; ii) familiarity with invertebrate studies; iii) willingness to reside in remote locations with challenging conditions, and travel extensively by both road and sea between the islands; iv) skill in data analysis, including R programming and GIS tools; and vi) proficiency in English and Hindi, and excellent interpersonal skill.
- **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 population size and habitat ecology of Coconut Crab, 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.

4(b). PROJECT ASSOCIATE-I

- **No. of Positions:** THREE (3)
- **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 allied disciplines) from a recognized university.
- **Desirable Qualifications:** i) Keen interest in studying wildlife ecology and conservation; ii) familiarity with studies on invertebrates and their field identification; iii) willingness

to reside in remote locations with challenging conditions, and travel extensively by both road and sea between the islands; iv) familiarity with basic data analysis and GIS tools; and vi) proficiency in English (speaking, reading, and writing) and Hindi (speaking), and excellent interpersonal skill.

- **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 persons will be expected i) to conduct intensive field studies on Coconut Crabs in remote areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; ii) to collect and analyze field data and contribute to preparation of 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 and senior project staff in achieving project goals and other institutional activities.

4(c). PROJECT ASSISTANT

- **No. of Positions:** ONE (1)
- **Duration:** One year (likely to be extended)
- **Essential Qualifications:** i) Bachelor's degree or its equivalent with a minimum of 55% marks in any discipline of life sciences or environmental sciences from a recognized university.
- **Desirable Qualifications:** i) Familiarity with natural history of wildlife and their field identification; iii) willingness to reside in remote locations with challenging conditions, and travel extensively by both road and sea between the islands; and vi) excellent communication and interpersonal skill.
- **Upper Age Limit as on 31-03-2025:** 35 years
- **Monthly Emoluments:** Rs. 27,000 + HRA.
- **Description of Work:** Selected person will be expected i) to assist project staff in conducting intensive field studies on Coconut Crabs in remote areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and ii) to assist project staff in their engagements with the forest department and local communities to develop sustainable conservation/management plan for the species.