



The Seychelles Islands Foundation is seeking a

BIRD SURVEY CONSULTANT

For: Bird survey work on Aldabra Atoll including surveys of Aldabra rails and frigatebirds

Under the GOS/GEF/UNDP Project (#3925): **Strengthening Seychelles' Protected Area System through NGO Management Modalities**

Location:	Aldabra, Seychelles
Working with:	Aldabra Scientific Coordinator and research team
Reporting to:	GEF Project Coordinator and Projects Programme Coordinator
Contract type:	Fixed term of 7 months
Working hours:	The hours of work will be a minimum of 45 hrs/wk
Start date:	20 th October 2011
Salary:	Negotiable according to experience and qualifications

Brief objectives: The consultant will be responsible for completing surveys of nesting greater and lesser frigatebirds *Fregata ariel* and *F. minor* and Aldabra rails *D. c. aldabranus* on Picard Island during the contract. The results of both surveys will be published and will substantially improve and update knowledge of these two key avian groups on Aldabra. The TOR outlines fixed deliverables/aims as well as listing possible additional work which may be possible depending on the amount achieved and available staff assistance on the atoll. As part of the duties, a detailed work-plan will be developed in close liaison with SIF Head Office, which will set time specific goals/deliverables to be achieved.

Selection criteria in brief (appear in full in TOR)

- Minimum MSc in environmental science or management
- Minimum 5 years experience in avian surveys and monitoring
- Skilled with GPS and IT, including high competency in Access and Excel
- Experience with seabird surveys is essential, experience with frigatebirds preferred
- Excellent organisational and prioritisation abilities of multiple tasks
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Proven ability to work both independently and in a team
- Committed, diligent, positive and problem-solving attitude is essential

Application and enquiries: If you wish to apply for either or both of these contracts please contact the SIF Project Coordinator Dr Nancy Bunbury (nancy@sif.sc) for the terms of reference for the contract, including required qualifications. Any enquiries can be made to the same address. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday 23rd September 2011. Any submissions received after this will not be considered.