



UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for one post of **Research Assistant (Full time)**, to work on the research project entitled “*Abandoned, lost and discarded fishing gear (ALDFG) in Mauritius and Rodrigues Islands*” for a period of six (6) months.

Minimum qualifications required:

- At least a Bachelor with Honors degree (at least an Upper Second Class) in Marine Environmental Science, Marine Science and Technology, Biology, Agricultural Sciences, Aquaculture or equivalent, and awarded by a recognized body.

Profile

Candidates must have:

- Good research and communication skills.
- Analytical skills and adequate knowledge in marine scientific research and sampling.
- Good knowledge of questionnaire surveys and interview techniques.
- Good interpersonal skills to undertake group meetings with stakeholders and carry out interviews with fishers and divers.
- Be available to work on site in both Mauritius and Rodrigues Islands and to work outside normal office hours for surveys and interviews.
- Competencies to conduct surveys, collect data, record data and analyze data using appropriate statistical tools, such as R and SPSS.
- Hold a full driving license.

The following would be an advantage:

- Publication(s) in Q1 and Q2 journal(s)

Responsibilities & Duties

- Carry out scientific literature review on the topic.
- Carry out surveys at study sites on ALDFG leakages into the marine environment.
- Designing, testing and implementing questionnaire surveys.
- Organizing and participating in discussion groups with stakeholders, fishers and divers.
- Interviewing fishers, divers, and other stakeholders.
- Travel to study sites in Mauritius and Rodrigues Is. to undertake surveys.
- Recording accurate data on survey sheets on site.
- Compilation of data, data analyses, reporting of results (written and oral) and report writing.
- Attending meetings with stakeholders (government bodies, private sector, academia, public and press) as and when necessary.
- Any other cognate duties.

Remuneration

A monthly all-inclusive allowance of Rs 27,400 plus approved salary compensation and travelling expenses by bus.

Duration of Contract

Appointment will be offered for a contractual period of six (6) months. The proposed starting date will be upon signature of the contract in November 2025.

Mode of Application

A covering letter of application, a one-page motivation letter, a detailed *Curriculum Vitae* (CV) and scanned copies of qualifications, birth certificate, marriage certificate (if applicable), testimonials and equivalence of qualifications and other documents (where applicable) should be submitted in one merged document to the **Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Mauritius, Réduit** [Email: deanfos@uom.ac.mu] and with copy to Dr. S. Mattan-Moorgawa, Principal Investigator, Faculty of Science, University of Mauritius, Réduit [Email: s.moorgawa@uom.ac.mu] by **Monday 17 November 2025 by 14:00 hours latest**.

The email should be clearly marked “***Research Assistant for the project ALDFG in Mauritius and Rodrigues Islands***” in the subject area or on the top right of the envelope (if any).

Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

The University reserves the right:

- to call for interview only the most appropriately and best qualified applicants
- not to make any appointment as a result of this advertisement, and
- to conduct a written and aptitude test as and when required

11 November 2025

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