



UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for one post of **Research Assistant (RA) for a task-based assignment** to work on the research project entitled '*Abandoned, lost and discarded fishing gear (ALDFG) in Mauritius and Rodrigues Islands*', for a contractual period of six (6) months.

Minimum qualifications required:

- A Bachelor's degree (with Honors) in Marine Science, Environmental Science, Biology, Biological Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Aquaculture or any equivalent qualification awarded by a recognized body.

Profile

Candidates must have:

- Good research, communication and interpersonal 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, fishing companies and divers;
- Competencies to conduct surveys, collect data, record data and analyze data using appropriate statistical tools, such as R and SPSS;
- Be available to work on site in both Mauritius and Rodrigues Islands;
- Be available to work flexible hours (outside normal office hours) as needed for project requirements;
- Be available to start work as soon as possible;
- Hold a full driving license;

The following would be an advantage:

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

Responsibilities & Duties

Task 1: Assist in literature review and survey.

- Assist in scientific literature review on the topic of ALDFG; and
- Assist in field surveys at selected study sites on ALDFG leakages into the marine environment.

Task 2: Questionnaire design, testing and implementation

- Organize and participate in discussion groups with relevant stakeholders and target groups;
- Design, test and implement questionnaire surveys among targeted samples of fishers, fishing companies and divers in both Mauritius and Rodrigues islands.
- Lead and manage a group of interviewers.

Task 3: Data collection, recording and analysis.

- Maintain accurate records of survey activities, data sheets and survey responses;
- Compilation of data on excel and data analysis using SPSS and R programming.

Task 5: Report writing

- Compilation and finalization of six-monthly and final report;
- Oral and poster presentation(s); and
- Drafting dissemination articles and scientific articles.

Task 4: Focus group meetings and workshops

- Attend meetings with target groups and stakeholders (government bodies, private sector, academia, public and press) as and when necessary (face-to-face or online mode); and
- Assist in planning and organizing dissemination workshop(s) in Mauritius and Rodrigues Island.

Task 6: Other project-related tasks

- Perform any other additional tasks/ cognate duties for the smooth execution of the project, as assigned by the Principal Investigator.

Remuneration

An all-inclusive allowance of Rs. 168,000 is payable in six (6) equal installments of Rs. 28,000/- upon satisfactory completion of monthly tasks.

Duration of Contract

For the task-based assignment (including tasks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6), the appointment will be offered for a contractual period of six (6) months. The proposed starting date will be upon signature of the contract in June 2026.

Mode of Application

A covering letter of application, 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 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 Wednesday 10 June 2026 by 15:00 Hours latest.

The email should be clearly marked "**Research Assistant for the project ALDFG in Mauritius and Rodrigues Islands**" in the subject area.

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.

01 June 2026

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