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The following position is being offered by the Seychelles Islands Foundation together with the University of Zürich under the Zürich-Aldabra Research Platform

- JOB TITLE:** ZURICH-ALDABRA PROJECT OFFICER (PO)
- PROJECT TITLE:** Giants of Aldabra – a multi-disciplinary collaboration to reconstruct the past and manage the future of a key World Heritage Site
- SALARY:** EURO 1000 pcm
- WORKING WITH:** Aldabra Scientific Coordinator and research team, ZARP researchers
- REPORTING TO:** Zurich-Aldabra Research Platform (ZARP) and SIF Projects Programme Coordinator (PPC)
- TIME-FRAME:** 2 years starting 1st September 2011
- JOB SUMMARY:** The Zurich-Aldabra PO position is a 2-year field ecologist post focusing on establishing the infrastructure needed for long-term terrestrial ecological and evolutionary studies on Aldabra giant tortoises *Aldabrachelys gigantea*. The PO will be stationed on Aldabra Atoll for approximately 18 months of the 2 years (over 2 field seasons of 8–9 months each) to collect the data necessary to meet several short-term objectives, and to establish the infrastructure required to address longer-term objectives. The 2-year establishment phase of the collaboration has three specific foci: (1) intensive marking and sampling of giant tortoises in a sub-population on Picard; (2) population dynamics and genetics; and (3) linking tortoise densities and behaviour to vegetation dynamics (more details provided in job description).
- REQUIREMENTS:** *In brief:* BSc/MSc in biology or a related field / minimum 2 year's experience with fieldwork in remote areas (preferably on islands) / experience with reptile handling, measuring and surveying / computer proficient and experience with large datasets / flexibility / adaptability / problem solving and positive attitude / good communication and team-working skills / high level of physical fitness (more details provided in job description)
- TO APPLY:** If you wish to apply please contact the SIF Project Programme Coordinator Dr Nancy Bunbury (nancy@sif.sc) for a full job description and list of requirements. Applicants must submit a CV and 100 word summary addressing why they should be considered for the post by **25th June 2011**. Late submissions will not be considered.