Restoration of Seabird Colonies by the Assessment and Eradication of Invasive Alien Species

Seabird Restoration Project Manager, based in Fiji

BirdLife International is a global partnership working in international bird conservation supported by a decentralised Secretariat with headquarters in Cambridge, UK.

We are seeking an enthusiastic and experienced person to take up a position as Seabird Restoration Project Manager at the Pacific Division of BirdLife International’s Secretariat, based in Suva, Fiji. The overall purpose of the job is to assist with implementing, managing and reporting on two new projects designed, first, to identify potential IBAs (Important Bird Areas) for seabirds within Fiji and French Polynesia and, second, to restore seabird colonies through the eradication of rats from small islands within Fiji, French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Palau.

The Project Manager will be responsible for managing all technical aspects of the Programme which is due to commence in early 2007 and will run for two years in the first instance.

The ideal candidate will have a graduate-level qualifications with further training or experience in ornithology, applied ecology, environmental or development studies plus five or more years relevant conservation experience in the region and demonstrated abilities at successful project design, fundraising, implementation and reporting. He or she will have a good understanding of conservation, cultural, development and political issues in the Pacific and experience within the NGO movement. Experience with applied fieldwork, particularly in the Pacific region, and more particularly with successful rat eradication projects on small islands, will be highly regarded. Other qualities required are excellent oral and written presentation skills, an ability to work strategically and independently yet also as a team-member, networking skills and fluency in English and (ideally) also French. The post demands an ability to act independently and a willingness to travel throughout the Pacific and to work long hours as necessary.

A full job description and details of the employment package can be obtained by emailing Don Stewart at don@birdlifepacific.org.fj. Further information about the BirdLife Pacific Programme can be found on our website http://pacific.birdlife.org

Applications, including a covering letter summarizing the applicant’s suitability for the position, a detailed CV and names and contact addresses of three referees known to the applicant in a professional capacity, should be addressed to:

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