

**Scope of Work:**

The Coral Reef Restoration Research Coordinator will serve as the main focal point and administrator of Acropora restoration activities in the Dominican Republic. This person hired will oversee and maintain restoration activities underway in Punta Cana, Monte Cristi, and Sosua, and will be responsible for coordinating and supporting research efforts amongst local and international researchers and institutions.

**The main roles and responsibilities are as follows:**

- \*Participate in a one week Coral Restoration and Propagation training course at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science in Miami, Florida, US
- \*Conduct coral reef surveys to assess the status, abundance, and distribution of wild Acropora populations and reefs and associated habitats
- \*Stabilize and expand Acropora coral nurseries by replacing faulty or degraded construction materials, constructing new frames or tables where appropriate, and installing underwater signage and marker buoys
- \*Conduct outplanting activities with nursery-reared corals
- \*Monitor the nurseries and collect data continuously following protocols outlined in the Coral Gardens Field User Manual
- \*Assist in the design and creation of educational and awareness materials on the importance and purpose of the coral nurseries
- \*Travel quarterly to Coral Garden sites in Sosua and Punta Rusia/Monte Cristi, providing training, oversight and direction to local coordinators in coral garden techniques and methodologies
- \*Support the Coral Restoration Research Fellowship Program, providing logistics and support to selected candidates
- \*Coordinate all travel and field logistics for site visits of restoration sites in the Dominican Republic by local and international scientists (University of Miami, University of Puerto Rico) and Counterpart International
- \*Prepare materials and give presentations as needed for annual coral restoration training and community outreach workshops
- \*Assist the Punta Cana Ecological Foundation marine coordinator in providing education and restoration activities for guests, homeowners, Puntacana Resort & Club employees, local fishermen, visiting universities, and volunteers.

**Required Skills:**

- \*Bachelors degree in Marine Sciences at minimum
- \*Diving Certification and Experience
- \*Valid Driver's License
- \*Boat handling skills
- \*Data collection and Database management
- \*Analytical and quantitative ability
- \*Computer skills
- \*Knowledge of GIS preferred
- \*Good identification skills for Caribbean coral reef and fish species
- \*Language ability - fluent in English, conversational in Spanish (at minimum)
- \*Ability to work long hours in the field
- \*Ability to pass physical exam

**Compensation:**

A competitive salary package will be offered according to the applicant's level of experience. The successful candidate will be provided year-round lodging and meals amongst staff quarters on the property of the Punta Cana Resort and Club. A benefits package will supplement the annual salary, covering vacation, bonuses, medical insurance, life insurance, and a pension fund, amongst other benefits.

**Application:**

Interested candidates please submit your CV to Maria Del Carmen Desangles ([mdesangles@puntacana.com](mailto:mdesangles@puntacana.com)) and Dr. Diego Lirman ([dliirman@rsmas.miami.edu](mailto:dliirman@rsmas.miami.edu)).

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