



## Cook Islands Sabbatical Opportunity 2020



Seacology is an international non-profit with the sole focus of preserving threatened ecosystems on islands throughout the world. We have launched over 300 projects in 62 nations. The Cook Islands, a small island nation in the South Pacific, recently declared the world's largest multi-use marine park named Marae Moana. It is almost one million square miles and is about the size of Mexico. One key ingredient in the ongoing success of a marine park is the support of the country's inhabitants. The Cook Islands has a population of only 20,000 people widely scattered on 15 small islands. The Cook Islands wants to launch a public education/outreach campaign regarding the park.

Even on its very remote islands there is (slow) access to social media. The Cook Islands could use help in designing and implementing the social media aspects of this campaign. The campaign would be based out of the main island of Rarotonga, one of the world's most beautiful islands. Rarotonga features great snorkeling, scuba diving and hiking. Everyone speaks English there as the Cooks have a close relationship with New Zealand. There are many restaurants and supermarkets on the island.

### Travel and Lodging

This would be a volunteer opportunity. This assignment could last anywhere from one to two months and would begin in July or August of this year. There is no money for a stipend. However, it is likely that the Cook Islands could arrange for complimentary lodging.

### More Resources

- Contact: Amanda Kirkhart, [amanda@seacology.org](mailto:amanda@seacology.org)
- [ED Interview with Prime Minister of Cook Islands](#)
- <https://www.seacology.org/>