

# Assistant Gardener and Grounds Keeper

If you have a passion for plants and conservation and enjoy getting your hands dirty, then join our volunteer programme as our assistant gardener and grounds keeper.

Our long term aim is to plant native flowers in the gardens, making them more attractive to butterflies and wildlife.

## Key tasks

Your main tasks will be:

- Assist our gardener with daily tasks.
- Help maintain and improve the garden areas around the lodge, conservation centre and volunteer houses.
- Rake the driveway leading up to the lodge.
- Weeding, pruning and planting.
- Maintenance and clearing of the trail network adjacent to the lodge and conservation centre (Wetland Trail and Forest Trail).
- Liaise with the Lodge Host on a daily basis to discuss the guest requirements.

## Skills required

- Ideally, we require a person with knowledge of tropical plants and with some horticultural experience.
- A good level of physical fitness. This role does involve a lot of physical hard labour, such as raking and leaf clearance on a daily basis in a humid climate (NB There is no leaf blower!).
- Some knowledge of Portuguese or a willingness to learn a few basic phrases would be a distinct advantage.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills. The ability to communicate with REGUA staff and volunteers.

## Minimum commitment

- A minimum one month stay is required, as some time will be required to familiarise yourself with the reserve.
- Working hours are usually Monday to Friday, 8am until 4pm with an hour for lunch.

If you have any questions please contact Rachel Walls at [volunteer@regua.org](mailto:volunteer@regua.org).

To apply please complete our [application form](#) and email it to Rachel Walls at [volunteer@regua.org](mailto:volunteer@regua.org).