



PRESS RELEASE

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I am pleased to announce the award of an MBE to Mrs Jacqueline Ellick, in recognition of her services to the environment and community on Ascension Island.

For 17 years, prior to turtle conservation becoming part of the remit of the Ascension Island Government, Jacqueline was the backbone of green turtle conservation on Ascension Island, leading a group of volunteers which worked to monitor and conserve the species, including working voluntarily for 20 hours each week from December to June, during the turtle nesting season. Jacqueline continues to manage the day to day activities of the conservation programme. In her efforts to conserve the green turtle species, Jacqueline has also been involved in rescuing turtles who have become trapped in the rocky coastline, guiding female turtles back to the sea which can be dangerous as well as physically demanding. Arranging 'Turtle Tours' which allow spectators to view nesting turtles without causing them harm have also featured in the voluntary work Jacqueline has undertaken over the years.

In addition to voluntary services to green turtle conservation, Jacqueline has been part of the team that produces the weekly local Islander newsletter, helping to ensure communication links within the island community and overseas; in recent years she has assumed the role of Chairperson. Alongside this, Jacqueline has served as a Justice of the Peace since 2008 and in 2014 was elected as a Member of the Ascension Island Council.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Jacqueline on this well-deserved award.

Sean G P Burns

Acting Governor

St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha

31 December 2015