## CONSERVIAN BAHAMAS LIVE-ABOARD SCHOONER MAY 2017 EXPEDITION: Shorebird Habitat Conservation



COME JOIN US FOR THE CARIBBEAN ADVENTURE
OF A LIFETIME!

Conservian and partners will continue on-the-ground protective & restorative measures to limit human-caused disturbance & control invasive Australian pine at key shorebird & seabird sites.

We need your help to protect beach-nesting birds, nests, and young. Conservian is seeking a weekly crew of 8-12 enthusiastic volunteers for our Bahamas shorebird habitat conservation project in May 2017 aboard our 75ft research schooner. Cost for the week is \$1,250. Includes bunk, onboard meals, water, & ground transportation associated with project. Crews will fly to the Bahamas each week to designated airports for shuttle transport to schooner. A valid passport is required. Airfare & insurance are not included.

**Project Partners:** BirdsCaribbean, Bahamas National Trust, International Conservation Fund of Canada, USFWS/NMBCA, LightHawk, Dow AgroSciences, Grand Bahama Nature Tours, Optics for the Tropics, Grand Bahama Port Authority, Bahamas Public Parks & Beaches Authority, Bahamas Environment, Science & Technology Commission, Rand Nature Center, Abaco Friends of the Environment, Treasure Cay Community Center, Royal Bahamas Police Force/Marine Support.

















## **2017 MAY EXPEDITION SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS:**

Choose one week or more! (final dates TBD)

Week 1: Grand Bahama Island- (Freeport GBI Int. Apt)

Week 2: Great Abaco, west- (Freeport/Marsh Harbour Apt)

Week 3: Great Abaco, east -(Marsh Harbour Apt)

Week 4: Berry Islands & Joulter Cays-(Marsh Harbour/Nassau Int. Apt)



- Protect, post & sign shorebird & seabird sites
- Collect new data on nesting shorebirds & habitat
- Locate & protect shorebird nests & downy young
- Control invasive Australian pine on beach habitats
- Work with local volunteers to accomplish the above goals
- Snorkel reefs in gin clear waters
- Learn sailing crew skills
- Fish for dinner-catch of the day!

## Our days will be filled with much adventure!

We will sail blue Caribbean waters, visit white sand beaches, boat to little cays & meet new friends. We will work in both populated and remote areas. Crew will assist with field & shipboard duties; including sailing, cooking and cleaning.



