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Biodiversity for Life



Principal Zoologist (Scientific Authority) Graded as Principal Agricultural Scientist Salary Level 9 (three-year contract) Pretoria

This position requires an experienced Zoologist with good networking skills.

The successful candidate must be thoroughly familiar with conducting reviews and assessments on threatened or protected species and species that are regulated through international trade under the Convention for International Trade in Endangered Species of fauna and flora (CITES). To facilitate the successful completion of research projects the candidate must also be able to work effectively with partner organizations through the SANBI managed network model.

Appointment requires at least an MSc in Zoology with a minimum of 2-5 years appropriate experience. Qualification and experience must be enhanced by proficiency in computer programmes such as Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook.

Responsibilities include:

- Carrying out reviews and assessments on animals, focusing on species listed in CITES or the Threatened or Protected Species regulations (TOPS).
- Developing and implementing research and monitoring projects, focusing on species listed in CITES or the TOPS regulations.
- Providing general scientific support to the Scientific Coordinator of the Scientific Authority.
- Supervising students and providing mentorship to young Scientists.
- Developing research relationships with Higher Education Institutions and Research institutes as part of the managed network.

Please note that the successful candidate should have a good spoken and written command of English and any other official language. Possession of a valid Code B driver's license with at least one year driving experience, is compulsory.

SANBI offers an all-inclusive annual salary package of R283 565.34

Please Note: 1) Applications must be accompanied by a letter motivating why the applicant should be favourably considered for the position and confirming that the minimum qualifications are met (applicants lacking evidence of relevant experience will not be considered). 2) A competency test will be conducted as part of the selection process. 3) Applicants must also provide the full names, address and telephone number and if possible e-mail address of at least three referees. Failure to submit the requested information may result in your application not being considered.

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply . SANBI reserves the right not to fill this position. All applications will be considered with the understanding that, in terms of the SANBI Employment Equity Plan, preference will currently be given to candidates from the designated groups.

Contact Ms Ethel Mokgoko on 012 843 5240 or, preferably, forward a letter and concise CV via e-mail to recruitmentpta@sanbi.org.za or fax 012 843 5222. Postal applications are to be addressed to the Deputy Director: Human Resources, South African National Biodiversity Institute, Private Bag X101, Pretoria 0001.

Closing Date: 12 August 2011

Candidates are expected to be available for selection interviews on a date and time as determined by SANBI. *If no response has been received within 21 days of the closing date, candidates may assume that their applications were unsuccessful.*