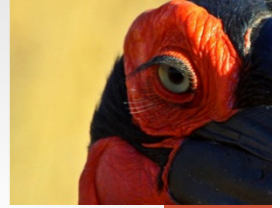


Mabula Ground-Hornbill Project

Position available: Assistant Project Manager



The Mabula Ground Hornbill Project (MGHP), which aims to halt the decline of the Southern Ground-Hornbill (SGH, *Bucorvus leadbeateri*), seeks to employ an **Assistant Project Manager**, based on the Mabula Private Game Reserve in the Limpopo Province of South Africa.

The Assistant Project Manager will be appointed by the Mabula Ground Hornbill Board and report to the Project Manager of the Mabula Ground Hornbill Project. He/she will be required to play an integral role in supporting the Project Manager in achieving the project's goals.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide support and guidance to junior staff employed by the Project or associated with the Project.
- Assist the Project Manager with the operational and financial aspects of the MGHP.
- Participate in public and community education initiatives to ensure that communities where SGH occur are aware of the conservation plight of the SGH in southern Africa.
- Provide support for research students and volunteers involved with the Project.
- Initiate and maintain communication channels with farmers and landowners that have SGHs on their properties.
- Be actively involved in the national monitoring program of SGH in southern Africa as well as organising and participating in the annual harvest of second hatched chicks from wild populations.
- Assist the Project Manager with the project profile and marketing of the project.
- Play an active role in generating and disseminating scientific data on the SGH.
- Be actively involved, on a daily basis, with all aspects of monitoring and caring for the well being of reintroduced SGH groups.

Requirements:

- South African citizenship.
- Proven experience in project development and management in the conservation sector would be an advantage.
- Administrative and financial abilities and experience.
- Preference will be for candidates with a BSc Honours or a B Tech in a relevant conservation field from a recognised South African tertiary institution but applicants with relevant experience will be considered.
- Excellent communication skills in English and Afrikaans.
- Computer literate in Microsoft Office and familiarity with GIS software such as ARCVIEW.
- Valid code 8 (EB code) drivers licence.
- Physical fitness and prepared to work at odd hours and to travel to remote locations.
- Knowledge of the bush can be acquired but the applicant should be confident about working and living in a 'bush' environment.
- A dedicated and organized person, with a passion for birds and conservation, and the ability to work under pressure and communicate with people on all levels.



Remuneration is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

This position is available with immediate effect as a one-year contract, renewable, dependent upon performance and continued sponsorship of the Project. As a contract appointment the position does not make provision for medical aid or pension allowance. Accommodation is provided on the Mabula Reserve.

Please send your CV and letter of motivation by e-mail to Prof Ray Jansen at jansenr@tut.ac.za

Closing date for applications is Friday 23 September 2011.

Further enquiries can be directed to Prof Ray Jansen at: +27 (0)12 382 6347

Short-listed candidates will be required to be available for an interview at the National Zoological Gardens, Pretoria. Candidates who have not been contacted within 14 days of the closing date must please assume that their applications were not successful. Correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates.

The MGHP Board reserves the right not to make an appointment.

