



SANPARKS – NMMU POST-DOCTORAL OPPORTUNITY

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University and SANParks wish to jointly appoint a post-doctoral fellow, specializing in **applied social-ecological systems research**. The successful applicant, whose research should focus on “earth stewardship” in the Garden Route National Park and surrounds, will be based at NMMU’s George Campus at Saasveld. Earth stewardship refers to research and management of social-ecological processes to enhance ecosystem resilience, responsible environmental citizenship and sustainable human well-being. This is of particular relevance in the Garden Route where various forms of land use – including conservation, forestry, agriculture, residential development and recreation – are delicately juxtaposed along this unique land corridor.

The fellowship is for a contract period of three years.

The Post Doc will, *inter alia*:

- Work closely with SANParks managers and researchers and NMMU to develop a research agenda for engaged research, focussing on social-ecological issues relevant to earth stewardship in and around Garden Route National Park (GRNP) and the Garden Route Initiative;
- Engage with GRNP stakeholders and managers in collecting, analysing and interpreting research data;
- Develop the capacity of conservation managers in the Garden Route National Park by making research findings accessible to managers and other stakeholders;
- Publish research results under NMMU and SANParks’s auspices;
- Involve NMMU students and relevant NMMU academics in SANParks research projects; and
- Play a key role in developing joint funding proposals.

The value of this three year grant is R270 000 per annum, **including** direct running expenses. The grant will include an inflation-linked increase.

While the post-doc is open anyone with a recognized and appropriate Doctorate, previously disadvantaged individuals are strongly encouraged to apply. Affordable on-campus accommodation is available.

Applicants should please e-mail a comprehensive CV and covering letter to Prof Christo Fabricius, christo.fabricius@nmmu.ac.za and Dr Dirk Roux dirkr@sanparks.org by 15 November 2011.