



South African  
NATIONAL PARKS

## VACANCY : REGIONAL ECOLOGIST

**PATERSON GRADING: D3**

**GARDEN ROUTE NATIONAL PARK (RONDEVLEI OFFICE)**

**CLOSING DATE: 9 November 2012**

A position is available for a **Regional Ecologist** to provide a science-management interface function at national park level through forums and the implementation of biophysical research and monitoring programs according to adaptive management principles. The newly proclaimed Garden Route National Park, comprising the former Tsitsikamma and Wilderness National Parks, Knysna, as well as the State Forests, will be the primary area of responsibility.

The person appointed will be responsible for the following: **interpreting and communicating** research and monitoring findings and their implications for the benefit of park management and other stakeholders; **facilitating research** by external scientists; facilitating **knowledge and data transfer** between scientists and park staff; compiling and promoting the development and implementation of science-based **management plans**; participating in the **implementation and coordination of research and monitoring**, especially in freshwater (rivers and wetlands) systems, within the park by working in conjunction with other SANParks scientists and park staff.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum MSc degree (preferably PhD) in an appropriate conservation field.
- A minimum of 1 year's relevant experience.
- Proven publication record.
- A sound knowledge of and background in aquatic systems and their management.
- In-depth knowledge of conservation practices and principles.
- The ability to integrate science and management.
- In-depth knowledge of research and monitoring methods and their application. Experience with aquatic invertebrate monitoring techniques e.g. SASS & DBI, and water quality assessments would be an added recommendation.
- Proven oral communication as well as people management skills.
- Bilingual (English and Afrikaans). Competency in Xhosa would be an added advantage.
- Computer literacy with a high level of competency with Microsoft Office products. A good knowledge of databases and GIS would be an added recommendation.
- Ability and enthusiasm to travel extensively in the region and at times spending nights away from home.
- A valid Code B driver's licence.

The remuneration package includes a basic salary, based on the salary scale of a position with the Paterson D3 job grade, and allowances and benefits as specified in the HR Tariff Document and Conditions of Service of SANParks. The incumbent will be based at the SANParks Scientific Services office at Rondevlei.

Telephonic enquiries about this position can be made to the Rondevlei Office at 044 343 1302.

Applications, accompanied by concise CVs and certified copies of qualifications, should be forwarded for attention to: The General Manager, SANParks Scientific Services (Garden Route), P.O. Box 176, SEDGEFIELD 6573, or fax 044 343 2331, or via email to [Tania.vanTonder@sanparks.org](mailto:Tania.vanTonder@sanparks.org).

**Applications that have not been responded to within 21 days should be regarded as unsuccessful**

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