

Scientist: Zoologist support to the Scientific Authority
Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience
Permanent post – Pretoria

SANBI is seeking to appoint a Zoologist with good networking skills to execute reviews and assessments, and undertake focused research and monitoring projects on animals in support of the Scientific Authority.

The key focus of the position is to provide scientific evidence to support the sustainable use of wildlife. The successful candidate must have skills that will enable them to conduct 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 (CITES) of fauna and flora and to conduct research and monitoring to develop the evidence base. To facilitate the successful completion of research projects, the appointee must also be able to work effectively with partner organizations' through the SANBI managed network model.

This appointment requires an MSc Zoology qualification and previous relevant work experience would be an added advantage. The incumbent should have a good verbal and written command of English and another official language, must be highly proficient in MS Office and possess a valid Code B driver's license with at least one year's driving experience, is compulsory.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Execute reviews and assessments on animals, focusing on species listed in CITES or the Threatened or Protected Species regulations (TOPS)
- Executing research and monitoring projects, focusing on species listed in CITES or the TOPS regulations
- Provide general scientific support to the Scientific Coordinator of the Scientific Authority
- Supervise students and providing mentorship to them
- Develop research relationships with scientists and organisations conducting research as part of the managed network.

SANBI offers an all-inclusive annual salary package commensurate with qualification and experience. The incumbent will be placed on the SANBI career ladder for researchers.

Please Note: 1) *Portfolio of evidence must be accompanied by a letter motivating why the applicant should be favourably considered for the position and confirming that the minimum requirements are met (applicants lacking evidence of relevant experience will not be considered). 2) A competency test may be conducted as part of the selection process. 3) Applicants must also provide the full names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of at least three referees. 4) An application form must accompany the *portfolio of evidence and motivational letter. Application forms can be obtained from the Pretoria Garden Office or SANBI website (www.sanbi.org). 5) Failure to submit the requested information may result in your application not being considered.

***A portfolio of evidence template is available from recruitmentpta@sanbi.org.za**

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 Mr. William Mahlangu on 012 843 5216 or, preferably, forward the completed application form (available from www.sanbi.org) 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: 14 December 2012

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.