

Policy and Advocacy Manager

BirdLife South Africa (BLSA), based in Johannesburg, South Africa, is one of the largest, most active, non-governmental conservation organisations in South Africa. BLSA is at the cutting edge of environmental decision making.

BirdLife South Africa is the South African Partner of BirdLife International, which operates through partners in over 100 countries worldwide. The BirdLife Partnership forms the leading and internationally-acclaimed authority on the status of birds, their habitats, and the issues and problems affecting birds. BirdLife South Africa has special links with the BirdLife partners in Africa, and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in the UK.

BirdLife South Africa is looking for a dynamic person to (a) manage its participation in development applications which could have impacts on Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas in South Africa and (b) coordinate its support of Multilateral Environmental Agreement implementation at regional and national level.

The preferred candidate will be a:

- qualified lawyer and/or have in depth knowledge of environmental legislation,
- person with a good background of and track record in environmental matters,
- good negotiator, mediator, and public speaker, and
- self-motivated and confident person.

He/she should also have:

- excellent writing skills,
- knowledge and experience in using the range of Microsoft Office software,
- a valid code B motor vehicle driving licence, and
- fluency in written and spoken English (some proficiency in Afrikaans or another regional language will be an advantage).

The successful candidate will report to the Chief Executive Officer of BLSA.

The position will be based at the BLSA offices in Johannesburg, but the post will require local and international travel.

BLSA offers a salary which is commensurate with the position and responsibilities

Successful applicants will be required to attend interviews in Johannesburg.

Details of BLSA can be obtained from www.birdlife.org.za or by requesting the information from the address below.

Applicants are to submit a comprehensive CV with at least three contactable referees, as well as a motivation as to how they would see their role in this post. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Candidates who have not been contacted within 21 days of the closing date must please assume that their applications were not successful. Correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates.

BLSA reserves the right not to make an appointment.

BLSA is an equal opportunity employer.

Closing date: 2 December 2013

To apply please e-mail your CV and motivation to secretary@birdlife.org.za

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