

Verlorenvlei Protected Areas Project Manager BirdLife South Africa

BirdLife South Africa (BLSA), based in Johannesburg, South Africa, is one of the largest, most active, non-governmental conservation organisations in South Africa.

BirdLife South Africa is the South African Partner of BirdLife International, which operates through partners in over 100 countries and territories 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 undertake priority conservation activities at Verlorenvlei and in the Moutonshoek Catchment, Western Cape. The primary responsibilities are focused on undertaking all necessary stewardship work leading to the proclamation of Protected Areas at the Verlorenvlei Estuary and Moutonshoek catchment. The period of employment is three years.

The preferred candidate will:

- have completed an appropriate university degree in environmental management, conservation or natural sciences
- have a working knowledge of estuary management and conservation issues in South Africa,
- have experience in conservation stewardship work and/or landowner & stakeholder engagement,
- have exemplary administrative abilities and organisational skills,
- have good writing and communication skills,
- have knowledge of and experience in using the range of Microsoft Office software,
- have fluency in written and spoken Afrikaans and English,
- be self-motivated, hardworking and able to work independently with minimum supervision
- be prepared to locate to the Elands Bay/Redelinghuys area
- be prepared to travel extensively, and
- have a valid code B motor vehicle driving license.

The successful candidate will report to the Western Cape Regional Conservation Manager at BirdLife South Africa and a larger Management Committee.

The position is based in the Western Cape in Elands Bay, Redelinghuys or in close proximity.

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

Successful applicants will be required to attend interviews in Cape Town.

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 three contactable referees, as well as a 2 page 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 14 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: 1 November 2013

To apply please e-mail your CV and motivation to westerncape@birdlife.org.za with the subject title: **Verlorenvlei Protected Areas Position**

For further information, contact Louise Palframan at conservationwc@wessa.co.za or Dale Wright at dale.wright@birdlife.org.za