



Wildlife & Energy Programme Intern Vacancy

Purpose of the Position: The Endangered Wildlife Trust is one of the largest biodiversity conservation NGOs in southern Africa and, through its Internship Programme is seeking to provide exposure for young conservation professionals to the conservation sector. This intern position is predominantly a field work position which will provide assistance and support for programme conservation work including tracking and mitigation of wildlife interactions associated with existing transmission and distribution electrical infrastructure. This is a pressurized, deadline-driven working environment with a large amount of travelling involved. The candidate will also be required to participate in other programme activities as and when required, including research, training, education & awareness and advocacy.

Reporting line: Wildlife & Energy Strategic Partnership Project Manager

Key responsibilities

Conservation & Field work:

- Investigate mortality (bird or mammal) sites and coordinate field investigations with EWT field staff and volunteer investigators for distribution and transmission line incidents. This includes:
 - Travelling to various sites across South Africa (drivers license and ability to drive 4x4 is essential);
 - Gathering field data at the various mortality sites (including bird & mammal identification);
 - Assessing and investigating the incident (causes and results);
 - Completing reports and providing feedback.
 - Complete audits on Eskom recommendations sent.
 - Collect data on Eskom/EWT research projects.
- Database Management which includes:
 - Track distribution and transmission incidents on the national incident register of power line wildlife mortality (database management).
 - Capture, collation and preliminary analysis of primary research data as required. This may include GIS work and database management if necessary.
- Assist with the generation of recommendations for the mitigation of mortality hot-spots on distribution and transmission lines.
- Attendance of various internal and external meetings.
- Preparation and drafting of popular articles for a variety of media including in-house publications, the website, media releases and other media, as required from time to time.

Liaison and networking

- Communicate with farmers, landowners and Eskom corporate personnel;
- Promote a positive EWT image;
- Give presentations or posters at relevant meetings, functions, workshops and conferences;

Administration

- Ensure timely delivery on monthly reports and workshop / conference / meeting reports;
- Assistance with various administrative tasks as and when required, including processing of claim forms and other core tasks.
- Assist with report writing.
- Maintain a high standard of administrative duties (expense claim forms, invoices, etc.);

Qualifications and Requirements

The minimum requirements for this position include:

- Diploma in Nature Conservation or similar (may still be in progress)
- Field work experience would be advantages
- Competent and comfortable to travel long distances alone
- A good natural science knowledge (to identify birds and mammals)
- Competent to operate a camera and GPS
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office programmes
- Good report-writing skills.
- Good communication skills. Fluency in English and at least one other South African language is an advantage.
- Ability to work both as a team member and independently.
- High degree of self-motivation and pro-activity, and the proven ability to work under pressure.
- Willingness to work in remote places and travel extensively within SA.
- Be prepared to spend time away from home often staying over and long hours travelling.
- Valid SA driver's license, and suitable off road and long distance driving experience.
- Must be in possession of own vehicle (preferable)

Candidate profile

- Energetic, dynamic and self-motivated;
- Strategic thinker;
- Passionate about conservation and has the ability to engage with the corporate sector;
- Key interest in the renewable energy sector;
- Excellent communication and networking skills;
- Willing to take the initiative to learn and implement novel approaches and tools; and
- Motivated by the challenge of working with multi-disciplinary teams and also able to work independently.

This position is based at the EWT head office in Johannesburg Modderfontein. The Endangered Wildlife Trust is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants are requested to submit a CV, and a detailed motivation as to how and why they would be the best possible candidate for the Wildlife & Energy Programme Strategic Partnership Intern post.

Applicants who have not been contacted within 10 days of the closing date must please assume that their applications were not successful. The EWT reserves the right not to make an appointment.

All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence. Closing date: 08th March 2014. To apply please e-mail you're CV and a detailed motivation letter to Alison Janicke the Human Resource Manager, alisonj@ewt.org.za or Private Bag X11, Modderfontein, 1645 or fax to +27 086 636 5823

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The Endangered Wildlife Trust is a non-profit, public benefit organisation dedicated to conserving species and ecosystems in southern Africa to the benefit of all people.

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