

**uMngeni Ecological Infrastructure Partnership Coordinator: KwaZulu-Natal
(PIETERMARITZBURG OR DURBAN)
Ecological Infrastructure Directorate
Salary level 11
(3 year contract position)**

SANBI is looking for a highly motivated individual to coordinate the further development and implementation of the uMngeni Ecological Infrastructure Partnership (UEIP), and function as the link between this and other relevant initiatives.

The appointment requires the candidate to be in possession of a relevant post-graduate degree or equivalent qualification in Natural Sciences or Engineering. The successful candidate must have at least 7 years' relevant working experience, of which at least 2 years' should be in a managerial capacity, in working through partnerships, managing the implementation of large donor funded projects and communicating with a range of stakeholders. The successful candidate should have a working knowledge of the ecological, hydrological, social and economic attributes and drivers of the uMngeni River and its catchment. An understanding of the main actors involved in water security in the uMngeni catchment is also required, together with expert knowledge of the concept of ecological infrastructure, its theoretical underpinnings and the policy framework relating to its protection, rehabilitation and management. Working knowledge of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), particularly the Natural Resource Management Programmes of the Department of Environmental Affairs and relevant programmes of provincial and local government, will be an added advantage.


Responsibilities include to:

- Provide strategic, management and administrative support to the UEIP;
- Coordinate institutional arrangements for the UEIP;
- Support the implementation of relevant projects that support the aims of the UEIP;
- Support efforts to scale up and replicate the UEIP in the other catchments and
- Support efforts to capture and demonstrate the value & contribution of ecological infrastructure to the national development agenda

The successful candidate should have good leadership skills, good command of spoken and written English (competency in other official languages is an advantage), the aptitude or skills required for project management, the ability to plan and execute own work independently, as well as a valid Code B driver's license.

SANBI offers an all-inclusive annual salary package of R 495 603.00

Please Note: 1) An application form (obtainable from our Garden Offices or SANBI website www.sanbi.org must accompany the CV together with a letter motivating why the applicant should be favourably considered for the position and confirming that the minimum qualifications are met (applicants lacking evidence of relevant experience will not be considered). 2) Applicants must also provide the full names, addresses and telephone numbers and if possible e-mail addresses of at least three referees. 3) Failure to submit the requested information may result in your application not being considered.

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: 20 March 2014.

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 30 days of the closing date, candidates may consider that their applications were unsuccessful.*