



Survey Officer Vacancy

Purpose of the Position: The Endangered Wildlife Trust, one of the largest biodiversity conservation NGOs in southern Africa, is seeking to employ three (3) energetic and personable individuals to conduct questionnaire surveys of private game farmers for collection of quantitative and qualitative data on the wildlife ranching industry.

Reporting line: Wildlife Trade & Ranching Project Manager

Project description: The South African Government has recognised that the national economy needs to adopt resource-efficient production practices and move away from energy-intensive industries towards new green industries. The wildlife ranching industry has been flagged as a potentially strong sector of green economy development, but a detailed national assessment of its economic value and conservation contribution has not yet been conducted. To rectify this, the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) is conducting an assessment of the economic, social and conservation value of the wildlife ranching industry in South Africa, and its potential to support the green economy.

As part of this project, the EWT will hire three field assistants to conduct interviews with private game farmers across South Africa using structured survey questionnaires. These questionnaires will be designed to obtain quantitative and qualitative data on individual game farms, including aspects of land uses, species diversity, job creation and financial turnover. These data will then be used in various analyses of the game farming industry across South Africa at a scale that has not previously been done. Working with EWT project managers, you will be required to travel widely within South Africa visiting game farms and conducting face-to-face interviews with owners and managers of wildlife ranches. Basic training, planning assistance and general guidance will be provided by the EWT.

Timeline: The project will require 5 months fieldwork, starting on 1 July 2014, with a completion date of 28 November 2014.

Required knowledge and skills:

- Good general knowledge of wildlife ranching, ecology and conservation;
- Fluency in both Afrikaans and English;
- Strong interpersonal skills - an ability to communicate and interact in a professional and friendly manner;
- Good time management and the ability to self-organise and to work alone without close supervision;
- Comfortable speaking on the phone to arrange interviews;
- Comfortable navigating and driving in unfamiliar areas;
- Good working knowledge of excel spreadsheets;
- Previous experience conducting interviews would be beneficial, but is not a prerequisite;
- Applicants need to have a driving licence, their own personal vehicle, a laptop and a cell phone;
- Must be a South African citizen.

This short-term position is based out of the EWT head office in Johannesburg but survey officers are expected to travel widely. The Endangered Wildlife Trust is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants are requested to submit a CV with no less than three contactable references, and a detailed motivation as to how and why they would be the best possible candidate for the Survey Officer post.

All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence. Closing date 20 May 2014. To apply please e-mail your 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.

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.