### SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL PARKS

**VACANCY: BIO-TECHNICIAN**

## SCIENTIFIC SERVICES (KNYSNA)

**Paterson Grading C4: Salary Range: R 201 099.49 - R329 705.61**

### Closing date: 20th June 2014

A challenging vacancy currently exists for a Bio-Technician based in the Knysna Office of Scientific Services, the successful candidate will work throughout the Garden Route National Park (GRNP) and on an ad hoc basis in other parks.

**Key Performance Areas:**

1. Under guidance of scientists, undertake research and monitoring in the GRNP related to fynbos and fire dynamics, rare and threatened plant species, alien invasive flora, rehabilitation of previously disturbed areas, indigenous forest dynamics, and fynbos/forest resource use.
2. Capture, check, edit, store and summarise data for research and monitoring projects and relevant enumerations. Maintenance of research and monitoring sites.
3. Maintenance and expansion of herbarium specimen collection.
4. Select trees for timber harvesting purposes according to set criteria. Capture and process related data and compile reports.
5. Ad hoc scientific support to scientists, managers and visiting researchers as required.
6. Provide scientific inputs to awareness and outreach programs.
7. Administration: budgeting, procurement, storekeeping, equipment maintenance, work planning and reporting.

**Requirements:**

1. National Diploma or degree in the environmental sciences (nature conservation, ecology, botany, or forestry).
2. Relevant experience in conservation, with knowledge and understanding of research and monitoring methods, preferably in fynbos and/or indigenous forests.
3. Computer literacy with a good working knowledge of Microsoft Office, especially MS Excel, Word and Power point, and with data management skills.
4. A valid Code B driver’s license.
5. Must be able to frequently undertake physically demanding fieldwork in rugged environments and dense vegetation.
6. Must be able to work independently, labour intensive as part of a team with scientists.
7. Must be willing to work away from home occasionally.

The total cost to employer remuneration package is based on the salary scale for the Paterson C4 job grade, with allowances and benefits as specified in the SANParks HR Tariff Document and Conditions of Service. No official accommodation is available.

**Applications, accompanied by a CV and certified copies of qualifications, are to be sent to:**

**The Human Resources Department**

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Candidates who have not been contacted within 21 days of the closing date may consider their applications as unsuccessful.