

Position Available: Environmental Scientist

Eco-Pulse Consulting is an environmental consulting company, based in Hilton, KwaZulu-Natal offering selected services in the fields of natural and water resource management. The name of the business reflects the focus of the company. "Eco" stands for ecology - the scientific study of the distributions, abundance and relations of organisms and their interactions with the environment. We seek to apply the science of ecology to real-world (usually management) questions in order to protect the health of our natural resources. A strong "Pulse" is an indicator of vitality and reflects our vision for a healthy planet.

Eco-Pulse is looking for an environmental scientist to join their small team of specialist consultants in order to support and complement the existing services that we offer to meet market opportunities. While our projects cover a broad spectrum of environmental matters, key focal areas include:

- Aquatic Assessments: This includes a strong focus on wetland delineation, and functional assessments as part of the EIA and Water Use Licensing Processes.
- Ecological Restoration: We have extensive experience in wetland rehabilitation but also assist with forest rehabilitation and alien plant control planning.
- Biodiversity Offsets: We have led the development of wetland offset guidelines for South Africa and are well placed to support offset projects in this emerging field of practice.
- Biodiversity Assessments: We provide specialist support at both regional and site level to inform development applications and conservation planning.

Minimum requirements are as follows:

- Honour's degree in natural science disciplines,
- Basic GIS skills and experience;
- Excellent report writing skills in English;
- Excellent computer literacy;
- Excellent interpersonal and teamwork skills;
- A valid driver's license.

Preferred candidates would have the following skills and experience:

- Master's degree in natural science disciplines with a strong ecological background;
- An excellent academic track record;
- Specific experience in at least one of our key focal areas;
- An ability to work independently;
- Good project management skills.

Interested persons are invited to apply by sending a detailed curriculum vitae to hmacfarlane@eco-pulse.co.za.

Closing date: 20th June 2014

Eco-Pulse reserves the right not to fill the above position.

