

Mining and Biodiversity Engagement Officer

BirdLife South Africa's Policy and Advocacy Programme

BirdLife South Africa (BLSA), based in Johannesburg, South Africa, is one of the largest, most active, non-governmental conservation organisations in South Africa.

BirdLife South Africa is looking for a dynamic person for the new Mining and Biodiversity Engagement Officer position. This job will entail liaising with the various stakeholders in the mining sector to proactively embed biodiversity issues in mining best practice principles. The incumbent will also be actively involved in BirdLife South Africa's responses to mining-related environmental impact assessments. The period of employment is initially one year with the possibility to extend employment dependant on securing further funding.

The preferred candidate will:

- have completed an appropriate honours degree, or equivalent, in natural sciences or natural resource management.
- have a working knowledge of the environmental impact assessment process and the legal framework governing mining in South Africa.
- be familiar with the Mining and Biodiversity Guidelines and best practice for South African mines.
- have exemplary administrative abilities and organisational skills.
- have knowledge of and experience in using the range of Microsoft Office software.
- be fluent in written and spoken English. Another South African language would be an advantage.

In addition, the ideal candidate will:

- be self-motivated, hardworking, willing to travel when required and able to work independently with minimum supervision.
- have good writing and communication skills.

- have administrative and financial management experience and interpersonal skills at all levels.
- have a valid code B motor vehicle driving licence.

The successful candidate will report to the Policy and Advocacy Programme Manager at BirdLife South Africa. The position will be based at BirdLife South Africa's headquarters in Johannesburg although the ability to work well remotely is encouraged. BirdLife South Africa offers a salary which is commensurate with the position and responsibilities.

Successful applicants will be required to attend interviews. Details of BirdLife South Africa can be obtained from www.birdlife.org.za or by requesting the information from the address below.

Applicants are to submit a comprehensive CV with at least three contactable referees, as well as a motivation as to how they would see their role in this post. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Candidates who have not been contacted within 14 days of the closing date must please assume that their applications were not successful. Correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates.

BirdLife South Africa reserves the right not to make an appointment.

BirdLife South Africa is an equal opportunity employer.

Closing date: 17 August 2014.

To apply please e-mail your CV and motivation to advocacy@birdlife.org.za

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