



SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILDLIFE COLLEGE

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VACANCY

NATURAL RESOURCE ECONOMIST

The Southern African Wildlife College is seeking to recruit a highly motivated person to develop the SAWC's capacity to teach wildlife economics, and to work on economic issues with the private, state and especially the community (CBNRM) sector.

The Economist, together with the CBNRM Manager, will build models and pilot sites that demonstrate how to involve communities (on both communal land, and land claims) in the wildlife sector in a meaningful manner, in order to reduce poverty at household level.

The Resource Economist will be expected to work with the private sector, protected areas, and communities to analyse working economic models, options and issues.

He / She will need to construct databases assessing R/ha returns to land from these models, as well as databases of prices for hunting and tourism aimed at assisting communities and protected areas to become financially viable.

He / She will also be expected to position the SAWC Economic Unit for further growth in supporting the inclusion of communities in the wildlife sector in South Africa and beyond, including the reduction of illegal wildlife trade (mainly rhino).

The SAWC offers a competitive cost-to-company remuneration package (R 26,000.00 – R 32,000.00 pm, dependent on skills and qualifications), and the position will be on a rolling fixed term contract.

Interested candidates who meet the requirements should email a cover letter and CV with verified copies of qualifications to:

Bianca Theron at btheron@sawc.org.za or **+27 15 793 7314** (fax).

The SAWC is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to having a diverse workforce tasked with the upliftment of the communities within which it operates.

PLEASE NOTE: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

I.e. The minimum qualifications required to perform the job to experienced worker standards.

- **SCHOOL:**
Matric Qualification
- **TERTIARY:**
BSc or Masters in Appropriate Subject/s;
- **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:**
Not applicable
- **OTHER:**
Minimum Relevant Degree in Economics, Business, Finance, or Development.
Post-graduate Degree and International Qualifications will be an advantage.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE:

Relevant experience in community or management-related programmes and rural development

- Five Years Relevant Experience
- Academic Performance: Strong Academic Track Record is Important, Candidate must demonstrate an ability to think logically and independently.
- Subject Experience and Expertise
- Ability to Work with Communities in the Field for 2-3 weeks a Month
- Experience in South Africa's Wildlife Sector
- Ability to conduct research, initiate PhD or Master's studies, and to develop environmental research project plans, including information on: budgets, goals, deliverables, timelines, and resource requirements.
- Experience in preparing and delivering presentations to communicate economic and environmental study results, to present policy recommendations, or to raise awareness of environmental consequences.
- Ability to write technical documents or academic articles to communicate study results or economic forecasts.
- Able to assess the costs and benefits of various activities, policies, or regulations that affect the environment or natural resource stocks.
- Capable of demonstrating or promoting the economic benefits of sound environmental regulations.
- Competent in developing policy recommendations to achieve environmental goals in cost-effective ways
- Ability to work patiently, persistently and politely with communities
- Results orientated
- Very strong administrative and organizational skills and ability
- Strong computer-literacy levels
- Must be able to maintain records, communicate clearly, and liaise with people from various demographic backgrounds.
- Must be able to organize well, work under pressure and work with minimal supervision against set outcomes.

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