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VACANCY: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK
BUFFER ZONE COORDINATOR
PATERSON GRADING: D2

(4 years Fixed Term Contract)

Closing Date: 18 September 2015



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A vacancy exists for the position of Buffer Zone Coordinator – Kruger National Park. The position will be stationed at the Kruger-2-Canyons Biosphere Office, Hoedspruit, or at the KNP Phalaborwa Office. The successful candidate will be reporting to the Senior Manager: Park Planning and Co-management, Conservation Management - KNP.

Purpose of the Job

Facilitate integrated land use planning, management and coordination of associated bioregional initiatives within the Kruger 2 Canyon Biosphere (K2C BR) and the broader Lowveld region, South Africa. Implementation is through the GEF 5 Protected Area Management Effectiveness Programme.

Key tasks and responsibilities

- Develop appropriate guidelines, practices and policies regarding integrated land use planning.
- Develop and maintain strategic and working relationships with Conservation authorities, District and Local Municipalities, Catchment Management Agencies (CMA's), Biospheres, Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA), tertiary institutions, NGO's and sectors.
- Ensure effective land use planning within the District and Local Authority planning processes (SDF, LED, IDP), and other relevant institutional mechanisms.
- Through strategic partnerships, inform catchment and site-based planning, and the implementation of socially and environmentally appropriate land use interventions to secure key biodiversity and ecosystem services, and to improve protected area and natural resource planning and management.
- Assist adjacent and affected communities to secure appropriate and sustainable benefits from the protected areas and adjacent natural resource network by promoting wildlife based economy.
- Support the Biodiversity Stewardship and protected area declaration process.
- Maintain an effective monitoring, evaluation and learning system to ensure adequate knowledge transfer.

Requirements:

- A recognised 4 year post graduate tertiary qualification in environmental / natural resource management or similar, with preference given to an MSc or similar qualification.
- At least 5 years' experience in bioregional and land use planning, protected area management, and socio-economic models pertaining to protected areas and the rural context.
- Knowledge of relevant environmental legislation and statutory processes.
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of co-operative management models.
- Strong Project Management experience.
- Financial management.
- Excellent communication skills, and ability to speak, read and write English.
- A valid South African resident status.
- Computer literacy in MS Office.
- Good report writing and presentation skills.
- Basic GIS literacy.
- A background in dealing with rural agricultural farming communities would be advantageous.
- A valid driver's license (Code EB) and willingness to travel (own vehicle required).

Package – Full Cost to Company:

This will be a four-year fixed term contract. The successful candidate will receive a travel and cell phone allowance. To apply please provide a covering letter motivating why you should be considered for this position together with a detailed CV and certified copies of certificates/qualifications, ID and driver' licence, with current e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of three references.

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Candidates who have received no response within two weeks of the closing date should kindly assume that their application has not been successful.