



Threatened Grassland Species Programme Regional Field Officer Mpumalanga

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The Endangered Wildlife Trust, based in Johannesburg, South Africa, has grown over the past thirty-five years into one of the major non-governmental conservation organisations operating throughout southern Africa.

The Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) seeks to appoint a Regional Field Officer within the Threatened Grassland Species Programme (TGSP). The EWT-TGSP addresses threats to grassland species through habitat conservation initiatives, interactive research, environmental education and strategic conservation planning.

The EWT-TGSP field officer will coordinate all TGSP related conservation activities in the Mpumalanga province, including the implementation of all relevant habitat conservation initiatives, research, outreach and species monitoring projects. The field officer will also produce publications on the region's work, communicate with landowners, the public and other EWT Working Groups, manage key administrative functions for the region, perform media liaison, write annual reports, manage assets and apply strict budget controls for their regional programme. The candidate will be required to liaise with decision-makers in government and industry, relevant stakeholders, other conservation organisations and sponsors by way of reports, meetings or presentations and develop a good network of contracts in the required area.

Experience in or understanding of the conservation NGO environment is essential.

Strong communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team are important. The candidate will be organised, efficient, self-driven, able to work well under pressure and passionate about the environment.

Purpose of the job: Coordinate key threatened grassland species activities in the Mpumalanga province.

Qualifications / Experience requirements:

- Tertiary qualifications in natural sciences (BSc or BTech)
- Minimum of 2 year's field experience and a proven track record in conservation
- Experience in interacting with landowners, strategic planning, project management and scientific publishing
- Experience in GIS mapping would be an advantage
- Knowledge of the grassland biome and threatened fauna species within this biome will be a further advantage
- The ability to operate the MS Office suite is compulsory
- A second or more language/s would be an advantage

The EWT-TGSP Regional Field Officer will work within a newly established Working Group and be a team player, reporting to the TGSP Manager. Successful applicants will be required to attend interviews in Johannesburg, and the selected candidate will be based in Mpumalanga.

This is a contract appointment. The Endangered Wildlife Trust is an equal opportunity employer.

Applicants are to submit a comprehensive CV including references, 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. The EWT reserves the right not to make an appointment.

To apply please e-mail your CV to alisonj@ewt.org.za or post to "Human Resource Manager", Private Bag X11, Parkview, 2122. Or fax to +27 (11) 486 1506. Closing date: 31 March 2009