



Assistant Environmental Officer: Marion Island (Approximately Fifteen Months Contract) Ref: (OC 31/2017)

Salary R152 862 per annum (plus 37% lieu in benefits)

Centre: Marion Island

Requirements:

- An appropriate Diploma in Environmental Conservation or Natural Sciences or equivalent relevant qualification;
- Experience in field work. Knowledge and understanding of environmental legislation and experience in invasion ecology will serve as an added advantage;
- The incumbent has to timeously report to the team Environmental Conservation Officer (ECO) and should be able work under extreme pressure with minimal supervision;
- The successful candidate must be computer literate, have good verbal and written communication skills and the ability to work in a team.

Duties:

- Participate in the Marion Island 2018/19 expedition as an assistant ECO for a period of about 14 months, as well as pertinent training preceding the voyage;
- Provide the annual team ECO with support in implementing the provisions of the Prince Edward Island Management Plan (PEIMP) and associated legislation;
- Assist the team ECO in Implementing the Alien Species Eradication Plan and in monitoring compliance to Environmental Authorisations/Records of Decision issued under the EIA Regulations for activities at the Prince Edward Islands (PEIs). Assist in the development of environmental Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Note:

The incumbent will execute duties at a Sub/Antarctic Base and adhere to the health, safety and environmental requirements. The successful applicant will spend a full year (April 2018 to May 2019) at Marion Island. **There is no option to return to South Africa before May 2019.** The ability to work and live with small groups of people is thus essential. Although the base is well-equipped with e-mail, fax and satellite telephone facilities, the applicant has to be self-sufficient and self-motivated. The location may affect both the physical and mental well-being of the incumbent, their family and close relationships. Candidates must be physically fit, mentally strong and prepared for physically challenging and satisfying work. In addition the successful candidates may often be called upon to work long hours in extreme conditions on duties unrelated to their function. Short-listed candidates will be subjected to screening and security vetting to determine their suitability for employment. Appointment to these positions is subject to a rigorous medical examination, which will be arranged for at no cost to the applicants.

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Closing date: 18 October 2017

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- All applications must be submitted on a **Z83 application form** (*click bold underlined text to download PDF form*) accompanied by certified copies of qualifications, identity document (ID) as well as a comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV) and Driver's License in order to be considered.
 - The National Department of Environmental Affairs is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.
 - It is the applicant's responsibility to have foreign qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA).
 - Correspondence will be limited to successful candidates only.
 - People with Disabilities are encouraged to apply
 - Short-listed candidates will be subjected to screening and security vetting to determine their suitability for employment, including but not limited to: Criminal records; Citizenship status; Credit-worthiness; Previous employment (reference checks); and Qualification verification. Candidates shortlisted for the SMS post will be subjected to a technical exercise that intends to test relevant technical elements of the job.
 - Following the interview and the technical exercise, the Selection Panel will recommend candidates to attend a generic managerial competency assessment in compliance with the DPSA Directive on the implementation of competency based assessments.
 - Furthermore, the person appointed to this position will be subject to a security clearance, the signing of a performance agreement and an employment contract.
 - If you have not been contacted within three 3 months after the closing date of the advertisement, please accept that your application was unsuccessful.
 - The department reserves the right not to make an appointment.
 - Relaxation of qualification requirements may be considered for non-OSD posts
 - **Applications must be forwarded to:** The Director-General: Department of Environmental Affairs, Private Bag X4390, Cape Town, 8000 or hand-deliver to 14 Loop Street, Cape Town. No faxed, e-mailed and late applications will be considered.