Control Biodiversity Officer: Biodiversity and Climate Change (Ref. B&C08/2013)

Salary: Appropriate salary will be determined according to the regulatory framework (based on OSD)

Centre: Pretoria

Requirements:
- Appropriate 3-year Bachelor’s degree in Natural Sciences, Biological/Agricultural Sciences, Environmental Management, Geography or Development Studies and background experience in Biodiversity and Climate Change issues. A postgraduate qualification will serve as an added advantage
- Extensive experience in biodiversity and conservation management issues
- Understanding of policy and legislative framework governing biodiversity and climate change
- Experience in research will serve as an added advantage
- Good biodiversity and climate change knowledge
- Management skills
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Planning and organisational skills
- Ability to interact professionally with a wide range of stakeholders
- Ability to write and interpret technical reports and maps
- Ability to work independently and efficiently under pressure
- Valid driver’s licence and preparedness to travel extensively.

Duties:
- Assist the Sub-directorate: Biodiversity and Climate Change by:
  - Facilitating policy development on the effects of climate change on biodiversity and its linkages thereof
  - Supporting the provision of sound science-based risk assessments and response planning measures and advice for managing the impacts of unavoidable climate change on terrestrial biodiversity
  - Providing technical and scientific support by establishing relevant research programmes to support conservation and sustainable use
  - Assisting in the enhancement and development of climate change adaptation research and analytical capacity
  - Facilitating the work on Ecosystem-based Adaptation
  - Assisting in the development and implementation of a framework for the Biodiversity and Climate Change Response Strategy
  - Conducting public awareness and stakeholder engagement on issues pertaining to the biodiversity and climate change
  - Liaising with the relevant components within DEA, Public Entities and other Government departments, including the Private Sector, NGOs and Civil Society.

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