Production scientist grade A: seabird research (OC 19/2017)

Salary: R 549 639 (All inclusive remuneration package, conditions apply)

Centre: Cape Town

Requirements:

- An appropriate, recognized Honours degree in natural sciences (Zoology) with emphasis on Marine Top Predators including seabirds plus 3 years post qualification scientific experience.
- Compulsory registration with SACNASP as a Professional Natural Scientist.
- Sound knowledge of seabird biology, Behaviour and ecology including population ecology.
- Ability to independently undertake research (including at sea and in the field often for sustained periods) aimed at advising on the conservation, utilisation and management of marine top predators in South Africa (including at the Prince Edward Islands).
- Ability to supervise technical staff, provide mentorship and implement staff capacity building and training programmes.
- Proficiency in various software packages and mathematical modelling is needed, as well as good interpersonal skills for work on field teams.
- Excellent data management skills and experience in the analysis of large and complex animal-tracking and capture-mark-recapture datasets, and a record of publication in peer-reviewed journals will be an added advantage.
- The successful candidate must pass a medical examination for seafarers (Section 101 of the SAMS Act.57 of 1951).

Duties:

- Maintain and establish research programmes on seabird biology and conservation.
- Conduct scientific and provide technical support with regards to field trip planning, data collection, process and analyses samples, manage data input and maintain databases.
- Generate and analyse data and produce technical reports and scientific publications.
- The incumbent will also be required to offer assistance within the Top Predator research program. Participate in working groups and scientific fora.
• Manage research activities and review proposed scientific projects and publications.
• Develop collaborations with other research institutions.
• Give advice on issues related to seabird biology and conservation and marine ecotourism development.
• Participate on national, regional and international research levels.
• Participate in capacity building and training programmes and transfer skills to and mentor junior staff and students with an emphasis on support of transformation objectives.

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Closing date: 25 September 2017

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) in order to be considered.

Take note that the department will verify all qualifications and experience and that original documents must be submitted on appointment and all qualifications obtained abroad will be evaluated by SAQA.

Short listed candidates will be subjected to screening and security vetting to determine the suitability of a person for employment.

Senior Management candidates to be subjected to competency assessment, signing of an employment contract and performance agreement.

If you have not been contacted within three months after the closing date of this advertisement, please accept that your application was unsuccessful.

The department reserves the right not to make an appointment.

People with disabilities are encouraged to apply

Consideration will be given to applicants who meet the minimum requirements of advertised posts.

Relaxation of qualification requirements may be considered for non-OSD posts.

Applications should be forwarded to: the Director-General, Department of Environmental Affairs, Private Bag X4390, Cape Town 8000 Or hand-deliver to: 14th Loop Street, Cape Town, for Attention: Human Resources.