



VACANCY: Conservation Officer for Sabi Sand Wildtuin

The Sabi Sand Wildtuin (SSW) is now recruiting for the position of **Conservation Officer**.

The SSW is one of South Africa's well-known private game reserves. The SSW is a highly sought-after tourist destination with unsurpassed Big 5 game viewing and a variety of lodges. The reserve has pioneered a host of wildlife and conservation management practices.

This is an exceptional opportunity for a conservation professional who wants to be part of a dedicated team at the forefront of conservation.

Overview of role:

Purpose: To assist the reserve's conservation team in all environmental conservation and operational activities.

Reports to: The SSW HOD of Conservation

Location: Sabi Sand Wildtuin, Mpumalanga, South Africa

Applications close: 11 January 2019

Key Responsibilities:

Ecological projects:

- Running annual conservation projects, including but not limited to, vegetation condition assessments, southern ground hornbills, alien plants, annual aerial census.

Incident response:

- Responding to fires, animal related issues, Damage Causing Animals and floods.

Environmental Compliance:

- Monitoring of ecologically sensitive areas and EIA processes and assisting with EIA related issues.

Administration:

- Permitting: wildlife, registrations, capture & transport, burning.
- Mapping of annual ecological events such as fire and floods.
- Updating maps of infrastructure and in the Sabi Sand Wildtuin.
- Management of GIS data for both internal and external users.
- Administration, monthly reports, GIS mapping.

Human Capital management:

- Planning daily tasks and activities of allocated conservation teams as well as monthly data collection
- Supervision of conservation department staff.



Qualifications, Skills and Experience required

- Formal conservation related qualification (B-Tech / BSc)
- Strong GIS analysis and mapping skills (QGIS & ARC GIS)
- Technical conservation related report writing abilities
- Firearm competencies: manually operated rifle and experience in handling firearms
- Minimum 3 years of experience in a similar role/ environment
- Experience working in Big Five, protected area
- Firefighting and prescribed burning experience

Personal Attributes

- **Excellent communication and people skills are essential for this role**
- Strong organizational and time management skills
- Passionate and dedicated about conservation efforts
- Able to manage complexity and adapt to changing conditions
- The candidate must be flexible and able to work effectively under pressure and meet deadlines

Salary and Benefits

- Salary and benefits will be negotiated with the successful applicant, in accordance with experience
- Housing will be provided on the reserve

How to Apply

Applicants who meet the above criteria and wish to apply should email a CV of maximum 3 pages and personally written motivation letter **stating your salary expectations** to hrofficer@sabisand.co.za **no later than 11 January 2019.**

Should you not hear from us within 2 weeks, please consider your application unsuccessful.

Please note this vacancy is subject to the below:

- Applicants must have the right to legally work in South Africa.
- The Employer reserves the right to vary the specifications of the advertised position.
- The Employer reserves the right not to make an appointment.