



VACANCY: SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER

Duration: Three Year Fixed-term Contract
Reporting to: Chief Executive Officer
Location: Stellenbosch/Remotely

Background:

Peace Parks is a non-profit conservation organisation that specialises in the development of Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs) and the long-term management of key protected areas within these landscapes. We currently focus on the development of four priority TFCAs throughout southern Africa and the co-management of nine national parks and protected areas covering over 3.5 million hectares within a larger TFCA landscape of over 650,000km². In addition to protected area management, Peace Parks also focusses on landscape and natural resource-based community development initiatives. Peace Parks has had a year-on-year growth average of 25% per annum for the past decade and currently has an annual operational budget of over R700 million. A talented and motivated individual is sought to join the Senior Management team.

Role Accountabilities

- Lead the planning, development, and management of protected areas.
- Manage and direct a large staff complement.
- Prepare annual operation plans and budgets and implement with appropriate levels of accountability and effectiveness.
- Procurement and management of consultants and contractors.
- Promote tourism development.
- Support to the co-management governance models being implemented in the protected areas.
- Liaise with Government entities, conservation management authorities, donors, stakeholders as well as other affected and interested parties.

Role Requirements

The Senior Project Manager is expected to be an achiever who has already made a mark in the conservation or business management arena of Southern Africa and is expected to be a dynamic and innovative manager with good organising, project management and leadership skills.

- At least ten to fifteen years' experience in a similar environment, preferably with a degree in the natural sciences, project management or business management fields.
- Track record, ability, and willingness to live and work in remote conditions is highly advantageous.
- Skills in negotiating, analytic skills, excellent interpersonal communications and writing skills, an understanding of financial management and project management as well as experience in Procurement and management of consultants and contractors are all considered essential.
- An understanding and / or experience in the management, planning and development of conservation areas with specific understanding and / or experience in anti-poaching, community development and infrastructure programmes will be highly advantageous.
- Experience in management, liaison, monitoring and evaluation, compliance and reporting on large international co-operation programmes.
- Planning, project lifecycle management, monitoring and evaluation.
- Written and oral communication skills to engage with leaders, staff, external parties and conference presentations.

- Results-focused, goals, objectives and deadline-oriented.
- Reflect the values and culture at Peace Parks.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter detailing their interest in and suitability for the position and a Curriculum Vitae, with full address, telephone number, email address and contact details of three references. These should be submitted by **25 May 2022**.

A competitive salary package will be negotiated, based on qualifications and experience.

Applications should be submitted to:
Human Resources
Email: applications@peaceparks.org

SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES will be contacted to attend an interview. Should you not hear from us within two weeks from the closing date, your application was unsuccessful.