



environmental affairs

Department:
Environmental Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

- APPLICATION:** Must be submitted on a Z83 form with a copy of a comprehensive CV, certified copies of qualifications and ID document in order to be considered, and forwarded for the Director-General, Department of Environmental Affairs, **Private Bag X4390, Cape Town, 8000 or hand-deliver to 14 Loop Street, Cape Town.** 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. 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.
- POST:** **FIELD ASSISTANTS: SEABIRD RESEARCH (x2 POSTS) (APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MONTHS CONTRACT) – REF NO: OC30/2019**
- SALARY:** **R208 584 per annum (plus 37% lieu in benefits)**
- CENTRE:** **MARION ISLAND**
- REQUIREMENTS:** At least one member of the team must have a BSc (Hons) or higher degree and there might be scope to collect data towards a further degree (e.g. MSc) attention to detail and meticulous data collection and entry requirements: A relevant Degree or Diploma or equivalent experience that demonstrates the ability to conduct scientific monitoring to a high standard. Experience in field surveys, research administration, data collection and management, bird's identification & handling, report writing and recording. Preference will be given to persons having prior experience working with seabirds.
- DUTIES:** Undertake biological research, fieldwork and monitoring according to a workplan as devised by the project managers. Make day-to-day decisions about work priorities and fieldwork protocols. Maintain accurate records of the work and computer databases of the work. Regularly report to and update the project manager on progress of the project. The applicants must have determination, physical fitness and the ability to work under harsh environmental conditions subject to extremes of weather; a desire to work with animals, including handling of seabird adults and chicks, which require empathy for the birds. Successful applicants will spend a full year (April 2018 to May 2019) at Marion Island. Note that there is no option to return before the end of the expedition, once you land at the island. The well-equipped new base station has full e-mail, fax and satellite telephone facilities.
- 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 2020 to May 2021) at Marion Island. *There is no option to return to South Africa before May 2021.* 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.

ENQUIRIES: Dr. A Makhado (021 819 5021), Ms L Visagie (021 819 5057), Mr B Dyer (021 819 5054)

CLOSING DATE: 14 October 2019