



Conservation & Community Outreach Officer – Northwest Namibia

Start Date – mid-April 2018

JOB ADVERT

The Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF) is the only organisation in the world that concentrates solely on the conservation and management of giraffe in the wild throughout Africa.

GCF and Natural Selection (NS) are seeking a dynamic individual to join our small team as a field-based Conservation & Community outreach Officer – Northwest Namibia. The position will be 100% field-based at the Hoanib Valley Camp in northwestern Namibia. This position offers a unique opportunity for someone who is passionate about nature, wildlife and community-based conservation. The position requires good off-road driving skills and excellent English communication skills to work with guests and the GCF-NS team. The focus of the position is to coordinate wildlife and community-based conservation activities in northwestern Namibia, associated with the Hoanib Valley Camp.

We are looking for an independent person with a sound field conservation background, good English writing skills for reporting, and who is self-motivated and driven.

The position is initially limited to two-years and is based at the Hoanib Valley Camp, northwestern Namibia. Only Namibian citizens or permanent residents will be considered for the position. Contract renewal is funding dependent. Longer term support for research-based post-graduate studies may be an option.

BACKGROUND

It is the goal of GCF and NS to develop a targeted wildlife conservation and community outreach project linked with the new Hoanib Valley Camp in northwestern Namibia. The Conservation & Community Outreach Officer will be responsible for coordinating conservation and community outreach activities linked to the Hoanib Valley Camp and creating awareness about the projects with national and international guests, staff and the local community.

LOCATION

Hoanib Valley Camp, northwestern Namibia

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Liaise with and create environmental education and awareness about GCF and NS amongst GCF, NS, community conservancies and guests.
- Be a spokesperson for wildlife conservation and community outreach for GCF and NS in the region.
- Educate NS staff, community conservancy members and guests about conservation and in particular GCF's work.
- Direct education of guests through involvement in game drives a minimum of 3-days per week to discuss and illustrate the conservation and community outreach work, whilst also collecting data.
- Coordinate, implement, analyse and write up monthly wildlife surveys, targeted giraffe conservation research, and monitor camera traps.
- Maintain and update the camp conservation and community outreach work station with relevant information so that guests can visit between game drives or as an activity involving data entering and processing.
- Collect data on daily game drives and ensure the data is captured appropriately.
- Maintain and collect data from rainfall gauges and river flood activities.
- Ensure monthly project updates are provided to GCF and NS, including survey data, photos and updates.

REQUIRED SKILLS

- Experience in wildlife conservation and/or community outreach with a good understanding of, or experience in, ecotourism preferable.
- Strong interpersonal skills and engaging personality.
- Ability to work independently and motivate others.
- Degree in conservation or similar.
- Full driving license and experience in off-road driving.
- Excellent English skills to converse freely with guests and other researchers.
- Good knowledge of at least one local language to engage with local community.
- Good writing and report writing capacity.
- Good computer and scientific analysis skills, GIS mapping and statistics preferable
- Excellent knowledge of and commitment to wildlife conservation in Africa.
- Meticulous approach to work and ability to produce quality outputs in a timely manner.

REMUNERATION

N\$10-15,000 per month, depending on experience. Food and lodging when in camp provided.

CONTACT

For any further information regarding the position contact us directly or apply by sending your CV and covering letter ONLY to GCF at: info@giraffeconservation.org