



**Namibia Nature Foundation
Community Conservation Fisheries in KAZA Project**



Vacancy announcement

Project coordinator Fisheries

The Namibia Nature Foundation is looking to appoint two project coordinators for the EU-funded project “Community Conservation Fisheries in KAZA” with immediate effect. The project has started in January 2012 and is anticipated to end in June 2018 with a potential extension to December 2018. Funding for the extension is subject to availability by the donor.

A. Overall Objective

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to improved food security in the KAZA area, particularly for women, children and the rural poor through improved fisheries management, through the establishment of community-based, sustainable management systems for riverine/floodplain fisheries in the river basins of the project area.

Results that are to be achieved (and partly have been achieved already) under this project include to

- Establish effective communication channels (network platforms) between all stakeholders, local, national and particularly international.
- Build capacity in fisheries management, particularly at local community level but also at local government level and in fisheries departments at national level.
- Support improved aquatic habitat and fishery resulting from establishment of network of Fish Protection Areas and elimination of environmentally damaging fishing methods.
- Advocate for harmonised fisheries legislation empowering local communities to manage own fisheries resources.
- Establish fish ranching established in existing natural water bodies.

The main focus during the remaining time frame until June 2018 is to

- Roll-out lessons learnt to other communities
- Establish more Fish Protection Areas jointly with local communities
- Standardise current practices for improved community fisheries management
- Expand the work in Zambia and Botswana
- Harmonise legislation in the partner countries for improved fisheries

The Project coordinator will be full-time involved in the project and will be stationed in Sesheke and Katima Mulilo with the following tasks:

Key duties and responsibilities

Responsibilities/ results	Tasks/ Activities
Coordination of all activities of the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for coordinating the Namibian/Zambian aspects of the project. Responsible for delivering the required outputs and outcomes of the project as contained in the proposal, responsible for implementing the work plan. Support conservancy committees or communities with similar structures in terms of institutional arrangements but also with management their fisheries
Collaborate with relevant partners in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in close collaboration with the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources in Namibia and the respective Ministries in Zambia; work with project staff involved as well as those from neighbouring countries. Work in close collaboration with and support to target fishing communities, their Traditional Authorities and elected Councillors. Liaise with other line Ministries (in Namibia, Botswana and Zambia) and relevant NGO's as may be appropriate to help achieve the project objectives. Liaise with NNF project staff in region as needs arise
Supervision of field staff members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise fish development officers and market monitors Develop monthly workplans and reports with field staff members Manage staff members' advance claims and reconciliations of funds Provide technical and practical guidelines
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit monthly technical reports to the teamleader with detailed information about progress and challenges
Accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Account monthly for advances received to facilitate fieldwork with the finance department according to established NNF procedures.
Other tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertaking other duties and tasks as delegated by the teamleader. Undertaking any tasks or duties, at own initiative or upon request, that will contribute to the smooth-running and efficiency of the NNF project and the fulfilment of its mission; Maintaining a productive, supportive relationship with NNF colleagues and project partners. Address necessary capacity building and training needs. Report on activities and progress to the technical advisory committee.

B. Desired qualifications and experience:

The person must have:

- a) Minimum a post graduate degree in (preferably M.Sc. or PhD) in

- Fisheries/Ichthyology, Natural Resource or Environmental Management with a proven track record in community based natural resource management work, or a
 - Social Sciences with a proven track record in Fisheries/Ichthyology
- b) Minimum 3 years of experience in project administration, management and implementation
 - c) extensive experience in working with rural communities on institutional development work,
 - d) experience in working with donors (especially with the EU)
 - e) experience in working with government agencies,
 - f) experience in transboundary issues,
 - g) excellent people, leadership and communication skills,
 - h) excellent command in English as well as writing and reporting skills.
 - i) Knowledge of community/village/conservancy structure and organisation and proven experience and ability in working in community relations in rural parts of Zambezi Region, Namibia.
 - j) Enthusiasm for fieldwork
 - k) specific experience of fisheries and/or river basin issues would be an advantage,
 - l) Drivers licence

C. Submission of Application

Interested candidates should apply in person to the NNF Office in Windhoek

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Candidates should submit their CV with a covering letter that clearly states how their skills and experience meet the requirements of the position. References should be included as well as copies of certificates. Applications must be submitted by 06 June 2017. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.