



**SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL PARKS
VACANCY: MANAGER: WATER RESOURCES
Paterson Grade: D3**

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Closing date: 17 March 2023

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the position of Manager: Water Resources in the Kruger National Park reporting to the General Manager: Regional Integration and planning, with cross reporting to the Conservation Management department. The position will be based remotely either at the Phalaborwa or the Hoedspruit satellite offices, with reporting to the Skukuza office.

Purpose

To ensure sustainable management of water resources in the Kruger National Park and conservation of its freshwater ecosystems, with a focus on broader catchment management collaboration, including at the transboundary Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area level.

Job objectives:

- To maintain, update and implement catchment management plans, and strategies of the park through co-ordination with both upstream and downstream institutions.
- To influence and support decision making regarding the management of freshwater resources within the KNP.
- Continue the implementation of environmental water requirements and resource quality objectives of rivers flowing through the KNP.
- To guide responsible resource use practices in the KNP (including both biotic and abiotic resources).
- Further develop the KNPs freshwater management and monitoring program at a transboundary scale in the interests of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation and transboundary water resources management objectives
- Co-ordinate and represent SANParks at a national and regional level on sustainable water resources and ecosystem management, including that of Ramsar sites.
- To coordinate resourcing and funding of the KNP River management section to deliver on current and future operational needs.
- Coordinate and give inputs into EIAs and WUL applications.
- To maintain cooperative management of water resources, through stakeholder outreach and create awareness in catchment areas around the park to garner support of the park's water management initiatives.
- To enable capacity transfer for freshwater ecosystem management in co-managed protected areas.
- Coordinate and where necessary solicit research projects that support the adaptive management of freshwater ecosystem objectives of the KNP Management plan, as well as the Parks integrated water management needs.
- Co-ordinate the KNP Freshwater teams' efforts across various departments
- Provide mentoring support to KNP interns within catchment management programmes.
- Integrate the above with internal processes such as water services and disaster management responses.

Requirements

SANParks recruitment is in line with its Employment Equity Plan.

- A Master's of Science degree with a specific focus on water resources management, freshwater ecology or similar as a minimum, with a PhD being preferred
- Professional registration with South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP)
- 4 to 6 years' experience in water resource management preferably in mid to senior management, with relevant project management experience
- Good knowledge of relevant legislation, public participation processes, water quality monitoring and basic knowledge of GIS
- Computer literacy and valid driver's license (Code 08)
- Risk management and problem-solving skills
- Strategic planning and stakeholder engagement experience
- Ability to work independently
- Good communication skills - written & verbal, interpersonal and analytical and technical report writing skills

Applicants in possession of foreign qualifications to submit evaluated results by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).

NB. Appointment will be made in accordance with SANParks employment equity plan

Interested persons who meet the above stated requirements should forward their applications letters, detailed Curriculum Vitae and qualifications certified within the last 3 months to the following address:

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Human Capital Management
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If you have not been responded to within 14 days of the closing date, please accept that your application was not successful.