BRI STEWARDSHIP EXTENSION OFFICER

Conservation South Africa's Namaqualand Green Economic Demonstrations(NGED) is aimed at conserving the unique biodiversity of the region by working with land owners and land users on introducing ecologically sustainable farming methods through the Biodiversity and Red Meat Stewardship Initiative. (BRI)
The BRI Extension Officer will assist with the day-to-day implementation of the stewardship agreements.

This position will be based in Springbok and the successful applicant will be expected to settle in or near Springbok. The position will be a one-year contract with the potential for an additional 1 year extension, dependent on performance of continued funding.

Specifically, the BRI Extension officer will:

- Assist the BRI Stewardship Coordinator in the day-to-day implementation of stewardship agreements
- Assist farmers with the implementation of the conservation actions they undertake to put into action in the agreements;
- Assist the field-ecologist with field-work on farm management issues;
- Guide and mentor 3 local compliance officers

A successful candidate must have a valid driver's license (compulsory) and a diploma or certificate in agriculture or natural resource field. The candidate must also:

- Be a good communicator, able to speak both Afrikaans and English fluently, and able to communicate effectively with farmers (both communal and private farmers), extension officers from other agricultural institutions and NGO's;
- Have practical knowledge of small stock (sheep and goats) farming and
- raising winter rainfall fodder crops and fodder regimes in semi-arid areas;
- Have knowledge of and experience in behavior of predators with regards to small stock and be willing to work with farmers to find humane and ecologically sound solutions to predator management issues;
- Have practical experience in general maintenance of farm equipment (windpumps, tractors, fences) and is able to transfer this knowledge and give practical assistance in this regards, where necessary;
- Is conservation minded and has a desire to contribute towards the conservation of Namaqualand's unique biodiversity;
- Is physically fit and willing to do manual work out of doors
- Have the ability to plan ahead, think strategically and work independently when required;

    - Have good report-writing skills;
- Salary

Conservation South Africa offers a competitive salary in a stimulating environment, medical aid and a performance related bonus.

Applicants must send a CV and application letter stating why they are the suitable person for this position to csa-jobs@conservation.org or fax to Fredelien Barbery at fax number 027-7181565, post it to PO Box 179, Springbok, 8240 before or on 3 October 2011. Applicants should be available for interviews on 11 & 12 October 2011 in Springbok.

Conservation South Africa reserves the right not to employ anyone as a result of placing this advertisement as well as the right to re-advertise the position should suitable applicants not be found.