



The Wildlands Conservation Trust (WILDTRUST) invites applications for the following position within its WILDOCEANS programme

**SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER
UTHUKELA MPA ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION PROJECT**

KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa – NPO Sector – Fixed-term Contract Post

WILDOCEANS Programme: WILDTRUST (<https://wildtrust.co.za/>) is a South African not-for-profit, public benefit, non-governmental organisation, with a vision of “a thriving and resilient world” and implements its work through two programmes: WILDLANDS (focused on terrestrial systems) and WILDOCEANS (focused on coastal and marine systems). The primary interlinked goals of WILDOCEANS to deliver impact towards a thriving resilient world are: 1) To protect and restore marine biodiversity, and 2) To build resilience for coastal communities. Strategic cross-cutting elements to enhance sustainability and impact underpin our work: future leader development, science and knowledge generation, support to decision-makers and management authorities, coastal community support, ocean awareness and communication, conservation financing mechanisms, and advocacy and campaigning.

Project: uThukela Marine Protected Area Ecosystem-based Adaptation Project: This 5-year project, that commenced in April 2022, aims to build socio-ecological resilience to climate change for the people and biodiversity of the uThukela MPA, and its associated coastal climate-relevant ecosystems and vulnerable communities. The project aims to build conservation capacity and infrastructure, conduct ecosystem surveys and monitoring, restore, and protect climate-relevant ecosystems, support effective management of the MPA, deliver benefits and improved livelihoods for communities living adjacent to the MPA, and improve resilience to climate change through nature-based solutions.

Key Performance Areas: Responsibilities include project management, coordination of project activities in accordance with time-bound workplans, staff and budget management, monitoring and evaluation, financial and narrative progress reporting, liaison with project partners (government and NGOs), sub-grantees and sub-contractors, researchers and stakeholders.

Requirements: This role is best suited to an effective, organised, dedicated and responsible individual who is passionate about both nature and people and is keen to work to improve ocean protection and social resilience. We are seeking a skilled project manager with at least 3 years relevant experience, managing marine conservation projects and a minimum of an Honours Degree in marine sciences or related environmental or social field. The candidate would need excellent administrative, technical, communication, financial management, reporting, monitoring and evaluation, and coordination skills, as well as a good grasp of all Microsoft office software, especially Excel. This position requires a strong combination of high-level interpersonal, management, financial management and administrative skills. The candidate must be proactive, individually accountable, able to juggle priorities under pressure and lead a 20+ person team. A valid driver’s license (manual) is essential.

We offer competitive salaries based on qualifications and experience.

TO APPLY:

Submit a covering letter with a 2/3-page CV, and at least 3 references to Applications@wildtrust.co.za by the 10th February 2025. Certificates must be available on request but not included in the original application. Short-listed candidates must be available for interviews in the week of 24-28 February 2025. The Trust reserves the right to vary the requirements and not to fill this position. Should you not receive a response within a month after the closing application date, kindly consider your application unsuccessful.