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**VACANCY: UNDP/GEF 5 – Improve Management Effectiveness Project
Environmental Resource Economist Re- Advertise
Paterson Grading: D4 (2 years Fixed Term Contract)
Min R 588 829, 63 Max R965 395, 93
Closing Date: 30 March 2018**

A vacancy exists for the position of an Environmental Resource Economist to improve the financial sustainability of Protected Areas (PA) Network and manage Component 3 of the project. The position will be stationed at the SANParks Conservation Services: Park Planning & Development offices in Port Elisabeth.

Purpose of the Job:

To improve the financial sustainability of Protected Areas (PA) Network through reducing costs of expansion, improving cost efficiencies within PA management agencies, including resilience of existing income streams and manage Component 3 of the project.

Key tasks and responsibilities:

- To develop a social and economic optimal framework for protected area expansion in partnership with communities and private landowners.
 - To implement Component 3 of the UNDP GEF - Improving management effectiveness of the Protected Areas Network.
 - To support the development of detailed financial scenarios for various conservation land use options for both community and private partnerships.
 - To develop an implementation plan for identified financially sustainable partnerships for the new protected areas and the buffer zones.
 - To optimize income streams and revenue derived and improve cost efficiencies, by developing and implementing protected area financing models.
 - To develop models for the establishment of an offset receiving trust fund to hold and disburse ring-fenced reserve expansion and management funds and piloting of offset receiving area.
 - To develop and implement commercialization strategies for co-managed areas, and potential investments in ecological infrastructure.
- To produce synthesis reports documenting the results and highlighting way-forward, as well as lessons learnt with respect to low-cost protected areas expansion and the socio-economic development within which the protected area is located.

Requirements:

- A master's degree or equivalent in resource economics or related disciplines;
- A good understanding of South African (SA) conservation organisations, strategies and current operations;
- Experience with conservation base resource-focused socio-economic development opportunities/projects.
- Experience working with multi-stakeholders;
- At least 5 years' experience in Project- and financial management;
- A valid South African resident status and knowledge of SA's environmental & socio-economic priorities;
- Understanding of SANParks policies and relevant legislation frameworks;
- Excellent communication skills in English and strong computer-, report writing- and presentation skills;
- A valid driver's license (Code B) accompanied by a willingness and ability to travel (note: own vehicle required).

Persons who meet the above requirements can forward their electronic applications together with a Cover letter, CV and certified copies of their ID, **relevant qualifications**, driver's license) to;

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If you have not been responded to within 21 days of the closing date, please accept that your

application has been unsuccessful.

SANParks is committed to the principles of employment equity. Preference will be given to PDI/HDSA. SANParks reserves the right not to make an appointment.
