



NATIONAL RED LIST PROGRAMME OFFICER

Species Survival Commission (SSC) is a science-based network of the **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** and has 8,000 scientists from almost every country of the world working on the conservation and sustainable use of indigenous species.

BirdLife South Africa (BLSA), based in Johannesburg, South Africa, is one of the largest, most active, non-governmental conservation organisations in South Africa.

SSC has as one of its five key priority areas promoting National Red List (NRL) assessments and identification of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) at national scales.

BirdLife International is a partner of the IUCN's Red List of Threatened Species (RLTS) and is also a leading partner on the implementation of the new KBA standard. As the South African country partner to BirdLife International, BLSA works with 23 other BirdLife International partners in Africa.

BLSA is thus partnering with the IUCN SSC to support other African countries to carry out NRL assessments and identify national KBAs.

The **IUCN SSC & BirdLife South Africa** are looking for a dynamic person to fill the position of **National Red List Programme Officer**.

The National Red List Programme Officer's primary responsibilities will be:

1. Promote national Red Listing of species, ecosystems and the identification of KBAs in selected African Countries.
2. Support the work of the IUCN's National Red List Working Group Alliance ensuring tools to support National Red Listing are produced and lessons between countries working on National Red Listing are shared.
3. Provide support to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species by supporting the work of the IUCN Red List Committee.

The inherent requirements for this position are:

- An MSc or PhD degree in Conservation Biology or Public Administration or International Affairs;
- A minimum of three year's work experience in the conservation sector that includes applied project management;
- Fluency in written and spoken English;
- A valid Code B driving licence.

The preferred candidate will have:

- Extensive knowledge of the IUCN knowledge products as well as an understanding of how these are used in land-use decision making and biodiversity indicator reporting;
- Have political and diplomatic skills and an ability to work with government officials and conservation stakeholders at the national level;
- Have excellent writing skills;
- Be self-motivated and a confident person;
- Be highly organized and efficient;
- Be prepared to travel extensively.

The successful candidate will report to the Deputy Chair of the IUCN Species Survival Commission and to BirdLife South Africa's Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas Programme Manager.

The position will be based at the BLSA offices in Johannesburg, South Africa. BLSA offers a salary which is commensurate with the position and responsibilities.

Successful applicants will be required to attend interviews in Johannesburg if they are based in South Africa, Skype interviews will also be organised for non-South African based applicants.

Applicants are to submit a comprehensive CV with at least three contactable referees, as well as a motivation as to how they would see their role in this post. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Candidates who have not been contacted within 21 days of the closing date must please assume that their applications were not successful. Correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates.

BLSA reserves the right not to make an appointment.

BLSA subscribes to and applies the principles prescribed by the Employment Equity Act. Preference will be given to candidates from designated groups.

Closing date: 29 September 2017

To apply please e-mail your CV and motivation to isabel.human@birdlife.org.za