



Job Vacancy: Virtual Fence Manager for Baboon Management in Cape Town and Western Cape

Invitation to apply: Virtual Fence Manager for Baboon Management Program, Human Wildlife Solutions

What is the job?

- Applications are requested for a one year fixed term contract, for a Virtual Fence Manager to manage baboons in Cape Town and / or the Western Cape.
- The primary objective of the work will be to implement Virtual Fence systems within the surrounds of Cape Town and the Western Cape. The aim of a Virtual Fence is to manipulate the animals psychologically by means of the "Landscape of Fear" principal, into avoiding certain peri-urban areas or farms.

Qualifications required?

- The applicant must have at least a 3-year diploma or degree in nature conservation or natural sciences, and at least two years' experience of working within the conservation field. An honours or M.Sc. degree is recommended.

Duties (include but are not limited to):

- Must be able to plan strategically and must show strong in-field problem solving capabilities
- A good understanding of animal behaviour / behavioural ecology is recommended
- Should be technically inclined in terms of electronic equipment and computer skills
- Must have good people skills and be able to market the virtual fence system
- Must be able to manage in-field trials and devise experiments
- Must be able to grasp new ideas, techniques and methods quickly and apply adaptive management when needed
- Basic understanding of baboons and human-wildlife conflict
- Liaise with all the relevant authorities and stakeholders within the area
- Provide assistance when catching baboons to fit them with GPS and/or VHF radio collars
- Must have a valid Driver's license and own vehicle would be an advantage
- Must be computer literate; Word, Excel and Power Point
- Must love the outdoors and be prepared to work long hours in the field
- Must be physically fit and able to hike up mountains and install equipment

Additional Requirements

- Applicants will also need to be able to deal with the public, be good at field work, and able to assist in data collection for research
- A virtual fence manager must have strong leadership capabilities and must have previous experience managing a team
- Salary is negotiable and will depend on qualifications and experience

Applicants should be able to start as soon as possible

Please send CV's with contactable references, and a motivational letter to Bronwyn Maree, bronwyn@hwsolutions.co.za.

If you have not received any feedback on your application within three weeks, please consider your application unsuccessful.