



Carnivore Conservation Programme
Senior Field Officer
(CCP)

Purpose of the Position:

The position oversees the coordination of EWT's Cheetah Advisory Group (CAG), as well as aspects of the Carnivore Range Expansion Project (CREP) within the Carnivore Conservation Programme (CCP) that relate to Cheetah conservation. This work includes all aspects of carnivore-based reintroductions within Africa: developing and maintaining partnerships, assisting reserves with predator management plans, carnivore monitoring, and management, advising on best management practices and ethics, scientific publications and report writing and a wide variety of other interesting and challenging tasks.

1. Key Responsibilities:

Conservation Work

- The Coordinator of the CAG will play a pivotal role in the EWT's Carnivore Conservation Programme – this includes partner engagement; feasibility assessments; management plans; advising and assisting with technical capture, holding, bonding, transport, logistics, post-monitoring, and ongoing advice to reserve managers.
- Strategic management of the Cheetah database, advising partners and stakeholders on genetic translocations and/or supplementation options.
- Co-hosting stakeholder meetings every four months to collect and discuss demographics, life history events, and other pressing issues.
- Using the knowledge and experience gained (this includes the IUCN guidelines and external partners) to consistently guide and improve feasibility assessments and reintroduction success.
- Continuing to develop and improve SOPs and best management practices for immobilization, holding, relocation, and post-monitoring.
- Providing logistical support (community engagement, boma designs, relocation best practice, post-release monitoring, etc) to relevant reserves as required.
- Incorporating the CAG into the EWT's high-level carnivore range expansion strategy, understanding that the relocation of any carnivore cannot be done successfully without duly considering existing ecological processes and predator-prey relationships in managed reserves and protected areas.
- Offer internal mentorship role to CREP staff in terms of field skills and monitoring.

Liaison and Networking

- Establish and maintain positive relationships with key NGOs and Government Officials (provincial and national);
- Deliver presentations at relevant meetings, functions, workshops, and conferences.
- Maintain constant contact with partners and sponsors, keeping them informed of the EWT-CREPs activities.

Research

- Ensure excellent quality of all research/field projects and their outputs
- Ensure that the applicable databases are listed and updated.
- Facilitate research projects that contribute to high-impact Cheetah conservation.
- Host a repository of all known science and information on Cheetah conservation, management, and science; and
- Contribute to the implementation of the CCP Strategy, assist in the development, resourcing, and implementation of CCP and support the integration of science into the programmatic work of the CCP

- Ensure research results are published in appropriate peer-reviewed and popular publications (in liaison with research partners and the EWT's Head of Conservation).

Fundraising & Communication

- Service existing donors/funders/partners.
- Develop and submit funding proposals for continued funding of the EWT-CREP and its projects; and
- Produce popular articles on EWT- CREP and its various projects and achievements for all forms of media.

Administration

- Ensure timely delivery of monthly reports.
- Maintain a high standard of administrative duties (expense claim forms, invoices, etc.)
- Take care of and maintain all project assets and equipment for which he/she is responsible, including the project vehicle if relevant, in accordance with EWT policies.
- Participate in and attend monthly EWT Conservation Forum meetings.
- Adhere to EWT policies and procedures.
- Adhere to the EWT code of ethics.

2. Minimum Qualifications, Experience, and Competencies Required:

- Master's Degree in a related field, preferably Cheetah focused (NQF Level 9-10).
- An exceptionally organised and competent person with a passion for conservation.
- Minimum five years of field experience, with a proven track record of managing projects and teams.
- Experience in wild carnivore management, monitoring, and collaring is essential and other fieldwork skills are preferable.
- Experience with multi-donor, multi-stakeholder integrated field programmes involving government and NGOs.

3. Personal Attributes and Interpersonal Skills:

- Personable, professional, diplomatic, and able to work with a wide range of people
- Good reputation amongst stakeholders.
- Extensive experience with developing funding proposals and donor reports.
- Extensive experience with data management
- High standard of computer literacy (especially with Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint).
- Offroad driving experience, and willing and able to drive long distances.
- Excellent English writing skills
- Ability to work independently
- Disciplined, innovative and energetic

4. Why work for us?

By working for one of the most effective conservation NGOs in the region, working for the EWT offers the opportunity for growth, personal satisfaction, and fulfilment. We are a highly congenial organisation with a focus on staff empowerment, individual development, and building strong relationships.

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Applicants who have not been contacted within 10 working days of the closing date must please assume that their application was unsuccessful. The EWT reserves the right not to make an appointment. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Closing Date: 23 September 2022