

*South Africa boasts an exceptionally rich biodiversity. SANBI, a public entity operating in ten different centres, is mandated with the study, conservation and promotion of an entire country's fauna, flora and their ecosystems.*

*This challenging contract at the **Southern African Bird Atlas Project 2 (SABAP2)** in the **Northern Cape** currently is on offer to an appropriately qualified and experienced candidate.*

## **FIELD RESEARCHER**

**(SALARY LEVEL 6)**

**(FIVE-MONTHS CONTRACT)**

SANBI seeks the services of a highly committed, self-motivated, experienced bird atlaser, who is willing to undertake intensive and extensive fieldwork in under-recorded rural areas for the Southern African Bird Atlas Project 2 (SABAP2). For more information on SABAP2, please visit their website at <http://sabap2.adu.org.za/index.php>. The atlaser will work to a specific protocol in priority areas of the Northern Cape, and possibly also the Eastern Cape, Free State, Limpopo and/or Northwest Provinces as directed.

The envisaged candidate must be in possession of a Senior Certificate (Grade 12), while a BSc in Zoology or a similar B. degree is preferred. At least one year's intensive fieldwork in bird identification OR five years' experience as a hobby is essential. Familiarity with Southern African bird families in the field is prerequisite, as are accurate identification and map-reading skills. Candidates must be in possession of a valid driver's licence, coupled with at least one year's practical driving experience, basic vehicle maintenance skills and the ability to operate and interpret a GPS unit. Own transport is preferred, while willingness to travel extensively and the ability to prepare bird checklists according to the SABAP2 protocol are necessary. The ideal candidate is further able to negotiate access to land and camps, or to stay in basic settings for days or weeks at a time, with few amenities. The ability to plan routes, keep to timetables and targets, as well as to organise and present data via the SABAP2's data management system, completes the profile of the ideal candidate.

Responsibilities will include: • bolstering SABAP2 project coverage in areas under-covered by civil society volunteers • collecting, submitting and backing-up field data on bird distribution, according to the project protocol • reporting regularly to the Project Manager and Birds & Environmental Change Partnership Co-ordinator • representing the SABAP2 project and its partners (SANBI, UCT-ADU and BirdLife SA) positively, diplomatically and with discretion to landowners and other stakeholders at all times.

If you meet the above requirements and in addition display sound oral and written communicative skills in English, with proficiency in Afrikaans, Setswana and/or isiXhosa as added advantages, do not hesitate to apply.

SANBI offers a salary of R10 768,88 per month (incl. 37% in lieu of benefits). Commencement of duties: Immediately.

**Please Note:** 1) Applications must be accompanied by a letter motivating why the applicant should be favourably considered for the position and confirming that the minimum qualifications are met. 2) A competency test will be conducted as part of the selection process.

**All applications will be considered with the understanding that, in terms of the SANBI Employment Equity Plan, preference will currently be given to candidates from the designated groups.**

Applications submitted by employment agencies will not be considered.

SANBI reserves the right not to fill this position.

**Contact Ms Glynnis Oosthuizen on 021 799 8635 for further information or, preferably, forward a letter and concise CV via e-mail to [recruitmentct@sanbi.org](mailto:recruitmentct@sanbi.org) or fax 021 762 3229. Postal applications are to be addressed to the Deputy Director: Human Resources, South African National Biodiversity Institute, Private Bag X7, Claremont 7735.**

**Closing Date:** 26 August 2008 at 12:00.

Candidates are expected to be available for selection interviews on a date and time as determined by SANBI.

Visit [www.sanbi.org](http://www.sanbi.org) for more information on the South African National Biodiversity Institute.

*If no response has been received within 21 days of the closing date, candidates may assume that their applications were unsuccessful.*

