



## Conservation Mapping Assistant Vacancy

**Purpose of the Position:** To assist with the development of a strategic predictive and accessible bio-informatics map to improve and streamline Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) accuracy and efficiency. This strategic predictive map will increase both the efficiency and ability to flag sensitive species for early stage EIAs anywhere in the country. This will ensure that no sensitive species are overlooked in any EIA scoping phase assessment and will guide not only early stage rejections, but also inform the selection of specialists for in-depth EIA assessments.

**Activities:** The incumbent will assist with all operational aspects of producing predictive threatened species and habitat maps, data formatting and collation, organising workshops, procurement, paper and report writing, field work (ground-truthing and gap data collection) and general office administration. The vast majority of the work under this post will be office based with provision for some field work to assist field specialists with data collection.

**Qualifications, experience and competencies required:**

*The minimum requirements for this position will include:*

- A minimum of a BSc in conservation science or relevant field;
- Two years' proven experience in the sector, which includes GIS and Ecological Niche Modelling;
- An understanding of and experience with conservation planning is highly desirable;
- Strong interpersonal and organising skills including administrative work are essential;
- Possession of a valid South African or international driver's license, and suitable driving experience;
- Proficiency in all Microsoft Office programmes, Maxent (or similar species distribution modelling software);
- Good oral and written communication skills and confident presentation skills are important;
- Report writing and production experience is highly desirable; and
- Good research and data collection skills.

*Additional requirements that would be advantageous:*

- Demonstrable experience in developing and implementing threatened species field surveys is advantageous.
- Budget management experience is advantageous;
- Workshop and event planning experience is advantageous;
- Ability to undertake tasks that are physically demanding;
- Willingness and ability to work in remote areas is valuable.

*Interpersonal skills:*

- Disciplined, innovative and energetic;
- The ability to work both independently and as part of a team; and
- Self-motivated, with strong people skills and an approachable manner.

This position is a three year contract positions and will be based at the EWT Head Office in Johannesburg. The Endangered Wildlife Trust is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants who have not been contacted within 10 days of the closing date must please assume that their applications were not successful. The EWT reserves the right not to make an appointment. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence. Closing date **2 April 2018**. Applicants are requested to submit a CV, and a detailed motivation as to how and why they would be the best possible candidate for the post plus contact details of at least three references to Emma Chisare on [emmac@ewt.org.za](mailto:emmac@ewt.org.za).