

CHEETAH CONSERVATION FUND – NAMIBIA

Job Title: Research Scientist - Carnivores

Reports to: Dr. Laurie Marker

Job Overview: The applicant will work in the Gobabis District to develop and lead research on human-carnivore conflict on commercial livestock and game farms, and engage in multidisciplinary approaches to promote coexistence, with an emphasis on the conservation management of the cheetah and African wild dog. The applicant will focus on determining the dynamics of the human-carnivore conflict, identifying ways to manage and minimize negative impacts on carnivore populations, and encourage farmer participation in the conservation management of large carnivores on Namibian farmland through collaborative problem solving.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Conduct field surveys and collect data on human-carnivore conflict on commercial farms.
- Analyze and interpret data, and identify, implement and test the effectiveness of human-carnivore conflict mitigation strategies.
- Help grow the organization's reputation for high quality research and conservation initiatives by producing high quality research publications, reports and presentations.
- Focuses efforts on changing farmers' negative perception of carnivore conservation efforts in Namibia.
- Accountable for the daily operation of the CCF Gobabis office, including budgeting, planning and management of projects, management of equipment, and general administration.
- Work with the CCF Team in research projects, cheetah conservation actions and events, community outreach, and environmental education efforts.
- Supervise and guide visiting interns and volunteers.
- Collaborate with partner organizations, relevant Government departments and stakeholders in large carnivore conservation projects and actions.

Qualifications:

- Must have a PhD degree in Wildlife Management (or similar study direction) with a focus on large African carnivores.
- Must have at least 15+ years of prior experience in large African carnivore conservation demonstrating an ability to conduct independent research and collaborate with partnering scientific researchers, Government officials and public stakeholders.
- Must be experienced in a range of carnivore field research methodology, planning, designing and execution of scientific research, quantitative analyses of research data, and implementation of research information.
- Must have a track record of a range of publications for academics, policy makers, and stakeholders.
- Must have a track record in public speaking and conference speaking.
- Must be a skilled communicator to interact regularly with livestock/wildlife farmers, research scientists, Government Departments and members of the public and be proficient in effectively convey research findings and other scientific information to decision makers, partner organizations and the public.
- Must be highly motivated, self-starting, and exhibit the ability/willingness to make decisions at the appropriate level while working well in a team environment and bringing assignments to closure.

If you meet the qualifications and wish to apply, forward a .pdf of your CV and a letter explaining your interest to jobs@ccfnamibia.org . This position requires extreme computer literacy and fluency in English. Email application only: phone /fax/mail applications will be ignored.