

Namibia Nature Foundation



JOB DESCRIPTION

Name:		Job Title:	Economist
Supervisor:	Mirja Stoldt	Location:	WHK
	Senior Coordinator Technical Services		
Duration:	12 months with a possibility to extend (funding permitting)		

Key Purpose of the role:

The NNF has a long history of providing environmental economics services to for conservation and sustainable development in Namibia. This has been underpinned by a long-standing relationship with the Overseas Development Institute through the placement of ODI fellows at the NNF. As work has grown we now have a sufficiently diverse portfolio of work to recruit a in-house Environmental Economist to support our work in this field.

The Environmental Economist will provide technical support to the various programmatic work areas of the NNF covering a wide range of areas, including Agriculture, Climate Change, Value Chain Development, Combatting Wildlife Crime payments for ecosystem services and broader conservation finance. In their role, the Environmental Economist will support both the NNF and our many partners including Government and other NGOs in Namibia and the region.

Key Responsibilities:

- Providing technical input and support for environmental economics work conducted by the Namibia Nature Foundation
- Provide technical input and support around conservation, climate and biodiversity financing.
- Support project development and mainstreaming of environmental economics into proposals
- Provide support to the Technical Services Team as appropriate.
- Writing of Reports and Policy Briefs

Technical Outputs

In order to support the knowledge base and application of environmental economics. Typically, a combination of some of the following outputs are typically expected from the expert;

- Studies and Reports on Ecosystem valuations, Natural Capital Assessments and Biodiversity Accounting
- Carrying out cost benefit analyses
- Studies and reports into innovative financing for conservation and sustainable development
- Design and conducting collaborative research into specific components of environmental economics, such as valuations.

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- Behavioural economics aspects as they relate to conservation and sustainable development

Training & Capacity Building

In order to strengthen knowledge of and skills in environmental economics as appropriate and together with the ODI Fellow and other key partners (e.g. Conservation Strategy Fund) provide support towards training and capacity building, including supporting student and intern placements at the NNF in the field of environmental economics.

Policy Support

Support policy interventions by providing concise and relevant background information and recommendations on a variety of technical subjects to brief decision makers on various topics including but not limited to: blue economy, biodiversity economy, ecosystem valuations, biodiversity offsets, etc.

Miscellaneous Support

The Environmental Economist is also expected to provide technical support wherever else required, including, but not limited to the creation and/or revision of technical documents, proposals and studies, one on one trainings, etc.

Key Performance Areas/ Responsibilities: [KPA's]:

KPA's will be determined on a project by project basis and in general will cover;

- Successful project delivery of economics projects and assignments
- Supporting incorporation of environmental economics into other proposals
- Resource mobilisation for environmental economics work

Key working relationships: internal/external

Internal:

- **Technical Services Core Team**
 - Senior Coordinator - Technical Services
 - Executive Director
 - ODI Economist
 - Trainees and/or Interns
- NNF Team
 - Head of Projects
 - Programmatic Leads
 - Communications Team

External:

- MEFT & MFMR Economists
- Environmental Economics Network of Namibia
- Economic Association of Namibia
- Academia (UNAM & NUST)
- Conservation Strategy Fund
- Other key partners and donors

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Resources responsible for:

Financial: Project implementation & support
People: Project Teams as appropriate

Person Specification: Essential qualifications, competences, knowledge, skills and abilities.

- Minimum of B.Sc. in Economics
 - Min. 5 years' experience of relevant experience in applied economics.
 - Knowledge of environmental economics.
 - Strong research and analytical skills
 - Good report writing skills
 - Evidence of good planning, coordination and networking skills
 - Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to manage sensitive and confidential situations with tact, professionalism, and diplomacy.
 - Strong language skills, with excellent English, other Namibian languages will be an advantage.
 - Excellent interpersonal and general communication skills.
 - Good command of Office suite applications (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint).
 - Driver's licence is an advantage
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Signature (HR & Admin) Date:

Signature (Supervisor) Date: