



POSITION : Community Officer
ORGANISATION : African Parks Network – South Sudan
LOCATION : Nyat And Bor (2 Positions)
REPORTING TO : Community Manager
EXPECTED START DATE : ***As Soon As Possible***

BACKGROUND:

African Parks is a non-profit conservation organization that takes on the complete responsibility for the rehabilitation and long-term management of national parks in partnership with governments and local communities. We currently manage 22 national parks and protected areas in 12 countries covering over 20 million hectares in: Angola, Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Mozambique, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Sudan.

Boma and Bandingilo National Parks are located in South Sudan's equatorial region with a combined area of 30, 000 KM ². The parks host the second largest wildlife migration in the Africa that covers over 120,000 KM², and provide habitat for large populations of hartebeest, buffalo, elephant, giraffes and lions.

JOB OVERVIEW:

The Community Officer will be in charge of implementing the community program and managing the community agents in specific areas.

MAIN ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Development and execution of a Community Engagement Strategy for the Park.
- Play a strong role in the development of an Integrated Management Plan and Land Use Planning for Boma National Park.
- Manage and oversee all activities relating to Engagement and Education and general community programs related to the park.
- Act as liaison between AP and all villages, communities, leaders and local government structures.
- Provide socio-economic insights and support to Parks operations including information sharing, political terrain analysis and advice and development of conservation awareness.
- Oversee the work of Community Agents and ensure they are operating in the most efficient and effective manner.
- Human-wildlife conflict monitoring and managing sensitisation campaigns in the community and evaluating mitigation strategies.





EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Degree in Community development, socio-economics or equivalent;
- Minimum of 5 years (more preferable) of experience working in rural African communities including running community projects and environmental education programmes.
- Demonstrated skills and experience in participatory processes, including conflict resolution.
- Demonstrated skills and experience in facilitating community meetings.
- Inter-personal skills, patience, good listener, calm but firm demeanor and solutions centred.
- Excellent writing skills.
- Fully computer literate - Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook.
- Good conservation knowledge.
- Excellent communication skills and Fluent in English with a knowledge of local languages spoken around Boma National Park.
- Trusted and disciplined person, able to work independently and showing a high level of respect for his/her staff.
- A demonstrated team approach to staff management and community engagement.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply, please email your CV and cover letter to ssrecruitment@africanparks.org or hand delivery to **African Parks office Thonping, Synergy Suites – Plot No 849, Block No 3-K South** by **Wednesday, 29 November 2023**. Please mention the position name in the subject line of the email.

In case you do not hear from us within two weeks after the closing date, this means that your application was not successful. We thank you for your interest in working for African Parks.

