



POSITION: Country Representative

ORGANISATION: African Parks – South Sudan

LOCATION: Boma and Bandingilo National Parks, South Sudan

REPORTING TO: Park 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 KM². 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:

African Parks, engaged in the protection and rehabilitation of the Boma and Bandingilo National Parks in South Sudan, is looking for a dynamic and experienced Country Representative who will represent the interests of our parks on a wide variety of work strands including administration, stakeholder, work flow, donor relations, and crisis management. The key to success is the ability to force close working relationships with a large cohort of entities to enable smooth efficiency, anticipatory action and quick resolution in the event of crisis or emergency.

MAIN ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

The main roles and responsibilities of the role are:

1. To ensure effective communication of AP's mandate and adherence to our vision and priorities in all communications;
2. To maintain a good relationship with South Sudanese authorities, donors and other stakeholders, including conservation NGOs in South Sudan;



3. To represent African Parks in good faith during donor meetings and other events;
4. To establish a wide variety of provincial, territorial and national contacts, including public institutes and offices, or similar offices, and local and national organisations, including conservation NGOs;
5. To support strategic partnerships by providing top-quality advice, facilitating effective knowledge management, and providing technical assistance to project planning, coordination, monitoring and reporting in any collaboration;
6. Ensure the smooth day to day administration and business of the project and help to maintain work flows;
7. Ensure that all administrative procedures with government and donors are adhered to in a timely way;
8. Act as chief of party on grant agreements and signatory for a variety of categories;
9. Lead on context analysis and keep abreast on socio-economic and political changes and developments in the environment relevant to park management and ensure timely reporting to the Park Manager.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS:

- Regional Operation Manager
- Park Manager
- Government Representatives
- Heads of Department
- Institutional and private donors
- Fundraising Teams
- Donors
- Special Envoys
- Other key partners

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Minimum eight (8) years of experience working in project country representation roles, with a preference of five years (5) years with a conservation or non-profit organization in South Sudan.
- A degree in business management or other related field of study.
- Mature, confident and able to deal with senior stakeholders and government officials.
- Independently minded and able to act with tact and diplomacy.
- Self-starter, motivated, has initiative and can be trusted to work alone without or with minimal guidance.
- Bilingual (English and French), to a professional standard.
- Excellent communication skills with stakeholders.
- Highly desirable first-hand experience of USAID and EU administration.



HOW TO APPLY:

To apply, please email your CV and cover letter to ssrecruitment@africanparks.org by Friday, 30th December 2022. 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.