



LOISABA CONSERVANCY

Conservation Officer

Background

Loisaba Conservancy is a 57,000 acre conservancy within Laikipia County that is owned by Loisaba Community Trust (LCT), a Kenyan Trust incorporated under the Perpetual Succession of Trustees Act, and is committed to wildlife and ecological conservation. The Loisaba mission is to protect and enhance critical wildlife diversity, abundance and habitat in the Loisaba landscape, which sits on the western edge of one of Kenya's most important elephant movement corridors, while concurrently supporting sustainable livestock production and improving the lives of neighbouring communities.

Loisaba hosts over 260 bird and 50 mammal species, including endangered and vulnerable species such as reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra, beisa oryx, elephant and big cats. Its location makes Loisaba a critical piece of the larger landscape connecting Laikipia to Samburu, to ensure that a well-used wildlife movement corridor is protected. Loisaba brings community conservancies and privately managed lands together – providing both a physical connection as well as an institutional one which has the potential to result in greater stability and resilience for the entire socio-ecological Ewaso ecosystem.

Loisaba is looking for a Conservation Officer to help deliver Loisaba's Conservation Strategy.

Position Duties

- a) Support the delivery of Loisaba Conservancy's Conservation Strategy:
 - i. Update the document as necessary;
 - ii. Monitor and provide monthly reports on the progress of the removal of invasive species (*Opuntia engelmannii*);
 - iii. Manage and oversee wildlife monitoring software including SMART, PAMS etc. and produce monthly reports;
 - iv. Work closely with security and partner research teams to implement wildlife monitoring protocols;
 - v. Provide liaison and representation between and for ongoing and new research project involving Loisaba conservancy, including providing updates when required;
 - vi. Coordinate with the KWS and the Loisaba Security Manager to ensure that injured wildlife is treated and appropriately monitored;
 - vii. Provide support as necessary to deliver Loisaba's rhino re-introduction ambition;
 - viii. Provide monthly reports on all conservation / research activities;
 - ix. Any other relevant duty assigned by Oryx Ltd.

- b) Support the Community Liaison Officer in conservation-based community engagement:
 - i. Work together with the Community Liaison Officer to carry out conservation days at the conservation centre;

- ii. Support the Community Liaison Officer in engagement with neighbouring communities, including rhino awareness activities;
 - iii. Any other relevant duty assigned by Oryx Ltd.
- c) Fundraising & Donor / Visitor Management:
- i. Actively identify fundraising opportunities to further conservation work on Loisaba, including taking a lead role on proposal development;
 - ii. Conduct presentations explaining Loisaba's conservation work to visitors at the conservation centre, donors and at the lodges when necessary;
 - iii. Ensure the Conservation Centre is kept tidy and presentable at all times;
 - iv. Any other relevant duty assigned by Oryx Ltd.

Selection Criteria

- Kenyan citizen;
- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in environmental sciences, conservation biology or related field (must not be currently pursuing a degree);
- A minimum of three years' experience in the conservation sector with extensive experience working in field conditions;
- Strong presentation and interpersonal skills;
- Excellent computer skills including MS Office;
- Good understanding and use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS);
- Valid Kenyan driving license with off-road experience;
- Excellent communication skills and fluent in written and spoken English and Kiswahili;
- Ability to work effectively both independently and in a team;
- Excellent time management skills and ability to work to deadlines;
- Honesty and integrity.

Salary & Benefits

- Ksh 100,000 per month
- Full time employment
- Company vehicle
- Accommodation – all required accommodations, including living quarters, food, office space and internet will be covered.

To apply, please send a CV and cover letter to enquiries@loisaba.com.