



TAITA TAVETA
WILDLIFE
CONSERVANCIES
ASSOCIATION

Job advertisement: Community Liaison Officer.

Contract duration: 2-Year Renewable

TTWCA Background

TTWCA is a landscape community-based organization established in 2013 with the mandate to support the development of wildlife conservancies and other related economic activities among its members for improved livelihoods and coordinate sustainable management of the Tsavo ecosystem. TTWCA also serves as a landscape umbrella body for the 33 conservancies/ranches covering approximately 1 million acres within the larger Tsavo landscape. The conservancies/ranches form a migratory corridor for the Tsavo National Park.

Project Background

Poaching and illegal wildlife trade are two major contributing factors to the loss of wildlife in Kenya and the East African Region (EAC) at large. While Kenya has made progress in combating poaching, especially of large game, illegal trade in wildlife remains a threat, including in Taita Taveta Landscape.

TTWCA is currently co-implementing the IWT project which focuses on wildlife law enforcement through community involvement in the Taita taveta and the Tsavo Ecosystem, through a highly coordinated approach within and between wildlife management and law enforcement authorities as well as Wildlife Conservancies established by the local communities in the project areas. Law enforcement efforts at the national and project level are being implemented with the framework of the national strategy to combat poaching and illegal wildlife trade.

At the landscape level, multi-agency responses to poaching and illegal trade wildlife will be coordinated, and law enforcement teams supported through relevant training, equipment, and infrastructure. The existing community-scouts system will be strengthened as part of the relationships with and involvement of, local communities in conservation. Wildlife and other natural resources will increasingly be managed locally through the creation of new Community Conservancies (with a total additional area of more than 23,000ha) with benefits accruing directly to the rural communities.

The project's Objective is to combat poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking in Kenya through an integrated approach. To address the development challenge and achieve the set objective, the project will implement four strategies:

1. Strengthening national and local capacity for effective IWT control in Kenya. Reduce poaching and illegal wildlife trade in threatened species in the Tsavo ecosystem.
2. Strengthening Community Wildlife Conservancies in the Tsavo Ecosystem
3. Knowledge management, M&E, and Gender mainstreaming

Job Description

The Community Liaison Officer will work in promoting conservation and livelihood enhancement programs in TTWCA by developing income-generating activities and sustainable development projects for communities living in the surrounding areas of ranches/conservancies. The officer will also ensure that the initiatives are sustainable, generate significant and equitable benefits to communities, and are complementary to TTWCA's strategic plan. In order to do so, the position requires engagement with local communities for awareness raising on environmental issues, natural resources, and Human-wildlife conflict issues. The holder of the position will be required to establish good relationships and work closely with the community, partners, and public and private organizations working in Tsavo Landscape. This position will report to the Programs Manager.

Key Responsibilities

- Develop and implement community engagement and participatory strategy.
- In collaboration with other relevant stakeholders, facilitate processes of identifying viable alternative livelihood options and develop plans to develop and promote such enterprises.
- Develop and implement strategies to mitigate human-wildlife conflict.
- Assist in relevant program monitoring and management oversight in the implementation of the TTWCA strategic plan and Work Plans.
- Work with National, county government, and community representatives to organize and conduct community sensitization meetings to mobilize and promote understanding of the Program activities and outputs at different levels of implementation.
- Assist and support the preparation and submission of Annual Work Plans guided by baseline, and field information, and in collaboration with stakeholders for approval.
- Develop and implement community awareness creation strategies.
- Prepare project progress reports or monitoring and evaluation reports as required.
- Assist consultants or project partners in conducting studies related to enterprise development as required.
- Attend meetings, workshops, and trainings as authorized by the supervisor.

- Feedback regular information to the supervisor to enable the preparation of project reports and plans in a timely manner.
- Take the lead in TTWCA's school outreach program.
- Carry out any other task as assigned by the supervisor.

Qualification

- Bachelor's degree in the social sciences, community development, social work, project management, or associated subject. MSc degree will be added as an advantage.
- At least 3 years of experience working on livelihood options/pathways.
- Experience with conservation organizations will be an added advantage.
- Experience in engaging partners and other stakeholders in the conservation sector.
- Experience and competence in participatory local community mobilization and engagement
- Field experience in planning, field extension services, implementation, and monitoring programs is preferable
- Respect for communities, other organizations, and stakeholders is the desired attribute
- Ability to communicate effectively and network strategically with a wide group of partners.

Application procedure

Interested and qualified candidates should submit their applications and testimonial certificates on or before **1st September 2023** to:

Email: jobs@ttwcakenya.com CC: info@ttwcakenya.com

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