Job Opportunity: Detection Dog Unit Technical Advisor (DDU TA)

Location: Lusaka
Duration of Contract: 01 November 2017 to 31 December 2018 (ongoing funding dependant)
Reporting to: WCP CEO or Senior Technical Advisor
Working hours: Work dependant
Languages Required: English

BACKGROUND

Wildlife Crime Prevention Project is a Zambian based not for profit organisation that works nationally across Zambia, providing support to the Department of National Parks and Wildlife's Investigation and Intelligence Units. The main goal of WCP is to coordinate closely with key DNPW personnel and NGOs working within National Parks in Zambia to secure areas of elephant strongholds and key transit routes of illegal wildlife trade.

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this position is to maintain operational standards and training for the DNPW K9 Unit based in Chilanga, Lusaka consisting of 4 trained detection dogs and 4 DNPW trained dog handlers. The DDU TA provides operational support (for operations at Kenneth Kaunda International Airport and roadblocks around Lusaka amongst other operations) and oversight of training and upkeep of the four detection dogs and handlers supported by WCP. The DDU TA is also responsible for the operational base in Chilanga and oversight of the WCP kennel guardians.

SCOPE OF WORK

The position includes, but is not limited to, the following responsibilities:

1) Detection Dog Unit Support:

    The DDU Technical Advisor will be responsible for working closely with the DNPW Detection Dog Unit and DNPW Operations Units.   Specific role includes:
    - Responsible for strengthening and supporting the Detection Dog Unit based at Chilanga, Lusaka.
    - Provide mentorship, offer support and assist with operational planning for the DDU.
    - Oversee and support all training for the DDU with support from Invictus K9.
    - The DDU TA must be highly organised to manage and able to work with our government partners in a supportive role.
    - Have complete oversight of all DDU and operational base equipment and resources.

- Report on all operational activities – through Whats App, Email, regular meetings, monthly reporting and database management.

REQUIRED SKILLS/ EXPERIENCE

- An undergraduate degree in relevant field or significant experience in law enforcement, K9 units and conservation/protected area management.
- Minimum 2 years professional experience in K9 experience – training and operational, preferably in at least one developing African country.
- Confident, professional and mature individual required.
- Exceptional organizational and planning skills, ability to work well with teams as well as independently
- Excellent leadership, planning and organisational skills. Good at problem solving.
- Time management skills
- Flexibility and adaptability
- The ability to learn quickly
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, fluency in English required

TERMS AND BENEFITS

The DDU TA will be paid a competitive salary. Project related expenses incurred will be reimbursed, e.g. communication and transport during active work duties.

Please send by email a CV and covering letter by COB 10 October 2017 to:

kerri@wildlifecrimeprevention.org

References are required and full background checks will be carried out. Please do NOT send additional paperwork. Only successful candidates will be contacted by 15th October 2017.