

Pan-African Elephant Tracking Coordinator

Save the Elephants (STE) and WWF-US are looking for an elephant tracking coordinator for a two-year contract. Interested candidates should submit the following by 31 May 2023 to Lesley Nalwa lesley@savetheelephants.org

1. Application letter.
2. Curriculum vitae, including publications.
3. Names and contacts of three referees

Role Title: Elephant Tracking Coordinator.

Reporting to: Chris Thouless, Director of Research, STE and Robin Naidoo, Lead Wildlife Scientist WWF-US.

Duration of Position: 3-month probation followed by 21-month contract.

Location: Any, but Africa preferred.

Skills Required: PhD in the biological sciences with experience of GPS tracking, preferably of elephants.

Nationality: Any.

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

Medical cover: None provided.

Working Week: 5 days a week Monday to Friday.

Time Off: 24 days per year plus all public holidays in country of residence.

Major Functions:

Position is responsible for developing a community of elephant satellite tracking practitioners and establishing and disseminating best practice in management, presentation and analysis of elephant tracking data. Work focuses on but is not restricted to Elephant Crisis Fund-supported sites and other known and to-be-identified landscapes with high current or historical elephant tracking efforts. Communicates the work and results to interested institutions including STE, WWF, donors, partner organizations, and the general public. Identifies opportunities for collaboration and fundraising to support the role of elephant tracking in conservation.

Responsibilities:

- ✓ Compile and maintain database on elephant tracking projects across Africa.
- ✓ Establish communication and coordination framework for elephant tracking practitioners.
- ✓ Develop standards for curating elephant tracking data and assist partners with data management.
- ✓ Develop manuals for data management, presentation, and analysis.
- ✓ Assist partners with visualisation and analysis of tracking data.
- ✓ Develop tools for automated generation of maps and analyses (this may be outsourced).

- ✓ Undertake collaborative multi-site analysis of tracking data, leading to scientific, technical and popular publications.

Preferred qualities and experience

- PhD in field related to wildlife ecology and/or animal behaviour.
- Practical experience with wildlife satellite tracking in Africa, preferably involving elephants.
- Deep understanding and familiarity with statistical and other modelling tools from movement ecology
- Advanced skills in GIS and data management and analysis, including ARC/GIS and R.
- Good networking skills.
- Self-reliant and motivated.
- Excellent communicator and writer, willing to engage with a wide variety of people.
- High standard of written and spoken English. Knowledge of French and/or Portuguese an advantage
- Interest in natural history and elephant biology.