

## Vacancy

### **Conservation Manager**

#### **Oceans Research Conservation Africa (ORCA) Foundation Plettenberg Bay**

The ORCA Foundation is the marine research and conservation node of Ocean Blue Adventures, based in Plettenberg Bay. The program is recruiting a full time **Conservation manager**, starting May 2025.

The successful candidate will join our dedicated team to help with the daily running of the foundation's international volunteer programme (Mondays to Fridays, 08:00–17:00). Once trained, you will assist resident marine biologists and conservationists with various long-term projects while supervising volunteers in the field.

This will include assistance with:

- Various fieldwork activities
- Volunteer orientation, training and providing a guided experience during fieldwork activities
- Marine animal stranding response
- Data capture, error checking, preliminary analysis and report writing
- Environmental education
- Attend local environmental management meetings

We are looking for a self-motivated individual who is passionate about marine conservation is keen to work with youth, and does not mind working long hours in the field to collect data. In return you will gain valuable exposure and experience in marine field research techniques while assisting with other conservation and educational projects. Individuals who are prone to seasickness, have a fear of heights or don't like strenuous hikes need not apply. For more information about our work please visit [www.orcafoundation.com](http://www.orcafoundation.com), or follow us on social media.

#### **Minimum requirements:**

- Driver's license
- 2 – 3 years work experience especially managing people

#### **Preferred requirements:**

- BSc. Honours degree in relevant field
- 4 -5 years work experience
- Wildlife handling experience
- Professional Driving Permit (or ability and willingness to acquire one)
- Medical First Aid certificate
- FGASA field guide or SABBWWA marine guide certification
- Skipper's license or small boat handling experience (opportunity to build sea-going experience)

**Necessary qualities:**

- Strong interest in marine research, conservation and education
- Willingness to work and learn under the guidance of our small team
- Enthusiastic, positive, mature, reliable, adaptable, patient and independent attitude
- Sociable (you will be expected to interact and work with international volunteers)
- Self-motivated with determination to work responsibly without direct supervision in the field
- Ability to train, lead and supervise international volunteers in the field
- Willingness to perform tedious observations in sometimes challenging weather conditions
- Ability to work long hours on small vessels
- Attention to detail
- Moderate fitness and physical strength

**Remuneration:**

To be discussed based on current experience

Food and accommodation in the volunteer house included

**Enquiries:**

For further information about our projects please contact relevant staff:

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