



External Advertisement

Overview of the entity

The Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency is a schedule 3C entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1 of 1999 as amended, with a mandate to promote, support and facilitate rural development in the Eastern Cape province.

Position	:	Sector Head Livestock Commercialization and Fisheries
Task Grade	:	17
Reporting line:		Executive: Integrated Programmes Management
Location	:	East London (head office)
Duration	:	Permanent

Main purpose of the position:

The purpose of the position is to facilitate and deliver on livestock commercialization, provide technical advice on the development activities of smallholder livestock farmers as well as aquaculture/fisheries projects.

Minimum requirements:

Educational

- Honors degree in Agricultural / Agribusiness/ Animal Science and Nutrition/ Fisheries or Aquaculture.
- A master's qualification will be an added advantage.

Driving

- Code 08 driver's license

Experience:

- 10 years working experience.
- 5-7 years' experience in livestock commercialization/ agribusiness and or fisheries
- Exceptional record in building collaborations.
- Proven track record in leading projects in rural areas

KNOWLEDGE COMPETENCY AND ATTRIBUTES

- Superior understanding of specific sector value chain for both livestock and fisheries which include technical knowledge of animal science, nutrition and aquaculture.
- Advanced knowledge to oversee the establishment and management of feedlots, abattoirs and cold chain logistics.
- Agricultural diversity
- Livestock management
- Experience in commercialisation
- Knowledge of trade regulations and communal farming systems which includes leading projects in rural areas and coordinating extension support for smallholder farmers.
- Fishery management
- Financial Management
- Change Leadership
- People management
- Communication
- Governance Leadership
- Advanced knowledge in understanding of relevant policy and legislation and trade regulations affecting the agricultural and fisheries sectors.
- Commercial and Strategic competencies
- Advanced understanding of institutional governance systems and performance management

DUTIES

- Operational planning and Management
- Develop strategic and operational plans
- Facilitate strategic partnerships and the transfer of appropriate innovative technology
- Oversee the establishment of feedlots, abattoirs and cold chain logistics
- Coordinate farmer training, extension support, and technical advisory services
- Supervision of project managers in commercialization programmes
- Lead policy formulation and sector intelligence
- Build and maintain relations
- Provide training to the unit staff
- Risk management
- Develop and implement Livestock Commercialization Programme
- Coordinate farmer training, extension support and technical advisory
- Provide support to livestock and aquaculture enterprises.
- Foster collaborations with veterinary services, research institutions and financial institutions
- Facilitate offtake agreements with retailers
- Develop key performance Indicators

Remuneration

A market related salary is offered

GENERAL INFORMATION

The application, which should as minimum contain a covering letter, CV, Employment application form, Certified copy of your Identity document, Qualifications and Driver's license must be submitted to recruitment@ecrda.co.za
For more details, please contact Mr L. Mtumtum on 0664724002.

NB:

- Without prejudice, correspondence will be limited to the short-listed candidates.
- Further be informed that if an applicant does not hear from ECRDA within 30 days, please accept that your application was unsuccessful.
- ECRDA reserves a right to appoint or not to make an appointment.
- Interviews will be conducted in person, unless stated otherwise.
- Administrative enquiries may be directed via email to mtumtumL2@ecrda.co.za
- Canvassing will lead to disqualification of an application.
- ECRDA has an employment equity plan which will be considered when making the appointment into this position.

Date of issue : 26 January 2026

CLOSING DATE: 06 February 2026, before 16h30, late applications will not be accepted.