**Ready to take the next step in your wildlife career?**

**Are you motivated, passionate and have strong leadership skills?**

Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas is seeking a motivated **Senior Keeper: Reptiles**, to assist the wildlife team leader in ensuring the smooth day to day operations of our wildlife department. The successful applicant will demonstrate a sound knowledge in all aspects of animal husbandry, have strong interpersonal leadership skills, be able to lead by example, and assist in guiding and growing a team working with Australian wildlife. The role may include coordination of our International Volunteer program and team. If you are experienced, committed, and driven, with a passion for our native fauna, then we want to hear from you.

Your application should include your resume plus a brief cover letter stating how you meet the Selection Criteria.

Essential skills/criteria:

* Minimum Cert III or IV in Captive animal Management or equivalent . Minimum 3 years paid professional experience in working with reptiles in a zoological park or related institution.
* Prior herpetofauna experience and a familiarity with the natural history and behaviour of reptiles.
* Excellent Presentation/show skills, accompanied with a high standard of personal presentation. Able to deliver high standards of customer service within a busy work environment in a friendly professional manner.
* Perform daily husbandry for a diverse collection of Herpetofauna, utilising evidence-based husbandry practices to ensure optimal health and welfare of wildlife.
* Proven experience working with crocodilians 4+meters.
* Maintain exhibits, service areas, husbandry equipment, tools and life support systems.
* Possess exceptional observation, husbandry and time management skills, with the ability to problem solve and effectively communicate with senior management
* Closely monitor and document animal behaviour, health and welfare, reporting irregularities immediately and maintain detailed, accurate records.
* Skills to develop and provide enrichment to promote natural behaviours and optimum welfare & provide operant conditioning for husbandry and medical management purposes.
* Experience supervising, guiding, growing and training team /junior keepers/ volunteers/trainee keepers, following all policy and procedures.
* We are a 7 day a week operation. Full availability required over weekends and school holiday periods is essential.
* Manual drivers licence essential.

Desirable skills/criteria:

* Experience working with ZIMs.
* Venomous snake handling , not essential, but advantageous.
* Experience ordering supplies and stock management
* Current First Aid qualifications would be an advantage.
* Appropriate fitness to walk long distances, stand for long periods and ability to carry / support up to 10kg for a prolonged period.

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If this sounds like the perfect role for you, please send a cover letter and resume to hradmin@capta.com.au

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