

Towards a participative, inclusive and sustainable management of the forest landscape complex of Outamba-Kilimi, Kuru Hills (Sierra Leone) and Penselli – Soyah - Sabouyah (Guinea) – PAP4 OKKPSS



Job Advert

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Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary is recruiting !

Title	GIS Officer (1 post)
Location	Freetown, Sierra Leone with Frequent visit to Project site
Management	Conservation Manager, Field Manager and Assistant Conservation Manager of Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary
Project Hubs	Hubs Community Development

Tacugama and the OKKPSS project Sierra Leone

Tacugama is the Sierra Leone partner of the trans-boundary OKKPSS project, funded by the European Union, for which the Wild Chimpanzee Foundation is the lead partner and partner for activities in Guinea.

OKKPSS aims to improve the management and protection of the priority landscape of Outamba-Kilimi and Kuru Hills in Sierra Leone and Penselli, Soyah and Sabouyah in Guinea. The landscape is considered a priority conservation area due to its high densities of the critically endangered Western Chimpanzee and the presence of a further 56 Globally Threatened vertebrates, including African Forest Elephant, Lion, Sierra Leone Prinia and three species of Pangolin.

In association with the Government's National Protected Areas Authority and the area's residents and stakeholders, the project seeks to gather the baseline data and put in place the necessary activities to achieve its goals.

Note: Tacugama is committed to ensuring gender equality across all projects. Tacugama highly motivates and encourages women to apply to this position.

Objectives of the post

To assist with data entry, data analysis and mapping of biological and socio-economic data.

Project implementation

- Be part of the technical team, responsible for mapping and data entry
- Mapping of communities, camera traps, transects points of interest, vegetation types and others
- Entry of patrol data, camera trap data and transect data
- Ensuring organized records of all data collected and maps created
- Communication and dissemination of information relating to the Project
- Assist in training and provide support to participants on the project as needed
- Report data to management including Visual Materials
- Technical and verbal reports to management as required

Other responsibilities

- Be aware of the objectives and activities of the Project.
- Be aware of the objectives and activities of other organizations (for example the National Protected Areas Authority) and respect their rules and procedures.
- Participate in staff training activities

Rules to respect

- Confidentiality is required in all aspect of the job delivery
 - Report any work problems to the management.
 - Treat all employees equally, regardless of position.
 - Maintain professionalism during working hours to uphold the good image of the project in the working communities and partner organisations
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Experience and competence required

Qualifications

- Master's degree or equivalent in Geography, Sociology, Community Development, Agricultural Extension and related discipline from a recognised university

Experience required

- Knowledge of GIS tools for community mapping and other designs
- Knowledge of SMART and Cybertracker
- Proficient using Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint
- Ability to enter, organize and review large amounts of data
- Acquaintance with one or more community within Outamba, Kilimi or Kuru Hills
- Ideally (but not essential) experience of community and/or conservation projects
- Ideally (but not essential) knowledge of SPSS and R
- Ideally (but not essential) experience with camera-trap footage analysis
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English
- Verbal knowledge of Susu and/or Limbe is an added advantage

Personal qualities required

- Confidentiality, good character and discretion
- Ability to mobilise and involve village populations in environmental issues and sustainable development
- Organization and autonomy
- Close attention to details
- Motivation
- A real interest in the OKKPSS Project and its partners
- Commitment to live and work in the areas of the OKKPSS project where project work is required.
- Have a liking for field work and ability to live in the villages conditions of the OKKPSS area.
- Ability to work in a team, with a sense of responsibility
- Open-mindedness

In all areas of work she/he is expected to be proactive; that is to make proposals to improve or adapt to the project. Her/his supervisor can ask her/him to carry out additional project tasks when necessary.

This job description covers the main responsibilities of the position. However, it may be required to perform other tasks and accept greater flexibility in the management of the position, without this being considered as a modification of the contract.