

**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**

**Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary is recruiting !  
July 2022!**

<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Education Officer (1 posts)</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Outamba Kilimi National Park and Kuru Hills Forest reserve</b>
<b>Management</b>	<b>Community Conservation Manager and Assistant Conservation Manager Junior</b>
<b>Project Hubs</b>	<b>Biomonitoring &amp; Environment and Community Development</b>

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

### **THE TACUGAMA CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY**

The Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary (TCS) in Sierra Leone in collaboration with Wild Chimpanzee Foundation in Guinea has received a grant from the EU for the sustainable management of the forest landscape complex of Outamba-Kilimi, Kuru Hills (Sierra Leone) and Penselli - Soyah - Sabouyah (Guinea) - PAP4 OKKPSS for duration of three years.

The Outamba-Kilimi and Kuru Hills is a priority conservation landscape in Sierra Leone and Penselli, Soyah and Sabouyah area in Guinea is considered a priority conservation area. Altogether this forest landscape of the two countries hosts high density of key endangered species that are considered endemic to the region.

The management of protected areas and its associated natural resources, cannot be considered successful without the involvement of the local communities and the consideration of their economic activities. It is therefore imperative to sensitize, inform and associate the local beneficiary populations and the administrative and political leaders through active engagement in the implementation of the OKKPSS project to achieve long term positive conservation outcomes in that region

## **JOB OBJECTIVES**

The Education Officer implements activities contributing to environmental education and working with youths at schools or nature clubs and strengthening of social capital for the sustainable future of the Outamba-Kilimi, Kuru Hills forest landscape under the supervision and direction of the programme officers and the thematic coordinator.

## **MISSION AND MAIN ACTIVITIES**

In accordance with the determined strategies and policies, he/she:

- Raise awareness and inform local communities about the OKKPSS project and its objectives;
- Organizes meetings and workshops to conduct environmental education sessions;
- Works closely with schools in the area and youth groups;
- Rigorously collects and processes data
- Maintains a good working relationship with teachers and is able to collaborate and work as part as a team
- Promotes collaboration with local communities;
- Provides regular reporting and communication to study supervisors and coordinators.

The work time will be mainly in the field and eventually at the TCS office in Freetown. Several teams will be formed to work on well-defined intervention areas.

Travel will be mainly by motorcycle and car.

## **OTHER**

- Has a general knowledge of the TCS, its functioning, structure and values;
- Is aware of the objectives and activities in general and in the specific work context;
- Is aware of the activities of the other divisions, supports them, respects the rules and procedures;
- Help with general understanding related to the political and social context;
- Translates documents and interprets conversations if necessary.

## **RULES TO RESPECT**

- Confidentiality is an absolute rule for this position, it is strictly forbidden to divulge information and any breach of this rule will be considered a serious offence and sanctioned in accordance with the provisions of the Internal Regulations;
- He/she must report to his/her superior any important difficulty that may be encountered in the field;
- He/she shall treat all employees equally, without favoritism or special treatment for any reason;
- He/she has to respect the rules and customs of the local population (politeness and propriety) and to maintain the reputation of the TCS and the project.

## **EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS**

- Significant experience in teaching;
- Several field experiences in consultation or community animation (e.g. as a local development officer) are desirable;

- Demonstrate a strong relational capacity with multiple partners (political actors, administrative, local populations);
- Knowledge of traditional office automation tools (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Leadership and conflict management skills;
- Good written and oral expression skills in English. Knowledge of Susu and/or Limba is an added advantage but not a requirement;
- Off-road motorcycle driving is a plus;
- Experienced in working with schools pupils;
- Be able to follow a structured environmental guide designed by TCS to teach school pupils about the importance and management of the environment and its associated natural resources

**Academic qualification:**

- Have a Bachelor's degree in sociology, community development, Education, environment or a similar field is an advantage;

**Other qualifications:**

- Teamwork, organizational skills and autonomy;
- Show initiative, be a force of proposal;
- Demonstrate a real motivation and involvement in the protection of natural resources;
- Have a pronounced taste for field work, and be able to live in conditions that are sometimes isolated and with reduced comfort;
- Confidentiality and discretion;
- Ability to analyze and synthesize, critical sense;
- Rigor;
- Good technical writing and reporting skills in English;

- Open-mindedness;
- Particular sensitivity to development issues, and more specifically to the fields of biodiversity and/or local development.

In all areas of his/her activity, he/she must be proactive, i.e. be a force for proposals for improvement or adaptation. His/her supervisor may ask him/her to perform additional tasks if necessary.

This job description includes the main responsibilities of the position. However, you may be asked to perform tasks other than those listed above and to be flexible in the management of your function without this being considered a change of contract.

**Send applications to [conservation@tacugama.com](mailto:conservation@tacugama.com)**