

## **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH TACUGAMA**

Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary is opening its Internship Program for the year of 2024. There are four project opportunities available

### **Project 1 – Tree Planting in and around Loma Mountains National Park**

Develop tree nursery sites in project communities (28) according to indigenous species availability, rarity of species, and plants consumed by wild chimpanzees. Use nursery sites, in collaboration with education groups, to assist with future project reforestation activities. This project will require a lot of time spent in the field (working with the community), as well as a prior knowledge of plant propagation, nursery techniques and plant ID.

### **Project 2 – Chimpanzee Behaviour Analysis from Loma Mountains National Park**

Engage in animal identification, with a special focus on chimpanzees. Cultural and interesting behaviours of chimpanzees should be highlighted and compared to literature from other countries. Optional: assist the field teams with setting camera traps inside and around Loma Mountains National Park. Requires a good knowledge of how to use a computer, especially data organization and excel.

### **Project 3 – National Animal Campaign Strategy Development**

Develop the strategy plan (including project write up, calendar of activities, budget and monitoring and evaluation) for the National Animal Campaign both in Freetown and upcountry. Organize events, workshops and sensitization opportunities.

### **Project 4 – Analysis and Compilation of Ranger Patrol Data**

Assist in the analysis of ranger data from various project sites by developing regular reports using SMART. Patrol data to be organized systematically, analysed and combined with GIS and mapping tools, for effective understanding of wildlife trends across Sierra Leone.

### **Requirements:**

- Applicants to Projects 1 and 2 must be currently registered at a University of Sierra Leone, with their own University Supervisor. Preferably Masters Level.
- All applicants must be available to work full time on the internship for a minimum period of 6 months, up to 1 full year. Applicants must be available to start during the month of April 2024.
- Applicants must be able to work from Tacugama Sanctuary in Freetown on a regular basis, with trips to the field as and when required.

### **Deadlines:**

- 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 – Close of internship applications
- 18<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Review of applications and calls for interview
- 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 – Selection of final candidates
- 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – Start of Internship

To apply for the internship please send your CV and cover letter to [conservation@tacugama.com](mailto:conservation@tacugama.com), specifying which project you would be interested in and what experience (literature, software, fieldwork) you have to successfully carry out the work. Note this is not a paid position, but any field logistics will be covered. Other tasks may be assigned as and when necessary.