

Research Coordinator / Camp Manager at Loango Chimpanzee Project Gabon

Hiring Organization: Max-Planck-institute for Evolutionary Anthropology

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Position Description:

Research Coordinator/Camp manager for an ongoing long-term project - the Loango Chimpanzee Project (LCP) - in Loango NP, Gabon. The person will be in charge of camp management, logistics, communication and coordination of data collection for different research projects. This includes organizing working schedules and payments for local field assistants, organizing food and other supplies, maintenance of camp infrastructure, communication with the National Park authorities (ANPN) and the National Research Institute (CENAREST). The camp manager is also in charge of processing and maintaining the sample collection ranging from urine, feces, plants, tissue and bones on a daily basis. The living conditions at this project are basic. Our camp has only basic amenities (no running water, only minimal solar power for electricity). Loango National Park is located on the coast of Gabon and consists of several ecosystems including coastal forest and swamps. Information about the field site and research activities at Loango are available at: <https://www.eva.mpg.de/primat/research-groups/chimpanzees/field-sites/loango-chimpanzee-project.html>

Qualifications:

Essential requirements are: (1) field experience, (2) language skills (English and French), (3) above average resistance to social/psychological stress, (4) practical and technical skills required to maintain the camps technical infrastructure (e.g. solar electricity, satphone, cybertracker software), (5) the ability to achieve tasks by improvisation, using limited resources that are available, (6) the capacity to live and work with an international team of students, volunteers and local staff. Candidates should have social skills, a sense of leadership, a strong motivation to take responsibility and tolerance to local costumes, (7) Qualification in zoology will be preferred, (8) Experience driving a quad bike is an asset.

You will be required to have basic health insurance that also covers emergency repatriation and liability. You also must have vaccinations for measles, yellow fever, hepatitis A and B, polio, and meningitis.

Salary/funding: 1.000 Euro/month

Support provided for position

- per diem for travel
- lap top
- food and accommodation in single room at the field site
- domestic transportation
- international return flight (reimbursement ONLY AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A 12 MONTHS TERM OF APPOINTMENT)

Term of Appointment: min. 12 months, starting Nov 2020-OKT 2021

Application deadline: 18.09.2020

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