



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Position: CONSERVATION FIELD OFFICER**

### **Job purpose:**

Within the frame work of ongoing field projects, the Conservation Field Officer will coordinate implementation of field activities aimed at ensuring the conservation of wild chimpanzees and enhancement of their habitats. This position demands creativity and high level of consultation with various stakeholders, partners and staff in your line of operation.

### **General Job Responsibilities**

- Support the field program to enhance natural resources and environmental management activities such as Agro-forestry, indigenous tree propagation and activities aimed at forest corridor restoration.
- Work with the Field team to design, develop and disseminate appropriate conservation messages to relevant target audiences.
- Work on specific aspects aimed at identifying and mapping out areas of human chimpanzee conflicts and drawing appropriate strategies for mitigation. Collaborate with the local Government, National Forestry Authority, Uganda Wildlife Authority, and other NGO's in building capacity of local communities to manage biodiversity in the Albertine Rift.
- Be responsible for implementation of the community based monitoring program in consultation with the different stakeholders and other relevant staff
- Shall lead Chimpanzee Trust GIS work including production of appropriate maps as well as using other ecological data analysis tools for data analysis and generation of relevant project reports.
- Identifying and supporting livelihood initiatives in selected communities
- Monitor and evaluate public appreciation, and understanding of chimpanzee conservation in those areas w operation.
- Shall monitor and participate in strengthening established local structures, procedures and guidelines aimed at managing conservation programs as well as their sustainability.
- Consistently document lessons learned and experiences gained from the different projects/programs.
- Occasionally assist in other trust activities as and when required, in the different duty stations.
- Be accountable for implementing community conservation activities as described in the guidelines and promptly make recommendations and periodic reports to Chimpanzee Trust management
- Work hand in hand with Chimpanzee Trust resource mobilization committee to identify areas of development and help in writing proposals for grants and funding.

### **Key Qualifications, Competencies and Skills**

#### **Qualifications**

- Minimum of a Bachelor in Natural Resource Management, Forestry, Biodiversity Conservation, Community Development or any other related disciplines. Additional demonstrated trainings related to the field are an added advantage.
- At least 2 years working experience in natural resources and biodiversity conservation projects. Previous work in primate conservation will be an added advantage.
- Good understanding and demonstrated experience in use of analytical computer softwares and programs including Geographical Information Systems (GIS), DISTANCE software, databases and MS-Office programs.
- Excellent report writing and communication skills including ability to write articles in various publications.

### *Competencies*

- A basic understanding of project cycle management approaches and tools - including Participatory methods on capacity assessment and planning, project monitoring and evaluation and partners' capacity building,
- Knowledge of key aspects of development work including cross-cutting themes (e.g. gender, environment, HIV/AIDS).
- Skills in training/facilitation of development processes, including organization and mobilization of communities and networking among different development partners such as community-based organizations (CBOs), governments and NGOs.
- Skills and experience in planning, budgeting and financial reporting.
- High level integrity and high standards of personal conduct,

### *Skills*

- **Possession of a valid driving/riding permit**
- Good presentation skills including ability to use relevant computer packages, video cameras, still photo cameras
- **Knowledge of Runyakitara languages and culture**

If you meet the above requirements, please submit your hand written application, copies of your academic testimonials, CV, names and addresses of two referees, telephone contact to: The recruitment Committee, Chimpanzee Trust, Plot 1 Bank Close, Entebbe, P.O. Box 884 Entebbe.

The Closing date for receiving applications is 2 weeks from the date of this advert.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.