

Title: Assistant Field Coordinator, Gorilla Protection Project Gabon
Hiring Organization: The Aspinall Foundation (TAF)

Position Description:

TAF has been working in Gabon since 1998, funding and managing a western lowland gorilla rehabilitation and reintroduction project in the Batéké Plateau National Park (Projet Protection des Gorilles - PPG-Gabon) and has been working in close collaboration with the Gabonese Government to ensure the protection of the national park since its creation in 2002.

In Gabon, the main actions to achieve this objective are:

1. Law enforcement against illegal bushmeat trade;
2. Management of gorilla and other wildlife re-introduction programs in the BPNP;
3. Monitoring surveys of wildlife and human pressure in the BPNP.

The holder of this job will be the Assistant Field Coordinator for PPG-Gabon and will be part of the conservation team. He/she will supervise PPG activities within BPNP, in collaboration with the Field Coordinator, the Gabonese National Park Agency and project staff.

Tasks/Responsibilities.

- supervision of PPG staff (Gabonese nationals and occasionally Expats)
- monitoring of previously introduced gorillas, as well as new re-introductions which will take place in 2021.
- Reporting to the PPG-Gabon Field Coordinator and the TAF Regional Director for Gabon and Congo.
- work-planning; financial and technical reporting; staff capacity building
- staff and camp management;
- writing regular reports in English and French for TAF and ANPN
- gorilla health and behavioural monitoring,
- entry of observational, camera-trap and climate data,
- logistics for anti-poaching patrols etc.

Qualifications:

- at least 3 years of experience in Africa (preferably working with gorillas) in a similar role.
- previous experience in project management (staff supervision, work-planning and reporting, etc.)
- Knowledge in Excel/Word is mandatory, R and ArcGIS is a plus.
- Wildlife re-introduction and anti-poaching experience, with an emphasis on conservation, would be highly recommended.
- good social and communication skills with local staff and all cooperation partners; he/she should be able to work in a multicultural and multinational environment while living in isolated field camps (solar power, satellite internet and no running water). He/she needs to be physically fit enough for forest work in tropical climate.
- fluent in French and English both spoken and written
- Additional skills: driving license, mechanical aptitude, construction skills, boat/quad driver.

Salary/funding: depending on experience

Support provided for internship/volunteer positions (travel, meals, lodging): - Housing in wooden cabin or safari tent

- 10.000,00 XAF per day (food rations)
- Health Insurance
- Visa
- 6 weeks of vacation per year
- One round-trip economy airfare to and from Franceville (from home country), to represent two single tickets, one for the beginning and one for the termination of the contract,

- One round-trip economy airfare to and from Franceville (from home country) per twelve month period (annual leave).

Term of Appointment: **January 20, 2021**. 3 month trial period which either party can terminate without notice. If the trial period is successful, then the contract will be prolonged to complete a period of two years.

Application Deadline: **20.December 2020**

Comments: Please send cover letter, CV, and names of three references to bonnet.matthieu3@gmail.com and palisteel@yahoo.com by **December 20, 2021**.

Applications will be reviewed as they come in, so don't wait to the last day to apply. Please do not send emails inquiring about the status of your application.

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