



# CENTRE DE CONSERVATION POUR CHIMPANZES

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The Chimpanzee Conservation Center, a sanctuary located in Guinea-Conakry and accredited by the Pan Africa Sanctuary Alliance (PASA), is opening a position for a “**manager of conservation programs**”.

## **Context**

The CCC is a sanctuary created in 1997 that rescues, rehabilitates and releases, when suitable and possible, orphaned chimpanzees who are victims of the illegal bushmeat and pet trade. The CCC is located at the heart of the Haut Niger National Park (PNHN), which is home to a large population of wild chimpanzees as well as harbor a wide biodiversity.

The CCC works with the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD), as well as the Office Guinéen des Parcs Nationaux et Réserves de Faunes (OGPNRF) and the authorities of the Haut Niger National Park and is managed independently by the NGO Projet Primates Guinee.

The CCC is currently rehabilitating 62 chimpanzees and monitoring 6 released adult chimpanzees in the heart of the Haut Niger National Park.

The Center has been actively collaborating with the authorities in the protection of the National Park in order to protect its population of wild chimpanzees and its fauna for more than 20 years. It conducts environmental awareness programs and small community projects as well as biomonitoring projects. These conservation activities are fully part of our missions to protect the chimpanzee subspecies *Pan troglodytes verus*, classified since November 2016 as endangered by the IUCN.

It is within this framework that we are now recruiting a manager of conservation programs in order to develop and coordinate all the protection activities of the PNHN, the camera traps project, the monitoring of released chimpanzees and the protection of their territory, education and development of community activities.

## **Position: manager of conservation programs**

The manager of Conservation Programs is in charge for the overall supervision of the conservation activities of the Chimpanzee Conservation Center (CCC). Thus he/she is responsible for coordinating environmental awareness activities, protection of the Haut Niger National Park (HNPN), the camera traps project, the monitoring of released chimpanzees and community projects by working closely with all the teams concerned and their respective managers. He/she also actively collaborates with the CCC management team for the conservation activities that exist around the release program.

He/She will develop logical frameworks to manage and find funding for conservation activities. He/She will manage the financial management of the various activities and produce reports. He/she liaises with authorities at all levels and works closely with the Executive Director (ED) of the CCC.

## **Responsibilities of the Manager of Conservation Programs:**

- ✓ Deployment of the awareness program (school program, street displays, adult awareness, radio program, etc.)
- ✓ Implementation, monitoring and evaluation of community projects.
- ✓ Coordination of conservation activities (protection of the PNHN (work with ecoguards, camera trap project, data management and reporting to the ED as well as to the authorities of the HNNP and the OGPNRF); awareness-raising activities; community development; research program in the HNNP in close collaboration with its colleagues in charge of each component
- ✓ Coordination of the chimpanzee release program in close collaboration with the release site manager and the management team of the CCC.
- ✓ Maintaining and developing relationships with local, regional and national authorities, as well as with CCC partners in country
- ✓ Administrative and financial management of the projects under his responsibility and regular narrative reports to the CCC DE and partners
- ✓ Development of projects and participation in fundraising with the Executive Director and with support organizations
- ✓ Management of the teams under his responsibility

**Experience/skills:**

- ✓ Higher Diploma in Conservation/Management of Protected Areas
- ✓ At least 2 years of experience in team management in a protection/conservation project in Africa
- ✓ Significant experience in administrative and financial management, including the production of financial and narrative reports.
- ✓ The candidate should be able to:
  - To plan
  - To organize
  - To communicate
  - To live, and work in difficult conditions.
  - Build relationships with external partners.
  - Formalize information for fundraising and reporting
  - Managing in a team spirit
- ✓ Mastery of basic computer tools (Word, Excel) (essential)
- ✓ Mastery of GPS, camera traps and GIS system (essential) and SMART (preferred)
- ✓ Speak and write French fluently (essential)
- ✓ Fluency in English (written and spoken), writing in English (preferred)

*Additional skills: Knowledge of African culture.*

**Terms:**

The position is to be filled at the beginning of September 2023 for 1 year renewable, with a trial period of 3 months. The contract is signed with the NGO Project Primates Guinea (PPGui), which legally manages the CCC.

The remuneration is around 1000 dollars monthly and can be discussed according to the profile of the candidate. The manager will benefit from 8 weeks of vacation per year and a return plane ticket from Guinea to his/her country of origin. During his stay at the CCC, the manager will have one day off per

week. Visa fees will be refunded.

The costs of transport, accommodation, food in Guinea, within the framework of its missions, are supported according to a scale established in advance according to the costs of living. He/she will be mainly based in Faranah where the CCC has an office but will be required to travel according to service needs.

Possible reimbursement of repatriation insurance up to a maximum of \$1000/year

**To apply:**

Send before July 1st, 2023 your resume, a cover letter and 2 reference letters from previous employers to the Executive Director Dr Paolo PAGANI: [ccc.directeur@gmail.com](mailto:ccc.directeur@gmail.com) and to Miguel Garcia: [miguel.garcia.1986@hotmail.com](mailto:miguel.garcia.1986@hotmail.com)

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