



## **JOB VACANCY**

### **Transboundary Law Enforcement Technical Committee Officer Taï-Grebo-Krahn-Sapo forest complex (Côte d'Ivoire / Liberia)**

**Structure of employment:** Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF)

#### **Background:**

Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF) has recently been awarded a grant from TetraTech for USAID's West African Biodiversity and Climate Change (WA BiCC) program to "Strengthen Multi-Stakeholder Management of the Taï-Grebo-Krahn-Sapo Transboundary Forest Landscape between Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire". The program feeds into WCF's long-term mission of enhancing the survival of the remaining wild chimpanzee populations and their habitat, and covers conservation programs that include biomonitoring, law enforcement, environmental education, research, land-use planning, alternative livelihood schemes, ecotourism and capacity building. Emphasis is placed on using an evidence-based approach to the program and supporting transboundary collaboration between stakeholders in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia. This project has started in October 2017 and will end on January 2020.

The TGS Forest Complex remains one of the largest forest blocks in West Africa, covering more than 10,000 square kilometers and including several protected areas, classified forests and logging concessions. However, this landscape is currently very fragmented due to important pressure from human activities on the remaining ecosystems. Currently, various natural resource trafficking has been recorded: illegal bushmeat trade, transboundary timber trafficking, illegal land sale for agriculture on both river's sides, trade of cocoa partly coming from the Cavally Classified Forest and gold panning on the river and its tributaries.

Facing these common issues, both the Liberian and Ivorian governments committed to better controlling the cross-border trade of natural resources and combating illegal activities that threaten biodiversity. A transboundary steering committee has been set up in 2013 and has already met four times between 2013 and 2017. This strategic entity had to create 4 technical committees enabling the implementation of a transboundary plan, among them a legislation and law enforcement committee. The establishment of a transboundary committee focusing on law comes from the belief that an appropriate legal framework addressing current legal gaps and fostering the effective implementation of controlling measures and sanctions against natural resources traffickers would

highly contribute to improving management of the TGS forest complex.

Within the WCF - WA BiCC project framework presented above, WCF has thus planned to support the implementation of this law enforcement technical committee and is currently recruiting an expert to be in charge of this project.

**Job description:**

The transboundary technical committee officer will have to implement this technical committee working closely with the authorities concerned. She/he should organize logistically the different committee meetings and should prepare and organize the content of such meetings. She/he will thus prepare these meetings by organizing preparation-meetings with the authorities concerned both in Côte d'Ivoire and in Liberia. She/he will have to produce all documents and presentations necessary to facilitate debates during the meetings and support decisions-making. She/he has to aim that this committee will really impact on the current transboundary issues.

**Supervision:**

The transboundary technical committee officer will be under the supervision of the WCF West African Representation Director, who is also the WCF Côte d'Ivoire Director. The officer will work closely and will draft reports to the WCF Liberia Director and to the WCF-WA BiCC project Coordinator. She/he will also work with all the WCF team and will collaborate with the local partners and the institutions concerned.

She/he will work in the WCF office in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire with regular missions in Liberia and on the field.

**Qualifications / Experience:**

*Required:*

- Minimum of 4 years' experience in NGO or institutions in conception, drafting and implementation of strategies, laws and regulations;
- Minimum Masters level degree in Law, Environmental Sciences, International Development or related field;
- Excellent communication skills and fluency in English and French (oral and written);
- Excellent public relations skills;
- Excellent drafting skills.

*Preferred:*

- Working experience in project management in the field of environment and natural resources management and conservation;
- Working experience in an NGO
- Knowledges on the forest, mining and wildlife topics.

**Deadline for submission:** September 1, 2018

WCF is an equal opportunity employer and particularly encourages women to apply.

Applications (CV and Cover letter with two references) should be sent electronically to [margot.semeriva@hotmail.fr](mailto:margot.semeriva@hotmail.fr) with the subject line "Application TTC Officer".