

JOB VACANCY

Udzungwa Forest Project
PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR
(MAGOMBERA CONSERVATION INITIATIVE)



The Udzungwa Forest Project (UFP) is a conservation project based in southern Tanzania. The aim of the project is to better protect tropical forests through ecological and socio-economic monitoring, habitat management, community engagement, capacity building and lobbying. UFP currently works in Magombera Forest, between the Udzungwa Mountains and Selous Game Reserve. The Project Co-ordinator (PC) will oversee all activities including management of the field team, and reporting to the Project Director (PD). The project is funded and directed through Flamingo Land, one of the UK's most popular tourist attractions, centre for captive breeding and supporter of conservation. Research direction for the project is through CIRCLE, the Centre for Integrated Research, Conservation and Learning, University of York. The PC will initially be employed by the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group.

Job Description

- Co-ordination of all aspects of the Magombera initiative, based in Mang'ula, Morogoro Region.
- Manage nine staff plus other casual labourers working in the Magombera Forest and nearby villages, including facilitation of environmental education, forest management, sustainability planning and gathering data to measure conservation success.
- Maintain the project office and vehicles, and update project databases, financial accounts and make brief monthly progress reports.
- Maintain good working relationships with project partners including landowners, village committees, researchers, district government and NGOs.
- Assist the PD and newly appointed Project Manager (expected within the first year of work) with development of research, a new NGO, management plan and livelihood-sensitive protected area.
- Project activities may later be extended to other areas in the Udzungwa Mountains.
- Salary: competitive for early career graduates in similar Tanzanian NGOs.
- Duration: permanent, beginning October 2016 (initially for a probationary period of six months).

Selection Criteria

- Bachelors degree in a relevant subject, e.g. socio-ecology, natural resources, resource economics, forestry, conservation, wildlife management, ecology.
- At least 2 documented years of relevant employment, preferably in relation to forests.
- Experience in budgeting, accounting, time-management and driving in Tanzania.
- The applicant must be enthusiastic, an excellent communicator, and able to work well with people.
- The applicant must also be physically fit with prior experience of camping.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Word (and knowledge of GIS software desirable).
- Fluent in English and Swahili with proven verbal and written skills in both languages.

Application and Further Information

- Applications and enquiries by e-mail to Dr. Andy Marshall at circle@flamingoland.co.uk.
- Please supply a cv (including telephone number), degree module grades, covering letter (including a response to the selection criteria), and telephone, postal and e-mail contacts for two referees.
- Interviews will be conducted in Dar es Salaam (provisionally on September 29th-30th 2016). Alternative locations or telephone interviews may be considered for exceptional candidates.
- Deadline for applications is midnight on Monday September 25th 2016.
- More information on UFP: www.facebook.com/UdzungwaForestProject, www.circle-conservation.org