



Tai Chimpanzee Project

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CAMP MANAGER for the TAI CHIMPANZEE PROJECT based in TAI NATIONAL PARK, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

We are offering the position as camp manager at the Tai Chimpanzee Project (www.taichimps.org), based in Tai National Park (Côte d'Ivoire), the last remaining large forest patch of primary rain forest in West Africa and UNESCO World Heritage Site. The duties as camp manager include managing local staff (working schedules, payments, etc.), bringing together scientific data (compiling, cleaning and archiving scientific data collected by staff), maintaining camps and infrastructure (maintenance of buildings, cars and equipment), and keeping contact to local authorities. This job will take about 50% of the time.

The other 50% of the time the camp manager is free to conduct research within the borders of the research permit of the Tai Chimpanzee Project. We follow four neighbouring communities of chimpanzees and one group of sooty mangabeys on a daily basis. Our general interest is to understand their behaviour, cognition and communication, the health of the ecosystem and the conservation of the fauna and flora of the National Park. Research can be conducted on the level of a Postdoc, PhD or for an interested MSc – with different requirements.

Qualification and requirements:

The successful candidate has experience in working in remote areas, has good social and communication skills, is fluent in French and English, and is resilient to psychological and physical stress. Experience with cybertracker software (or other data collection software) and R studio is important. Previous behavioural data collection on wild mammals and management experience is of advantage. Depending on the research activities a degree in Biology, Evolutionary Anthropology, Evolutionary Psychology or similar is conditional.

Salary / funding:

Tenure of the position is **2 years**. It is paid according to German TVöD regulations (approx. 3000€ / month including all benefits). During data collection at the Tai field-site, the successful candidate will write a research proposal to apply for grant money to complete the research at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany.

Application deadline:

Applications will be evaluated as they come in (open deadline until position is filled).

Applications should be sent electronically to **taichimpproject@eva.mpg.de**

Start and term of appointment:

January 2021 or as soon as possible afterwards.

Taï Chimpanzee Project, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Deutscher Platz 6, 04103 Leipzig, Germany – based in the Taï National Park, Côte d'Ivoire.

Comments:

Applications include a cover letter stating experience and potential research experience, field experience and experience of managing field sites, a detailed curriculum vitae, a short research outline (1 page) and the names and e-mail addresses of three referees. Further information can be requested from the director of TCP Roman Wittig at wittig@eva.mpg.de