



Position: Infrastructure Manager, Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park

Reports to: Park Director, Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park

Location: Bomassa, Republic of Congo

Application deadline: 28 February 2022

Background

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is a private, nonprofit U.S. organization founded in 1895. Its mission is to preserve wildlife and wild places by understanding critical issues, developing science-based solutions, and taking conservation action that benefits nature and humanity. With more than a century of experience, long-term commitments in dozens of landscapes, a presence in more than 60 countries, and experience in creating more than 150 protected areas around the world, WCS has accumulated the biological knowledge, cultural understanding, and partnerships necessary to ensure that wild places and wildlife thrive alongside local communities. Working with local communities and organizations, this knowledge is applied to address species, habitat, and ecosystem management issues that are critical to improving the quality of life for poor rural people whose livelihoods depend on the direct use of natural resources.

Program Overview:

For the past 25 years, WCS Congo has been the primary conservation partner of the Government of Congo, providing support to MEF for wildlife and habitat management in several national parks, reserves and protected area buffer zones. Within these sites, WCS develops and implements actions for effective wildlife protection, community-based natural resource management, ecological monitoring, scientific research and environmental education.

Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park (NNNP) covers more than 4,000 square kilometers of intact contiguous rainforest in the northern Republic of Congo. The forest is part of the tri-national Sangha Forest landscape, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The area is a stronghold for important populations of large mammals, including forest elephants, western lowland gorillas, and chimpanzees. Established in 1993, NNNP and its buffer zone have benefited from more than 25 years of collaborative management between the Congolese government and WCS to emerge as one of the most successful protected areas for wildlife conservation in Central Africa. In October 2014, WCS signed a public-private partnership (PPP) with the Ministry of Forest Economy (MEF) for the long-term management and financing of NNNP, creating the Nouabalé-Ndoki Foundation as the park's management entity under a 25-year agreement.

Position Summary:

Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park is looking for a dynamic and rigorous Infrastructure Manager to organize and lead the infrastructure program of Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park (NNNP).

Main responsibilities:

- Draw up preliminary design files, bills of quantity, technical specifications (concerning architecture, and execution) and budget calculation.
- Establish a detailed plan of the necessary requirements for each project.
- Provide technical advice during tendering processes.
- Monitor ongoing construction sites and produce progress reports.
- Provide financial management and recruitment of casual labor.
- Work with government agencies to ensure compliance with construction codes.
- Manage the park's construction equipment and materials.
- Manage the maintenance and upkeep of the park infrastructure.
- Manage the park maintenance crew, including electricians, plumbers, masons, carpenters, and laborers

Key Qualifications:

- Be a Civil Engineer, Construction Engineer, Architectural Engineer or Architect
- At least 5+ years of experience in the field of architecture and/or construction
- Excellent knowledge of construction codes
- Knowledge of architectural design
- Highly creative in the design of projects
- Knowledge of domestic electricity and plumbing
- Experience working and managing complex logistics in remote field conditions
- Good knowledge of Autocad, Sketchup, Word and Excel
- Excellent team management skills (authority and sensitivity)
- Ability to work in a multicultural context and in remote areas
- Fluency in French is mandatory, English is a plus

Application Instructions:

Interested candidates who meet the above criteria are invited to submit their application (CV and cover letter with contact information for three references) to wscongobrazza@wcs.org.

Please indicate "Head of Infrastructure - NNNP" in the subject line of your email. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews.

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