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CALL FOR CANDIDATES – CHIEF PILOT, GREATER ZAKOUMA ECOSYSTEM

Position title: Chief pilot, Greater Zakouma Ecosystem (GZE)

Location: Zakouma NP, Chad (ZNP)

Reports to: Zakouma Park Manager (PM)

Supervises: The aviation component of the GZE.

Job overview: To fly and effectively manage all aspects of the GZE aircraft and to be able to assist with other duties outside of normal flying hours.

Key functions:

Aviation

- Fly the ZNP logistical support aircraft – currently a C182 but might change to a C206.
- Oversee the operations of the Siniaka Minia Faunal Reserve (SMFR) aircraft – C182
- Oversee the operations of the ZNP surveillance aircraft – Light Sports Aircraft (LSA)
- Oversee and ensure that all insurance, paperwork, registrations, renewals, maintenance etc. for the GZE aircraft are up to date
- Oversee the maintenance of the GZE airstrips
- Provide support to the parks anti-poaching teams, sometimes under difficult conditions and in difficult areas
- Be able to take off and land on short, difficult bush strips with full loads
- Strong focus on excellence and not just “bush flying”
- Provide in-house maintenance allowed for “N”-registered aircraft
- Continuously investigate most suitable aircraft for the GZE needs
- Continuously investigate best maintenance practices and service providers
- Ensure fuel availability in a remote area and continuously investigate best fuel suppliers for the GZE aircraft
- Focus on building a network of standby planes available in the sub-region in case we need a plane (Wings for Conservation, WCS, other AP projects, AirInter1, NDJ flying club etc.)
- Ensure qualified and motivated staff flying the other aircraft in the fleet
- Where necessary, and legally possible, train staff on the GZE aircraft
- Perform annual internal competency tests on other pilots flying the GZE aircraft.

Other

- Assist with other duties outside of normal flying hours. For example; the park has a continuous need for electronic maintenance as part of its communications network and the chief pilot will be required to maintain and repair radio communications while inspecting the network of airstrips in the GZE
- Build and maintain good relations with the local aviation authorities



- Maintain good relations with other aviation service providers and role players in the area
- Any other duties as requested by the park manager.

Reporting

- To provide the Zakouma park manager with a monthly report by the end of each month (latest the 2nd of the next month)

Other conditions

- Final employment will take place after the satisfactory completion of a 3-month probation period

Key relationships

1. Park Manager and Management Team in Zakouma
2. Regional aviation service providers
3. Aviation authorities

What does success look like in 3-years' time?

- No unnecessary incidents or accidents
- Well maintained fleet of aircraft
- Competent pilots
- Good relationships with all stakeholders
- Necessary aviation infrastructure in place and maintained
- No operational downtime due to lack of fuel or maintenance

Starting date: As soon as possible

Call for Candidates:

Any interested parties to submit applications by no later than 30 September 2018 to the Zakouma park manager at leonl@africanparks.org.

The application should include:

- Qualifications;
- Past experience;
- Language skills;
- Expectations.

Preference will be given to candidates with the following background:

- Bush flying experience
- Pilots proficient in the French language
- Pilots with electronic/mechanical experience or inclinations.

The top 3 candidates will be shortlisted; only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

