



Job Title	:	Research & Monitoring Manager
Business Unit	:	Odzala Kokoua National Park
Location of Position	:	Odzala Kokoua National Park, Republic of Congo
Reports to	:	Park Manager
Starting date	:	6 th of September 2021
Supervises (Direct Reports)	:	All Research & Monitoring activities undertaken within the park and its periphery

BACKGROUND:

Odzala Kokoua Foundation is the management entity of Odzala National Park, RC. The Foundation is directly affiliated to African Parks Network who is a non-profit organisation that takes total responsibility for the rehabilitation and long-term management of national parks in partnership with governments and local communities.

Job overview: The Research & Monitoring Manager is in charge of coordinating and implementing all conservation and habitat management strategies within OKNP and its periphery, in line with the Research & Monitoring framework and to efficiently inform park management decisions.

Key Responsibilities:

- Establish close relationship with Law Enforcement Department in exchange of data and information; gathered from the Research and Monitoring teams in the field;
- Monitor the implementation of conservation activities / ecological monitoring across the park, including wildlife surveys, health monitoring of great apes and camera trap surveys;
- Plan and implement the required studies to support other departments (Law Enforcement, Tourism & Commercial Development) as described in the business plan;
- Plan and coordinate potential specie reintroduction;
- Plan and implement a Fire Management Plan (FMP);
- Design and implement plans to habituate the game in the identified tourism zones, including two gorilla groups;
- Assist researchers working in the park;
- Record the phenology, meteorology and limnology throughout the park;
- Deliver monthly, quarterly and annual activity reports to park management;



- Manage a team of 30+ ecomonitors, trackers and research assistants;
- Ensure strategic and operational planning of all research and monitoring activities,
- Ensure sound budget follow-up (no over nor underspending);
- Ensure the compliance with AP SOPs in all activities;

Competencies, qualifications and experience needed for the role:

- Strong proven experience in research and conservation, ideally in Central Africa.
- Team and project management skills.
- Adaptability to Changing Environments.
- Fluency in English and French (written and spoken)
- Administrative and computer skills.
- Diplomacy and ability to build good relationships.
- Attention to detail.
- Punctuality.
- A private pilot license is highly beneficial
- Lingala is highly beneficial.

Qualifications:

University degree in Nature Conservation, PhD in Forest Science,

Language Skills:

French/ English: Spoken, written (Required)

Key relationships:

1. Park Manager
2. Park Management Unit
3. AP Head of Science support
4. Technical partners and government agencies

To apply, please email your CV and cover letter to rh.odzala@africanparks.org with a copy to: pnok@africanparks.org by 31st July 2021

Should you not hear back from us within 2 weeks after closing date, please take it that your application was unsuccessful.