



Position Title	Aviation Supervisor
Location	Benin, Operations Bases, Pendjari & W National Parks
Reporting to	Field Operations Managers – Pendjari & W National Parks
Start date	01 st December 2021
Type of contract	Full Time job with a fixed term contract

ABOUT AFRICAN PARKS

African Parks is a non-profit organization that takes on total responsibility for the rehabilitation and long-term management of national parks in partnership with governments and local communities. Government of Benin entered into a long-term agreement with African Parks to revitalize, rehabilitate and develop both Pendjari and W National Parks. Together, these two Parks form a significant portion of the W-Arly-Pendjari (WAP) Complex, a globally significant transboundary landscape representing the largest intact wild ecosystem in West Africa.

African Parks is seeking a full-time Aviation Supervisor for Pendjari and W National Parks in Benin. This position is to be shared between the two parks and represents an exciting opportunity to work with a unique conservation organization, dedicated to protecting Africa's wildlife and remaining wild places. We are looking for a highly organized, self-motivated and passionate individual to manage all aspects of aviation in Pendjari and W National Parks. This individual will support our small but dynamic and innovative conservation team and the work we are carrying out to help secure the future of wildlife and the people living around protected areas. This is a special opportunity to work with an organization that is carrying out some of the most impactful conservation work across Africa.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Aviation Supervisor is responsible for managing all aspects of aviation in the Pendjari and W National Park and finding and building on means to synergize aviation operations with W National Park in order to reduce cost for both parks and increase efficiency. Apart from administrative duties, the Aviation Supervisor will also count piloting aircraft among his duties when required.

Aviation logistics

- Manage and logical planning of assets and resources of Pendjari National Park and ensure that aviation needs are met in both through crew rotation, maintenance sharing and synchronizing operations with W National Park;
- Ensure that all aviation licenses, documents, insurance and authorizations required to legally operate each aircraft with the designated pilot are in order at all times;
- Maintain an excellent relationship with ANAC and other authorities in order to ensure quick processing times and outstanding service;
- Manage stock of regularly used consumables and spares so that no more than two supply consignments are required annually;
- Maintain a relationship with ATB and ensure that all incoming flights are reported, known and adequately prepared for at least 24hrs in advance;
- Adhere to the APP Aviation SOP's with a special focus on ensuring all pilot documentation is in order;
- Accurately project fuel, spares, consumables and other needs and the cost thereof to contribute to the budgeting process each September;
- Maintain open lines of communication with W National Park to support their aviation operations in a manner which will allow the two Parks to combine resources in effective aviation management on the middle term;
- All other aviation related tasks as requested/instructed by either FOM (W & Pendjari).

Aircraft maintenance

- Carry out all maintenance on time and on budget;
- Ensure that any external maintenance needs are projected and booked well in advance;
- AMO/AME/AP coordination and booking;
- Report all issues aircraft to the FOM with a plan of action and ground if deemed necessary.

Flight management

- Assign pilots or fly oneself to ensure that all internal flight demands are met as a function of need & budget;
- Ensure that all aircraft and operator safety requirements are met as per international and AP standards;
- Ensure that all scheduled surveillance flights are conducted on time and data recorded;
- Ensure that all scheduled ferry flights are conducted on time and prepared for accordingly;
- Ensure that the impact of unscheduled support flights and scheduled ferry flights on surveillance flights is limited to the highest degree possible whilst maintaining general aviation standards and adhering to legislation.

Planning/reporting

- Weekly joint-flight planning with LE/Conservation/Logistics and ensure that it is closely adhered to;
- Report back on each week's flight planning every Friday morning;
- Submit a brief weekly report on key points in aviation every Friday;
- Produce a monthly report by the second day of every new month; Monthly Safety meetings.
- Reporting and continued liaison with the African Parks Aviation Manager / Head of Aviation.

QUALIFICATIONS

We are looking for someone who is passionate about conservation and wants to be part of a growing, dynamic team who are responsible for aviation management of African Parks. Ideally, this person sees this position as an extraordinary opportunity to help save wildlife and wild places across the continent through being involved in exciting but demanding aviation services. Ideally, the candidate has the following or comparable qualifications:

- ICAO or equivalent valid and current Commercial Pilot License (Aeroplane).
- Valid and current Class I aviation medical certificate
- At least 1500hrs logged on any type;
- Demonstrative experience managing basic maintenance of ULM and Cessna 182s;
- Demonstrative experience in managing the logistics of a fleet of aircraft in a remote location;
- Strong communicative competencies to interact with officials;
- Demonstrative experience in handling administrative formalities;
- Factory approvals and certificates to carry out basic maintenance and inspections on Rotax engines and Savannah / Foxbat Airframes a benefit;
- Relevant FAA license is a plus;
- Bilingual (French/English) with excellent written and spoken competencies in the former;
- Strong reporting skills;
- Ability to work well within a team and accept constructive criticism;
- Goal-oriented, self-motivated, creative, highly flexible and adaptable to change;
- Adhesion to African Parks values

To apply, please email your CV and cover letter to hadmin@africanparks.org by 22 October 2021