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**The World Wide Fund for Nature
Seeks a
Wildlife Veterinarian for Dzanga Sangha Protected Areas in Central
African Republic**

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is one of the largest independent conservation organizations in the world. We are an international NGO committed to environmental protection active in almost 100 countries and have been working in the Congo Basin since 1978.

In partnership with local, national and regional health institutes and local civil society actors as well as in collaboration with the Robert Koch Institute (RKI, F. Leendertz), WWF build a programme which aims to improve human and animal health in potential outbreak hotspots in the Central African Republic.

In line with this objective, WWF-CAR seeks a **Wildlife Veterinarian** whose major function will be to guarantee the implementation of the health monitoring program according to the highest safety and best practice standards, such as developed by the IUCN and the RKI in line with the Management Plan of DSPA. He/she works under the direct technical supervision of the Primate Habituation, Research & Tourism Advisor and to some extent, WWF Great ape experts for related activities.

Location: The position will be based in Bayanga, CAR.

Duration: 2 years renewable

Main responsibilities:

- *Ensure the implementation of standardized protocols set up by WWF to improve the health of humans and animals in DSPA;*
- *Ensure the development and management of a functional field WildLab and run preliminary analysis of samples (including PCR analysis) and for health monitoring;*
- *Coordinate the Employee Health Program;*
- *Ensure the Health Programme adheres to IUCN best practise guidelines;*
- *Develop and implement in coordination with relevant APDS staff and partners on site sensitisation activities involving all stakeholders;*
- *Develop a standard Ebola communication protocol and establish collaborations with the Ministry of Health and national laboratories;*
- *Train all staff associated with the Primate Habituation & Health program on the implementation of health protocols;*
- *Collect non-invasive samples of habituated (gorillas and mangabeys) and unhabituated animals and vectors such as flies in protected areas and forest concessions;*
- *Ensure proper storage of collected samples, acquisition of required export permits and expedition of samples to RKI for further analyses and storage;*
- *Disease outbreak responses;*
- *Emergency interventions with habituated animals;*
- *Contribute to the development of new proposals, including to bilateral and multilateral donors, the WWF network and others;*
- *Ensure the preparation and dissemination of information related to the health programme to contribute to the WWF communication strategy for Central Africa.*

What you need:

Qualifications

- Minimum of master's degree in one or more of the following domains: Wildlife Biology, Veterinary Medicine, Eco-tourism, Immunology or any related specialization; a combination with a PhD study would be possible.
- Minimum of 02 years professional experience in one or more of the following domains: (1) monitoring of wildlife-human health related programs, (2) rural, community and organizational development, environment.

Skills and Competencies

- Good physical condition regarding field work;
- Ability to work independently;
- Management skills;
- Laboratory skills, including running PCRs is of advantage, but can be trained;
- Good understanding of tools and approaches for wildlife health monitoring ;
- Familiarity with socio-economic research and sensitization tools ;
- General knowledge of wildlife-human health relationship in Central Africa is an asset;
- Computer literate, knowledge of data analysis and GIS software;
- Fluency in English and French language is required.

Behavioural Skills

- Accountable, Persevering & Delivering Results;
- Willingness and ability to work in a remote area with low supervision.
- Adhere to WWF's values: Knowledgeable, Optimistic, Determined and Engaging.

Please consult the attached job description for more information on the position.

How to apply?

Interested candidates who meet the above requirements are invited to send a cover letter stating experience and interests, detailed curriculum vitae, and the names and e-mail addresses of two referees to the address recruit-roaydehub@wwfafrica.org cc TNebea@wwfcar.org and ilka.herbinger@wwf.de.

The subject should read **WV17**.

Please note that only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted for follow up. If you have not been contacted six (6) weeks after closing, consider your application unsuccessful.

Deadline for applications: 04 August 2017.

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