



CROSS RIVER GORILLA PROJECT  
CONSERVATION COMMUNITY CAMEROON

## **The appointment of a new Project Manager**

*The Cross River Gorilla Project, a small dynamic charity based in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, is looking to appoint a new project manager, a post now vacant due to the present manager leaving to work at Oxford University. Please note this is not a paid position, all those working for CRGP are volunteers.*

**Job description:** To run this conservation charity coordinating communications with our members and partnership organisations, especially the Environmental Rural Development Foundation (ERuDeF) our key partners in Cameroon. Working also, with IUCN (International Union of Conservation of Nature) to support and recognise the work of environmental clubs in Cameroon schools – conservation education is a key aspect of our work with also, through ‘Gorilla Club’, a learning programme for primary schools in the UK and elsewhere which we are hoping to roll out further.

It will also be important to maintain the strong links we have established with Newcastle University: the School of Natural and Environmental Sciences (SNES) and the Department of Media Studies and Public Relations. A number of students work on employability placements with us annually and many of the CRGP team are former students.

Establishing a more defined membership structure, developing and extending CRGP into other countries (in line with our new partners in Kansas, USA) will be central to your work as project manager. You would be part of a management team made up of our chairman, John Daniels and secretary Rebecca Salt involved in the day to day running of the charity and reporting to the CRGP strategy group. You would help shape the Cross River Gorilla Project and the vital work to conserve the critically endangered Cross River Gorilla and the threatened Lebialem Highlands – an area of high biodiversity where the gorilla is found - through the development of a five year plan.

An important part of your work will be applying for funding to ensure the sustainability of the different projects with which CRGP are engaged and finding innovative ways to generate financial support. Our recent ‘Gorilla Trail’ raised



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more than £6,000 towards a 'Ranger Appeal' to support community rangers during the current conflict in anglophone Cameroon. CRGP believes that there is no conservation without community support and it has been particularly important to support the local forest communities during the present humanitarian crisis.

The project manager post gives the chance of directly engaging with conservation and the key issues of species extinction and climate change as well as supporting local communities during what is described as one of the least recorded humanitarian crisis. While not able to pay the person appointed, we are offering a very special opportunity to engage in conservation work. Working with CRGP has helped a number of students to obtain conservation posts, where showing direct experience of conservation work is often essential.

You would be joining the Cross River Gorilla Project at a moment of significant change and development with the chance to help shape the future of CRGP through the development of a five year plan.

### **Personal Profile**

- You are an organised and efficient person with good IT skills and a disciplined approach with considerable ambition and enthusiasm.
- You have good interpersonal skills – and get on well with people from different countries and backgrounds.
- You might be a recent graduate or post graduate in biological or zoological sciences with a passion for conservation who wants to have a career in this field.
- or someone with a biological or conservation background wanting to become engaged with the fight to combat climate change and species extinction using your skills to make a difference in combating these key issues for the future of our planet.
- While recent CRGP business has been carried out through virtual meetings, it would be useful if the new project manager was living within



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the north east of England or able to easily travel there, in order to be available to attend face to face meetings when required.

### **Application Procedure**

Candidates should email the following documents to [johnmichaeldaniels@gmail.com](mailto:johnmichaeldaniels@gmail.com)

1. Your CV, including information on your Education or Qualifications, relevant Work Experience and any Conservation Experience.

Please save your CV as a Word document in the format 'CV\_ProjectManager\_YourName'

2. An explanation of why you wish to apply for this position (500 words) along with any additional information you would like to tell us about yourself to help your application.

Please save this as a Word document in the format 'Answer\_ProjectManager\_YourName'

### **Closing date: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July (23:59)**

CRGP will contact those candidates they wish to interview and it is hoped to be able to appoint a new project manager before the end of August 2021.

Information about the Cross River Gorilla Project can be found on [www.crossrivergorillaproject.com](http://www.crossrivergorillaproject.com). If you have any further questions please contact John Daniels, Chairman of CRGP on [johnmichaeldaniels@gmail.com](mailto:johnmichaeldaniels@gmail.com).