



# Jane Goodall Institute

## **Voluntary work in the sniffer dog unit Nature Reserve Programs Republic of the Congo (RoC)**

Founded in 1977, the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) is an international non-governmental organization that continues Dr. Jane Goodall's pioneering work on chimpanzee behaviour and conservation. Its mission is to understand and protect chimpanzees, other apes and their habitats, and to work towards creating an informed and compassionate citizenry who will help to create a better world for people, other animals and our shared environment. The breadth of JGI's mission reflects Dr. Goodall's personal philosophy that the survival of all species, whether chimpanzee or human, depends upon the collaboration of all people.

JGI Congo manages the Tchimpounga Nature Reserve (TNR) in collaboration with the Ministry of Congo. The TNR is a protected area of 52,971 ha located in the Southwest of the Republic of Congo. To control the illegal traffic of natural resources, 28 rangers carry out daily patrols and work in checkpoints.

Since 2017 the Canine Unit "Unité Canine Anti-Braconnage" support the national authorities to strengthen the application of existing Congolese laws, within the framework of the Jane Goodall Institute's triangular approach. Its objective is to reduce the illegal trafficking of species based on:

- Detection of poached species.
- Prevention of poaching, the unit has a powerful deterrent effect on the population.

The Canine Unit in Congo is made up of 5 canine handlers, several of whom are rangers with paramilitary training, and 4 dogs.

The dogs of the unit are trained to detect:

- Pangolin scales
- Chimpanzee, gorilla or mandrill hair.
- Ivory
- Ammunition of various types.

## **Volunteer Purpose**

Reporting directly to the JGI Congo Manager of Nature Reserve Programs, the volunteer will support the activities of the canine unit in the Tchimpounga Nature Reserve.

### **Activities**

#### **Sniffer Dogs Program**

- Provide administrative and logistical support to the JGI supported Detection Dog Team.
- Ensure the best possible welfare of the Sniffer Dogs, as well as verification that caregivers follow the protocols to achieve the expected welfare standards.
- Verify all veterinary treatments are correctly applied.
- Ensure that dog's training is carried out according to established protocols.

#### **General**

- Support the Manager of Nature Reserve Programs in the management of Tchimpounga Nature Reserve.
- Other related tasks as identified and agreed with the Executive Director of JGI Congo.

#### **Desired profile**

- Have empathy with animals, especially with dogs.
- Ability to manage with limited communication including minimal access to telephone and internet connection.
- French language skills, desirable.
- Ability to maintain a positive attitude toward physically and mentally challenging work in remote places and basic conditions.
- Proactivity, a good sense of humor, self-reliance, and adventurous team spirit.
- Excellent social and communication skills and the ability to live and work alongside a multicultural team.

#### **General conditions**

- The position will be based in the Tchimpounga Nature Reserve in a house with electricity, running water and internet, which is located inside the Sniffer Dog camp.
- All JGI sites are in remote and challenging locations but offer basic accommodation and other amenities. The role will require a high level of physical fitness and mobility.
- The duration of the volunteering is 6 months, starting on October 1.
- Round-trip flights to the Republic of the Congo will be covered by the Institute. In case of change in the date of the return flight, the management costs will not be covered by the Institute.
- Basic vegetarian food is covered.
- Visa expenses are covered.
- Medical insurance is not covered.

Please apply by sending an email to the following address by 31st July:  
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