

## **VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: PROJECT MANAGER, GOOD GROWTH PARTNERSHIP (RE-ADVERTIZED)**

Building upon a strong foundation of science, partnership and field demonstration, Conservation International empowers societies to responsibly and sustainably care for nature, our global biodiversity, for the well-being of humanity. CI's strategy is to serve as a trusted advisor to decision makers at all levels to help societies establish healthy, sustainable economies that secure nature's ability to provide enduring human well-being.

CI is a global organization that has been active in Liberia for nearly 15 years working closely with communities, private sector, government and civil society leaders to support conservation and sustainable development. With enormous wealth of natural resources, Liberia is at a vital point in its development history and has an opportunity to encourage investors and promote development initiatives that both support economic growth and development while maintaining Liberia's critical natural capital for future generations. Proper stewardship of Liberia's resources may prove to be the key to the future well-being of Liberian people.

### **ABOUT THE GGP PROJECT**

As a key part of the Good Growth Partnership (GGP), the "Reducing Deforestation from Commodity Production Project" seeks to turn the sustainable production of key commodities from niche and specialized operations to the norm in each commodity sector. The Project's overall objective is to reduce the global impacts of agriculture commodities on GHG emissions and biodiversity by meeting the growing demand of palm oil through supply that does not lead to deforestation and related GHG emissions. Specifically, this project will encourage sustainable practices for oil palm on Liberia, while conserving forests and safeguarding the rights of smallholder farmers and forest-dependent communities. The GGP project will be implemented in the Counties of Grand Cape Mount, Bomi, Gbarpolu and Bong in North West, Liberia.

### **DESCRIPTION OF POSITION**

Conservation International Liberia is seeking a highly motivated individual to manage its GGP project. The Project Manager will be expected to oversee the day-to-day management and decision making including implementation and monitoring of the GGP project. S/he will manage a diverse set of activities and works to ensure that project outcomes and objectives are achieved on time, and to the highest standards in terms of quality, effectiveness, impact and relevance in furtherance of Conservation International's (CI's) human development and conservation priorities.

Duties will include; developing and implementing project strategies, project management, capacity building, monitoring, and stakeholder engagement at the project level. The Project Manager will be expected to ensure compliance with CI policies, project and funding agreements, and other local requirements.

The Project Manger works across CI to build strong relationships to advance GGP project initiatives with community, partners and external stakeholders who are critical to program success in North West Liberia.

The Project Manager plays a role in managing donor relationships at the field level together with other CI staff.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Develop project strategies, objectives, work plans and metrics.
- Oversee and implement project activities
- Monitor, measure, and provide periodic progress and metric reports
- Ensure compliance with CI policies, funding agreements and local requirements.
- Identify capacity building needs and support efforts to address capacity gaps.

- Document lessons learned and share information with relevant audience through holding conferences, and any other forum deemed necessary
- Build stakeholder understanding and support by developing fact sheets, statistics, and related communication materials.
- Effectively engage stakeholders including donors, government and NGOs, technical colleagues and other partners important to project success.
- Identify opportunities for program growth and development

#### **PREFERRED**

- Knowledge and understanding of issues in Liberia's oil palm sector
- Experience in private sector engagement
- Experience in participatory rural appraisal techniques, Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) processes and a Rights Based Approach
- Experience in land use planning processes
- Experience of engaging in communities of practice
- Experience in developing and implementing monitoring and evaluation processes
- Proven ability to deliver capacity building and on the job training to staff and partners

#### **WORKING CONDITIONS**

- Based in Monrovia, Liberia
- Occasional travel of about 40% locally and 1% internationally is required
- Ability to work in remote locations or under difficult working condition

#### **QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE**

- Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture, Environmental Sciences, Natural Sciences, and/or Economics with 4- 6 years or more related work experience in either sustainable agricultural production or green commodities.
- 4-6 years project management experience, preferably in conservation, NGO, advocacy or related not-for-profit arena at Project Manager level
- Strong organization and time management skills.
- Team player and able to work effectively with diverse work groups in a multicultural environment.
- Excellent written and verbal communication, and presentation skills in English.
- Demonstrated experience and success in influencing and partnering with key stakeholders including communities, government, civil society and private sector
- Proven ability to multi-task and meet priorities, and comfortable working in a fast-paced environment with changing priorities and under minimal supervision.
- Ability to speak the local languages spoken in North West Liberia will be an added advantage
- Experience in land use planning processes
- Experience developing and implementing monitoring and evaluation processes
- Experience in conducting capacity building activities for communities and for partners

To apply: Please submit resume, cover letter, and list of 3 references to: Human Resources, Conservation International-Liberia, Johnson Compound, Congo Town opposite Total Gas station or email to: [hrliberia@conservation.org](mailto:hrliberia@conservation.org) **Deadline for the submission of application: January 25 , 2018**