

Field Researcher (short term contract)

Conservation Agreements in the Comoro Islands

We are seeking a researcher with strong field experience and ability to communicate in French, available to travel to the Comoros, Western Indian Ocean at short notice. The person will help support the evaluation of a new approach to forest conservation in the Comoros. The NGO Dahari are introducing conservation agreements (cash transfers conditional on land management actions) with the aim of conserving forest, encouraging forest restoration, and improving rural livelihoods. Together with Bangor University and the University of Oxford they are setting up a Randomized Control Trial to robustly evaluate the impact of this intervention.

Based on the island of Anjouan in the Comoros for the duration of your contract, you will work closely with Dahari's team of field technicians, providing crucial support for the roll-out of the initial stages of the conservation agreement programme.

Responsibilities

- Supporting the Dahari team with mapping of land parcels, baseline surveys of forest vegetation plots, and social surveys with local farmers and villagers
- Supporting the Dahari team with data management and visualisation associated with these surveys, including the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- Liaising regularly as required with members of the project management team from Dahari, Bangor and Oxford

Profile

- Spoken and written French and English skills, sufficient to communicate effectively with the project team
- A postgraduate-level qualification in natural or social sciences (or a graduate-level qualification plus relevant professional experience)
- Experience of relevant fieldwork
- Experience with the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and management of databases (ideally using ODK)

Conditions

- 3 months minimum contract with Dahari; up to 6 months by mutual agreement
- Ideally starting in November 2023
- 2000-2500 euros/ month (based on experience) plus accommodation, a return flight and insurance

To apply, please send a CV (2 pages max) and covering letter explaining why you are a good fit for the role to contact@daharicomores.org by 30 October 2023. Please note that the recruitment may be closed before this date and only candidates selected for interview will be contacted.

