



CHIMBO (www.chimbo.org) is a Dutch NGO which develops its activities in nature conservation, particularly in the region of the Boé, inland Guinea-Bissau, a small country in West-Africa. We pay particular attention to the Chimpanzees inhabiting the area, which is also our flagship species.

We are currently preoccupied with the future bauxite mine that will be installed in this extremely remote and wild region, and on how it will affect both nature and the local villages.

We are currently opening an **Internship vacancy for MSc student on the socio-economic impact of the future bauxite mine of the Boé, Guinea-Bissau.**

The interested candidates should send their CV and a short motivation letter to franciscoafonsoleitao@gmail.com until the 15th of January 2014.



Terms of Reference

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The research

The research undertaken by the chosen candidate should result in a report that should be capable of:

1. Drawing a clear picture and detailed description of the socio-economic characteristics of the villages and human settlements that will be affected by the future bauxite mine of the Boé in Guinea-Bissau;
2. Calculate, supported by all the gathered data, what will be the negative socio-economic impact of the mine in these communities for different aspects: displacement of a village; loss of agricultural land; loss of wells; water pollution; air pollution; biodiversity loss; loss of forest; disappearance of wildlife, prostitution and lawlessness, etc.;



3. Calculate, based on specialized literature and on Chimbo's exchanges with the villages in neighbouring Guinea-Conakry displaced due to the installation of a bauxite mine, what will be the positive socio-economic impact of the mine's policies of compensation of the neighboring human populations affected by it;
4. Propose the issues that have to be addressed in a fair compensation policy.

Internship description:

The chosen candidate will:

1. Be responsible for searching and reading basic socio-anthropological material about the *peul* rural communities of Guinea-Bissau and/or Guinea-Conakry and also about the effects of mine exploitation in rural communities throughout the African continent before coming to Guinea-Bissau. Chimbo will provide the extra information and data currently in its possession.
2. Actively search, both in Guinea-Bissau and his home country, for any other type of relevant data to this study – news articles, contracts, compensation policies used, mine company press releases or studies, etc. –and integrate them in the research;
3. Find the “best in class” bauxite mining operation worldwide from the perspective of responsible exploitation towards nature and local population: bauxite mining to be used as a bench mark;
4. Elaborate a research proposal to be sent to the board of Chimbo for the board's approval;
5. Travel to Guinea-Bissau and to the Boé region and visit on bicycle those villages which are likely to be affected by the bauxite mine concession and the future mine city;
6. Stay in villages in which Chimbo is active and that are affected by the mining concession and mine city (to be defined in the research proposal) for a period of at least 6 weeks;
7. Apply the research methods and methodologies defined in the research proposal in order to gather data. The methodological approach should be multidimensional, so that the limitations of one method can be compensated by the virtues of another. They should include, at least, extensive closed and open interviews with the villagers, observant-participation during the time in the village and focus groups, among others.
8. Elaborate a general research methodology that takes into account the very low education level (often illiterate) of the local communities and also the specific conditions of application of this method among these populations (e.g.: previous studies undertaken by Chimbo diagnosed generally poor answers to interviews in terms of objectiveness, truthfulness, extensiveness and abstractness).

Candidate skills and capacities

1. Oral fluency in at least two of the following languages, in “*decrecendo*” preference: 1. Hal Pulaar (*peul*), Bissau-Guinean Portuguese creole, Portuguese, French;
2. Very good writing skills in English or French;
3. At least a Bachelor degree in one of the following areas: ecology, geography, development studies, anthropology, sociology, African studies and economics;



4. Some months of sub-Saharan experience as a worker, researcher or volunteer , preferably as a social-science researcher in a rural context, would be an advantage;
5. Basic knowledge of statistics;
6. Ability to live in a condition of extreme detachment, without communications and scarce access to health services for at least two months;
7. A personal/scientific interest in African rural societies.