**PhD/Postdoc on Western gorilla communication and spatial coordination (Dzanga Sanga NP, C.A.R.)**

We are looking for a PhD student or early postdoctoral researcher for a project on communication during foraging in Western gorillas in the Dzanga-Ndoki National Park, Central African Republic.

The project is part of a larger investigation into the origins of syntax, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. The goal is to use systematic natural observations to explore how gorillas utilise gaze in combination with vocal and gestural signals to coordinate and maintain group cohesion while foraging. The project will be co-supervised by Dr Shelly Masi (National Natural History Museum, MNHN, Paris) and Klaus Zuberbühler (University of Neuchatel, Switzerland).

We are especially interested in applications from candidates with field experience, particularly in Africa, and a documented interest in the evolution of cognition. In addition, we will look for good standards in scientific writing and data management skills. Good physical health, independence, and willingness to learn the local language (Sango) is essential.

The successful candidate will be based at the National Natural History Museum in Paris during the fieldwork and at the University of Neuchatel (unine.ch/compcog) during data analysis and write up.

The start date is negotiable**.** Application deadline is **30 June 2019.**

Please submit your application, including cover letter, CV, and contact details of two academic referees to [masi@mnhn.fr](mailto:klaus.zuberbuehler@unine.ch) and klaus.zuberbuehler@unine.ch