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Job advert: Positions as data cleaners

The Pan African Programme (MPI-EVA, Department of Primatology) is looking for full and half-time assistance with data cleaning associated with camera trap videos. The Pan African Programme: The Cultured Chimpanzee (PanAf) aims to understand the cultural differences between multiple wild chimpanzee populations. Our many projects involve genetics, socio-demographics, behavior and ecology. A large part of our data set is made up of camera trap videos and their associated meta-data from more than 39 sites across Africa.

Tasks:

- Ensure that video files and folder names match data entered in associated Excel tables
- Ensure that timestamps on videos match the meta data of the files and folder and the data entered in the associated Excel table, as well as check that the location data, habitat data, and other relevant details about the videos are consistent with handwritten data sheets and free of errors
- The work consists primarily of correcting and reading data sheets, NOT watching videos
- Make bimonthly updates on progress of cleaning to the Panaf team

Necessary Skills:

- This involves being able to use R at an “advanced beginner” level (e.g. able to open a file, understand a basic R script, indexing)
- Being able to work independently and make decisions, while communicating with a team.
- Attention to detail
- Capacity to handle data in multiple formats at the same time
- Understand that the job is tedious and repetitive

Additional Helpful Skills:

- Basic knowledge of the R dplyr package
- Basic understanding of the differences between gorillas and chimpanzees
- A general knowledge of African habitat types
- Capacity to make maps (either in QGIS or in R)

Terms of employment:

- Full and half time positions for 6 months with opportunity for prolongation

Starting date: as soon as possible

Payment: TVöD (Bund), Entgeltgruppe 3

Contact:

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