

# Gola Rainforest Conversation LG

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## **External Vacancy Announcement**

Gola Rainforest Conservation (GRC) an environmental conservation organization in Sierra Leone with its Head Office based in Kenema is recruiting for the following position under the JOA Cocoa's Sweet Spot project;

**Job title:** Research Assistant, Gola Rainforest FEC

**Reports to:** Field Team Supervisor, Senior Research Technician, JOA Project Manager

**Supervises:** n/a

### **Job Purpose:**

To assist the JOA project in data collection and cocoa agroforestry field analyses and data collection in the Forest Edge Communities around the Gola Rainforest National Park.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Participate in the collection, recording, input, and assessment of data to support JOA Project and other donor-funded projects.
- Use scientific survey techniques and equipment for data collection in and around Gola Rainforest National Park (GRNP) and participating communities.
- Collect high quality data, complete data entry and support the storage and accessibility of the JOA project plant database.
- Mobilise and engage local community members in monitoring activities of the project and GRC activities as a whole, within the project area and the greater Gola landscape.
- Support the timely and accurate reporting of data.
- Assist and give support to cooperating researchers, students, and volunteers.
- Support any other activities forming part of the JOA project where this is considered necessary by project management.

### **Essential Requirements:**

- At least a Diploma, or relevant certificate, training, or experience in ecology, social sciences, botany or social forestry
- Fluent in English and Mende
- Motorbike driving licence or willing to learn
- Computer literate and able to handle tablet-based data collection

- Demonstrated ability to live and work in remote rural areas and during data collection activities

**Desirable Requirements:**

- Experience with plant data management and wildlife monitoring equipment
- Women applicants with the above requirements
- Previous experience working with GRC-LG in Forest Edge Communities (FECs)

**Attributes:**

- Able to communicate in Krio, and Mende
- Cultural sensitivity

**How to apply?**

Applications (Cover Letter, Curriculum Vitae and photocopies of other supporting documents) must be sent to:

The HR department, Gola Rainforest Conservation-LG Office  
164 Dama Road, Kenema

or send by email to [akannehregtc@gmail.com](mailto:akannehregtc@gmail.com), and [Alfonso.Box@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Alfonso.Box@rspb.org.uk) and [Jenna.Barker@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Jenna.Barker@rspb.org.uk)

**GRC is an equal opportunity employer and WOMEN are strongly encouraged to apply**

**Deadline for submission of applications is on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**