

**Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF), working group Sustainable Land Use in Developing Countries** offers a

### **Master Thesis Project (Masterarbeit)**

in the frame of **PRO-PLANTEURS-Recherche II: Accompanying research on strategies for improving farmer families' incomes and sustainable cocoa production**. The purpose of the project is to provide scientific evidence to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the development project PRO-PLANTEURS which focuses on the expansion of sustainable cocoa production in Côte d'Ivoire. To support the project's research activities, we seek a Master student to work on the following topic:

#### **Farmers' willingness to adopt and pay for digital applications for the detection and early warning of cocoa pests and diseases in Côte d'Ivoire**

#### **Requirements**

- For the time of the Master thesis project, applicants need to be enrolled at a university in Germany, Côte d'Ivoire or abroad.
- A very good knowledge of French and English is expected.
- Experience with primary data collection (e.g. interviews, focus groups) is an asset but no must.
- Willingness to travel to and in Côte d'Ivoire for field research is expected.

#### **We offer**

- A stipend to cover travel and field research activities.
- Master students will be integrated in an interdisciplinary and international project team.
- The work place is flexible.
- (Co-) Supervision for the completion of the Master thesis will be provided by ZALF.

#### **Application**

In case of interest, please send us your application by e-mail (one PDF file, max. 5 MB) with 1) a letter of motivation (1 page), 2) CV, and 3) proof of qualification (certificates and an example of recent scientific writing, e.g. term paper) to: [recruiting-susland@zalf.de](mailto:recruiting-susland@zalf.de) using as subject line 'Application Master Thesis ProPlanteursR YOUR NAME'

In case of questions, please contact: [franziska.ollendorf@zalf.de](mailto:franziska.ollendorf@zalf.de)

We look forward to receiving your application!

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