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WHEN it's a jungle out there, she's the girl for the job.

And now Saba Douglas-Hamilton has become the latest lady to follow in the footsteps of Sir David Attenborough as a BBC natural history presenter.

Last year, the corporation introduced Charlotte Uhlenbroek, who revisited the veteran broadcaster's encounter with mountain gorillas.

And from next week, 31-year-old Saba will be seen fronting a programme about attempting to live in Africa's Ivory Coast just as chimpanzees do.

'She is a future star for sure,' said Alastair Fothergill, series producer of the Blue Planet.

'She has fantastic knowledge, wonderful enthusiasm and she doesn't worry about getting dirty. Oh yes, and she looks great.' The St Andrews University social anthropology graduate has worked for the charity Save The Elephants and also for the Save The Rhino trust.

Her father is renowned conservationist Iain Douglas- Hamilton and she grew up in the African Rift Valley, where he was working to fight ivory poaching.

Her TV break came when her father visited England to talk about making a documentary on his life and she was introduced to an executive-at the BBC Natural History Unit. 'I have long had this strange daydream about being a wildlife presenter,' she said.

'Loving everything to do with Nature and adventure and being lucky enough to grow up with elephants and work in conservation has given me the background I need to predict behaviour and interpret what an animal is doing.' In the programme, Going Ape - broadcast next Wednesday on BBC1 - she and Mr Fothergill are seen testing human survival skills against those of chimpanzees.

They slept under the trees where the chimps nested and followed them through the day, eating fruit and termites.

'It was such a mad idea, but I was immediately hooked,' said Saba. 'I was the forager and he was the big brave hunter. We even groomed each other as the chimps do. We pulled

the thorns out of each other and inspected our infected bites.' Saba has also made Living With The Elephants and Elephant - The Search for Virgo,.

Both will be shown later this month on BBC2. She is also being lined up to be one of the regular presenters of the series Big Cat Diary.

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