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JOB DESCRIPTION

Position title:	Livelihoods & Eco-Tourism Officer
Grade:	N/A
Reports to:	Livelihoods & Eco-Tourism Coordinator (LETC)
Supervises:	N/A
Validity:	One year
Location:	Kratie province

I. Background

WWF has a long established presence in the Mekong region, starting in Vietnam in 1990. Since then, WWF operations have grown to four Country offices based in Cambodia (Phnom Penh), Laos (Vientiane), Thailand (Bangkok) & Vietnam (Hanoi), Myanmar, and including a Regional team in the Cambodia, Hanoi, Vientiane and Bangkok offices. Following a strong track record of conservation delivery over the last 20 years, WWF has established both the credibility and presence to deliver conservation impact at all levels from provincial, to national to regional.

The Mekong River in Kratie and Stung Treng Provinces, as well as its three main tributaries the Srepok, Se San, and Se Kong and their catchments are the prioritized areas for conservation for the MFF Landscape of WWF Cambodia. Located between the towns of Kratie and Stung Treng Province, a 56km stretch along the Mekong River is recognized as nationally and globally significant for its high biodiversity value. In 2013, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries officially designated the area as a management and conservation site for biodiversity and fisheries resources, which is a part of Mekong Flooded Forest Landscape.

The Stung Treng Ramsar site, designated in 1999, is one of the three Ramsar areas in Cambodia, under the management authority of the Ministry of Environment's General Department of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection (GDANCP). This site extends approximately 37 km along the Mekong River between Stung Treng town and the border with Lao PDR.

II. Major Functions

The Livelihoods & Eco-Tourism Officer is mainly responsible for undertaking of field implementation of livelihoods and eco-tourism activities in partnership with NGO and government partners, and assist Livelihoods and Eco-tourism Coordinator (LETC) to facilitate and coordinate with relevant partners in MFF Landscape of Kratie and Stung Treng to ensure alternative livelihoods and eco-tourism interventions are well linked and contributed to conservation efforts of MFF programme. He/she will be based at MFF Office in Kratie Province, and frequently travel to work closely with local authorities and communities at the project location.

III. Major Responsibilities

1. Work with relevant NGOs, private companies and government partners to undertake implementation of alternative livelihoods & ecotourism activities in Kratie and Stung Treng of MFF Landscape.
2. Organize project coordination meetings, events, trainings (agriculture, aquacultures, and NTFP techniques) and workshops with relevant partners in MFF landscape.
3. Conduct field assessment for livelihood and eco-tourism interventions, and identify potential areas for alternative livelihoods development in MFF Landscape.
4. Assist LETC to conduct value chain assessment on agricultures products, aquacultures and NTFP products in MFF landscape.
5. Assist LETC to develop Community Base Enterprises (CBE) and links its products to proper markets
6. Facilitate and work with MFF team to ensure livelihoods interventions are complemented and linked to conservation efforts along the Mekong River and its tributaries in line within the MFF programme and WWF-Cambodia strategic plan.
7. Provide backstopping to relevant NGOs and government line agencies on the implementation and monitoring of livelihoods and eco-tourism activities.
8. Share livelihoods related knowledge and skills internally amongst WWF- Cambodia staff, and externally to NGO and government partners.
9. Work with LETC to design training program, and livelihoods.
10. Assist LETC to develop Livelihoods and strategies for MFF landscape.
11. Assist LETC facilitate monitoring and evaluation of livelihoods and eco-tourism component within target CBOs.
12. Assist LETC to integration of MFF Landscape workplan into provincial, district, commune investment and development plans of Kratie and Stung Treng provinces.
13. Together with LETC to produce monthly and quarterly reports.
14. Host the visits of guests to MFF landscape including donors, visitors, WWF networks...etc., and ensure logistic arrangement is well organized with support from administrative and MFF team.
15. Performs other duties as requested by the LETC and landscape manager.

IV. Working Relationships

1. Internal

The Livelihoods & Eco-Tourism Officer will work closely with all members of the WWF Cambodia Freshwater Programme staff. He/she will work out of the WWF office in Kratie, but will spend a lot of time in the field along the Mekong River.

2. External

The Livelihoods & Eco-Tourism Officer will work in close co-operation with NGOs and government collaborative partners on a day-to-day basis and ensure activities of Livelihoods intervention in the Stung Treng is collaborated with all relevant stakeholders and local authorities.

V. Requirements

1. Education and Qualification

- Bachelor Degree in Natural Resource Management, Agricultures, Business Administration or related discipline.

2. Experience

- At least 3 years field experience in working at the community level, especially in alternative livelihoods (agriculture, aquacultures, and NTFP enterprises) development in Cambodia.
- Proven experience in community organizing, facilitation and empowerment
- Experience in training and skills, knowledge and attitude transfer.
- Experience with project monitoring and evaluation

3. Knowledge

- Knowledge of communities along the Mekong River in Kratie and Stung Treng provinces would be helpful.
- Knowledge of alternative livelihoods interventions especially in field of agriculture, aquacultures, and NTFP.
- Thorough understanding of community NRM issues in Cambodia
- Knowledge of strategies to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change
- Thorough understanding of key biodiversity issues in a conservation and development context in Cambodia