



JOB DESCRIPTION

Position title:	Sustainable Infrastructure Programme Manager, WWF-Myanmar
Directly reports to:	Conservation Director, WWF-Myanmar
Validity:	3 years, with possibility for extension
Location:	Yangon, Myanmar

Background

WWF-Myanmar was established in 2014 with the aim of supporting Myanmar's sustainable development ambitions with a focus on achieving biodiversity conservation through a Green Economy approach that ensures the protection of ecosystem services and promotes sustainable livelihoods. WWF-Myanmar is part of WWF Greater Mekong, along with country offices in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam.

China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Myanmar's own infrastructure and transport development plans, present significant development opportunities for Myanmar but also substantial risks for people and natural capital (including forests, rivers, land and oceans). Benefits of roads and other large-scale infrastructure investments could be lost by substantial social and environmental impacts, if infrastructure is constructed in ways that fragments ecosystems, endangers wildlife, or contributes to deforestation, landslides, and pollution of land and rivers.

Therefore, WWF aims to support government and other stakeholders in contributing to a more informed national infrastructure planning process and more sustainably designed and built infrastructure projects. This will build on existing work on natural capital and green economy policy that identified the need for natural capital to be considered in planning and for developing standards and guidelines for priority investment sectors, including infrastructure.

I. Major Function

The Sustainable Infrastructure Programme Manager is responsible for designing and implementing WWF's infrastructure-related work in Myanmar, with an emphasis on policy advocacy for more sustainable linear infrastructure. Specifically, the Infrastructure PM will manage all aspects of the project: '*Advancing Sustainable Infrastructure in Myanmar*'.

II. Key Tasks in Year 1

- Mobilise advisory and technical capacity to guide engagement with government and private sector on infrastructure development
- Undertake power and stakeholder mapping to identify key actors in infrastructure planning



- Build the case for better infrastructure planning: showing the importance of forest linkages, road-free /wild areas, and better infrastructure planning and design
- Prepare Knowledge products to support advocacy

III. Major Responsibilities

A. Overall Management

- Effectively supervise the budget allocated to infrastructure work of WWF Myanmar
- Frequent travel to existing project areas
- Support consultants or counterpart staff in organizing trainings, workshops and undertaking research and assessments
- Act as trainer and facilitator, if required
- Review and provide technical comments to technical studies

B. Partnership Development and Networking

- Establish relations and keep regular contact with key partners (multi-sectoral, private sector, government and non-government) at local, national and regional levels (for implementation and networking/lessons sharing)
- Liaise and meet regularly with Government and investor counterparts
- Work closely with WWF-International and the Greater Mekong office to formalize and develop partnerships with key private sector players in Myanmar

C. Communications

- Raise awareness among public sector institutions and regulatory bodies concerning the project and its objectives
- Work with the communications team develop press release/conference on results of project and expansion possibilities
- Provide inputs to communications products/campaigns to ensure accurate information will be published to promote programme activities
- Liaise and communicate activities to the donor and other interested groups, both public and private sector, inside and outside WWF

D. Work Plans, Monitoring and Evaluation, Reporting

- Develop the overall work plan for WWF's infrastructure work and monitor and ensure its implementation
- Prepare six-monthly progress reports to monitor all technical, financial and administrative aspects on the utilization and impact of all resources made available to the project and ensure all report requirements are met

This JD covers the main tasks and conveys the spirit of the sort of tasks that are anticipated proactively from staff. Other tasks may be assigned as necessary according to organizational needs.



IV. Working Relationships

1. Internal

- **WWF-Myanmar:** Work as an active member of the conservation programme team, interacting with other conservation teams, including: Freshwater, Wildlife, Forests, Green Economy, Sustainable Business, Energy, and GIS.
- **WWF-Greater Mekong:** Interact on a regular basis with the regional freshwater and hydropower coordination.
- **WWF Network:** Coordinate and consult with related project focal persons, as appropriate.

2. External

- Interact with donors, Government agencies at the union and state/regional levels, investors/financiers, infrastructure developers as well as INGO and CSO partners, communities, and other stakeholders

V. Requirements

1. Education and Qualification

- Master's degree in engineering, natural resource management, land use planning or other related field

2. Knowledge

- Proven understanding and working knowledge of policy/institutional context with regards to linear infrastructure, transport, road, railway or other related issues, preferably in Asia
- Knowledge of the realities of government agencies, development partners, donor institutions, investors, private sector companies engaged in the infrastructure sector, preferably in Asia
- Knowledge about road ecology issues is an added advantage

3. Experience

- At least 7-10 years of experience working on infrastructure issues, preferably in Asia
- Understanding and application of sustainability tools that can be used in infrastructure planning and design
- Experience from working in other countries on infrastructure planning, preferably in Asia
- Experience in managing projects, conducting studies and coordinating research activities



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- Experience of working with Government officials, investors, infrastructure developers, INGOs, CSOs, local communities and/or donors at all levels

VI. WWF's Mission and Values

1. It is part of every staff member's terms of reference to contribute to **WWF's mission:**

WWF's Mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by:

- *conserving the world's biological diversity*
- *ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable*
- *reducing pollution and wasteful consumption.*

It is also part of every staff member's terms of reference to embody WWF's values, which are **Engaging, Optimistic, Determined and Knowledgeable.**