



JOB DESCRIPTION

Position title:	Project Manager - Illegal Wildlife Trade, WWF Myanmar
Directly reports to:	Conservation Programme Manager, WWF Myanmar
Staff Supervised:	Consultants as required
Validity:	One Year
Location:	Yangon, Myanmar with some national travel and occasionally within Greater Mekong Region

Background

The Greater Mekong region including Myanmar is a critical actor in the global illegal wildlife trade. Myanmar is a source, transit, and destination country for a number of the most threatened and lucratively traded wildlife species including tiger, Asian and African elephant, rhino, bears, and pangolins. It is estimated that more than 30% of all wild tigers poached globally pass through the country. Weak legislation and limited capacity within government law enforcement agencies, combined with a number of openly operating wildlife markets along the Myanmar-China border, mean that addressing wildlife crime within Myanmar is critical for the global response to wildlife crime and wildlife trafficking. With Myanmar's rapid development and its new government comes an important opportunity to influence policy, legislation, and management interventions to tackle the illegal wildlife trade.

WWF-Myanmar is part of the WWF-Greater Mekong Programme that operates in five countries: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam. Find out more at www.myanmar.panda.org

I. Major Function

The Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Project Manager will ensure implementation of projects under the WWF Myanmar and WWF Greater Mekong strategic plans that tackle wildlife crime, particularly the trade in tigers and their parts, as well as other iconic threatened species in Myanmar. The IWT Project Manager will lead WWF's engagement with other organisations and initiatives that are tackling wildlife trafficking through, and within, Myanmar. He/she will coordinate closely with the WWF Tigers Alive Initiative (TAI) and WWF's key partner organisation: TRAFFIC South East Asia. He/she will also coordinate with government enforcement departments including CITES Management Authority to ensure a well-coordinated effort. The role will include leading project design and implementation, developing funding proposals, liaison with other staff and consultants (and as necessary other initiatives in Southeast Asia) enforcement support and advocacy, data collection and analysis, as well as supporting communications priorities in Myanmar.

II. Major Responsibilities

Lead the development and implementation of WWF-Myanmar Illegal Wildlife Trade work, as described in the WWF Myanmar country strategy. Design and manage the implementation and delivery of relevant projects and programme-specific tasks. Priorities include implementation of and fund-raising for, the '*Breaking the Chains: crippling the rampant trade of tigers and their parts through Myanmar*' project whilst also leading the development, and fund-raising for, a wider programme of wildlife crime work in Myanmar aligned to the WWF Myanmar, WWF Greater Mekong, and WWF International strategic goals. The scope of work will cover species of concern (particularly threatened mammals) within national and international contexts of policy, trade regulation and law enforcement assistance.

Specific areas of focus include:

- Collaboration and regular communication with partners concerned with illegal wildlife trade in Southeast Asia with regards to the delivery of programmatic priorities;
- Maintain a working knowledge of political, legislative, environmental, social and economic frameworks relevant to IWT in Myanmar, and engage in relevant national dialogues
- Support Myanmar government and relevant law enforcement agencies with ensuring effective implementation of new and revised legislation aimed at curbing illegal wildlife trade
- Coordinate closely with all key stakeholders (national and international organisations) to ensure the smooth implementation of project activities and create synergy and cooperation among projects
- Develop working relationships within the WWF network, partners and alliances that amplify WWF's IWT campaign and activate audiences.
- Ensures effective representation of WWF in relevant meetings, networks, stakeholder's engagement and partnership dialogue when required.
- Support IWT communications and fundraising activities, in coordination with the relevant teams.

III. Working Relationships

1. Internal

WWF-Myanmar Conservation Programme Manager, support staff (Programme Development, Communications, M&E, Finance, Policy). WWF Network: WWF-Greater Mekong Strategy Leads and Communications; TRAFFIC-SE Asia; counterpart IWT Managers in other GMP countries; and Wildlife Crime Initiative leads.

2. External

Interact with Government agencies both national and provincial level

IV. Requirements

1. Education and Qualification

- Bachelor's degree in species, forestry or relevant fields
- Master degree as an advantage

2. Knowledge

- Knowledge of illegal wildlife trade, conservation and/or natural resource management issues in Myanmar and South East Asia

3. Experience

- Minimum 5 years' of practical experience in designing and implementing development projects in an international setting
- Experience with campaigning techniques, policy and advocacy, delivering training
- Experience of working in multi-cultural environment and working with key regional and international institutions
- Strong experience of working with government officials, local communities and donors at all levels

4. General Skill

- Networking, Teamwork and Interpersonal
- Capacity building and training
- Good communications: communicate complex issues in a clear manner to a wide variety of audiences across diverse channels such as online, TV, print, radio
- Fluency in written and spoken English and local language
- Proficiency in MS Office

5. Technical Skill

- Project Management: Planning, Organisation, Time management, and Coordination
- Budget Management

6. Ability

- Working under pressure, towards tight deadline, and working overtime if required
- Working on own initiative with minimum supervision and staying on task

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