



## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

<b>Position title:</b>	Forest Project Manager (Re-announced), WWF-Myanmar
<b>Directly reports to:</b>	DTL Landscape Manager, WWF-Myanmar
<b>Technically reports to:</b>	Conservation Director, WWF Myanmar
<b>Supervises:</b>	Forest Project Officer/s
<b>Validity:</b>	to start as soon as possible
<b>Location:</b>	Dawei, Tanintharyi Region, with regular travel to Yangon and Karen State

### **Background**

WWF Myanmar was established in 2013 and is working to conserve the country's biodiversity and build a secure and sustainable future for people and wildlife. The focus is on promoting green economy into national policies and to sustain and protect biodiversity and connectivity of the transboundary Dawna Tennasserim Landscape (DTL) through an integrated landscape approach, and of the Ayeyarwady River system through an integrated river basin management approach IRBM).

The DTL contains some of the most remarkable biodiversity on earth and is a key site for the protection of some of the worlds most endangered species including Tigers, Asian Elephants, the Gurney's Pitta and a number of other endemic species. The landscape also contains one of the largest protected area networks in South East Asia formed by the contiguous Western Forest Complex and Kaeng Krachen Forest Complex in Thailand. Additional protected areas are proposed for the large pristine but unprotected forests in Myanmar. This will secure connectivity between the protected area complexes in Thailand and sustain the extraordinary biodiversity in the landscape. The Thai side of the landscape though containing a well-functioning network of protected areas also see highly developed land in between these areas and connectivity in the landscape is therefore depending on the much less developed Myanmar side.

### **Major Function**

The Forest Project Manager will take the lead on all WWF's forest-related work including engagement with, and building capacity for sustainable forestry and potential certification schemes in the private sector, government and other NGOs in Myanmar; extracting lessons learned from other countries to be disseminated in Myanmar; and work with the WWF Forest



Practice leadership, Global Forest Trade Network team, and other relevant WWF focal points. Lead the implementation of the Myanmar Forest Action Plan and will lead national work on forests but will also provide technical support to the forest related work in the DTL.

**He/she will then:**

- Oversee forestry-related projects in DTL, especially those on Community Forestry and Landscape Forest Restoration.
- Map existing processes in the forest sector in Myanmar to harmonize and coordinate activities to avoid duplication of effort or risk conflicting strategies.
- Provide technical guidance and advice on best practice principles on sustainable forest management.
- Provide technical advice to landscape forest restoration and land use planning processes in the DTL.
- Perform technical and operational duties in relation to forestry, forest certification, sustainable forest management, and forest conservation matters.
- Determine and develop WWF Myanmar's position and definition on responsible forestry, beyond forest certification, applicable to timber and non-timber forest production from natural forest and forest plantations.
- Performs analysis on existing forest management and/or production practices leading to forest and species habitat degradation.
- Support and conduct relevant training and awareness sessions with relevant stakeholders on sustainable and/or responsible forest management and timber harvesting.
- Strengthen key CSO partners engagement with government and private sector for responsible forest management.
- Develop and disseminate communication materials jointly with office-based colleagues on forest conservation, sustainable forest management and trade, forest certification; and its linkages to green economy and sustainable development.
- Participate in dialogue for developing the national forest sector. Advocate for enhancement of sustainable forest management and responsible production of timber and timber products as well as non-timber forest products for improved human well-being of forest dependent communities.
- Support and participate in existing forestry networks.



## **I. Working Relationships**

### **1. Internal**

- **WWF GMPO:** Interact on a regular basis with DTL Landscape Manager and Conservation Director, other Project Managers, other Landscape Managers, Strategy Managers and Technical Advisors at regional and country levels. Engage with and support WWF-Myanmar staff
- **WWF Network:** Liaise with relevant teams to provide inputs and seek supports as required

### **2. External**

- Interact with all relevant stakeholders at the community, commune, district, and provincial level of provinces in the landscape. Interact with donors, central government partners, and NGOs on ad-hoc basis

## **II. Required Qualifications**

### **1. Education**

- Master's degree in natural resources management, forest conservation and management, environmental or conservation management, bioregional planning, development studies, or in relevant fields.
- A Bachelor's degree with relevant work experience comparable to a Masters will also be considered.
- Qualification in Project Management

### **2. Knowledge**

- Knowledge of conservation and natural resource management issues
- Technical knowledge of forest certification, forestry operations, High Conservation Value Forest and community-based forest management.
- Thorough understanding of socio-economic, conservation and development issues in Myanmar and in the landscape in charge
- Knowledge of the policy/institutional context related to conservation and the government agencies, development partners, donor institutions, and the not-for-profit sector in the landscape
- Knowledge of the realities of government agencies, development partners, donor institutions, and the not-for-profit sector in the project



- Excellent understanding of development partnerships, fund-raising, donor strategies, functions, governmental and international relations
- Landscape/land uses planning, and GIS knowledge and skills are an advantage
- Knowledge of WWF's PPMS is also an advantage

### **3. Experience**

- 5 years of practical experience in leading and managing programme or project, 2 years of which should be in the related landscape or Mekong region
- Proven experience of managing programmes funded by a diversity of sources including governments and aid agencies, private sector donors with annual budget of multi millions USD
- Experience of working in multi-cultural environment and international organisations

### **4. General Skill**

- People management, coaching and capacity building/development
- Networking and influencing
- Financial management
- Presentation and communications
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Proficiency in MS Office and GIS software such as ArcGIS

### **5. Technical Skill**

- Leadership and management
- Report writing
- Problem solving and conflict management
- Monitoring and evaluation is preferred

### **6. Ability**

- Working under pressure and with minimum supervision and staying on task
- Travelling frequently