

## Terms of Reference

Illegal Wildlife Trade Consultant

Supervised by: Tiger Lead, WWF-Cambodia

Work location: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Duration: **As soon as possible to February 2020**

Total Available budget: \$18 000-00

### 1. Background of consultancy assignment/ project

The Eastern Plains Landscape (EPL) of Cambodia had the largest global population of banteng within its native range even 10 years back. Now this population appears to have declined by over 75% in the past decade. The Indochinese subspecies of leopard, currently already extinct in Laos and Vietnam has declined hugely to a level where only a few individuals remain in the areas being monitored by WWF using camera traps. Similarly, several other species have undergone serious declines due to unflagging poaching/snaring pressure in the landscape. This poaching is to a large extent is driven by IWT in bushmeat and high-value wildlife parts, with consumer demand originating from outside the landscape and often from across the border in Vietnam. WWF has put in great efforts and resources to control poaching and help better management of PAs in EPL, in order to address the threat of poaching. However, like elsewhere in the GM region, mapping the supply chain and disrupting transport and cross border movements is yet to be a focus of conservation efforts here.

The proposed actions in this project includes mapping out (and eventually disrupt) the transportation/middle-men linkages of the bushmeat and high value wildlife products (banteng head trophy, leopard skin, bones, etc.) supply chain - from EPL to IWT markets and restaurants within Cambodia and across the Vietnam border. This includes research/investigation on what happens after animals (with banteng and leopard as icons/flagships here) are poached/snared? Who buys the meat, skin, etc., how are the products transported, who processes them and where, where are the sales locations, where do they cross the border to Vietnam, and other relevant aspects to understand the full supply chain between the two ends - the source in EPL and the consumers in Cambodia and Vietnam.

### Major Function

- I. The IWT Programme Consultant will be involved in the following actions:
  - Conduct field research/investigations to map out transportation modes and actors involved in moving bushmeat and high values products of banteng and leopards from poaching sites in
  - EPL to processing and sales sites
  - Map out retail trading locations (IWT markets) and bushmeat restaurants within Cambodia and in nearby border areas of Vietnam

- Map out border locations where bushmeat and high value IWT products are moved across the border to Vietnam.

## **I. Major Responsibilities**

- Coordinate the study on Illegal Wildlife Trade effort both in Cambodia and Vietnam
- Map the transportation routes, modes and actors of the bushmeat and high value wildlife products (banteng head trophy, leopard skin, bones, etc) supply chain
- Identify and report on leverage points for subsequent investigations and actions by law enforcement agencies
- Plan and report toward eventual disruption of the IWT supply chain linked to EPL and thus reduce the trade-driven poaching in EPL.

### **A. Monitoring and Evaluation, Reporting**

- Provide support to the monitoring and evaluation of IWT and law enforcement activities in Cambodia
- Provide assistance in the analysis of management and enforcement activities in the Eastern Plains Landscape over the study period
- Look into the progress of investigations and current cases in Cambodia as pertaining to IWT and initiated by WWF Cambodia.

### **B. Other Technical Specifics**

- Work in close collaboration with the Eastern Planes Landscape Law Enforcement teams, Legal entities and other NGO"s related to Illegal Wildlife Trade investigations and activities
- Work in close collaboration with the Tiger Lead position