

The Wildlife Conservation Society

WCS Cambodia Program

Positions : Community Protected Area (CPA) Officer
Project Name : WCS-Greening Prey Lang Project (Tonle Sap Landscape)
Duty Station : GPL Kampong Thom Office
Managed by : USAID GPL Landscape Manager
WCS Tonle Sap Landscape Technical Advisor

WCS works in over 60 countries to save wildlife and wild places through science, conservation action, education, and inspiring people to value nature. The WCS Cambodia Program has worked since 1999 to support the Cambodian Government to conserve wildlife, develop and implement policy, develop understand and enforce the law, and especially to implement field projects at seven main sites around Cambodia.

WCS Cambodia is looking for a qualified candidate to fill the position of SRP Officer to be based at GPL Kampong Thom province. This position requires an individual who is able to travel to remote areas for up to 3 weeks at a time, with Kampong Thom as home base. The work will take place in Northern Tonle Sap Protected Landscapes, Kampong Thom province.

CPA Officer is focused on establishing and strengthening community protected areas (CPAs) within Tonle Sap Lowland Protected Landscape known as Bengal Florican Conservation Areas (BFCAs), by ensuring sustainable management and protection of their CPA lands through effective planning, capacity building, community patrol and joint patrol effort as well strong collaboration and communication with all key stakeholders and local authorities.

Report to: USAID GPL Landscape Manager and WCS Tonle Sap Landscape Technical Advisor

Report to job holder: N/A

Due report: Monthly work plan, monthly technical report

Responsibilities:

- Assist and support the establishment of community protected areas (CPAs) in the Northern Tonle Sap Protected Landscapes
- Work and facilitate closely with Officers from Kampong Thom Provincial Department of Environment (PDoE) to conduct all ongoing CPA establishment processes to reach CPA management agreement with the MoE.
- Conduct awareness raising, capacity building to the CPAs committee and its member on report writing and bookkeeping, community based biodiversity monitoring and data collection
- Work closely with SMART team to provide training on community joint patrol tactics and using of SMART Devices (BlackView) for daily CPA patrol and joint patrol with DoE Rangers.
- Support SMART team to download community based SMART patrol data for their monthly SMART report.
- Assist each CPA committee to develop their monthly work plan, budgets and help them to implement their plan successfully.
- Support each CPA committee to develop and circulate their monthly report to all relevant authorities and partners.

- Be responsible for all data collection, collation and filing of all activity conducted, and ensure that the quality of reporting is reliable.
- Promote local awareness of the laws of Cambodia relating protected areas, land law and other aspect related to wildlife conservation and environmental education as well as the objectives and philosophy of the program.
- Maintain good communications with both the local authorities and local communities to promote mutual trust and strong program-stakeholder relationships.
- Regularly update all project result into M&E online platform (Asana system)
- Assist with the production of technical reports and minutes of meetings and
- Other tasks assigned by line manager

Qualifications and experience

- Bachelor Degree in Natural Resource Management, Forestry, Environmental Science, Rural Development, Agro-forestry, social work, or related fields.
- At least 2 to 4-year field work experiences particularly on the establishment of community protected areas (CPA), community forest (CF) or community fisheries (CFi) in Cambodia.
- Knowledgeable on Cambodia Protected Area Law and relevant legislations and with experiences working with MoE and PDoE are advantage
- Experience in training and facilitation skills.
- Excellent speaking, reading, and writing skills in Khmer.
- Good speaking, reading, and writing skills in English.
- Computer skills (Word, Excel, PowerPoint etc.)
- Able to work in remote area with low levels of technical support on site, with significant portions of time spent living and working in communities.
- Ability to travel by motorbike and boat.
- Willing to learn new skill and self-motivation
- Maintain good team discipline and motivation.