

SCOPE OF WORK

CONSULTANT FOR RESEARCH TEAM COORDINATOR

Project: Keo Seima REDD+ Project

Background:

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is a US non-profit organization established in 1895 and based in New York, that saves wildlife and wild places by understanding critical issues, crafting science-based solutions, and taking conservation actions that benefit nature and humanity. With a presence in more than 60 nations, and experience helping to establish over 150 protected areas across the globe, WCS has amassed the biological knowledge, cultural understanding and partnerships to ensure that vibrant, wild places and wildlife thrive alongside local communities. In the Greater Mekong WCS has country programs in Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam and is managed through a dispersed regional network with a hub in Bangkok.

Since 2003, WCS has provided technical and financial assistance to the management of Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary (KSWs) in the Eastern Plains Landscape. The Keo Seima REDD+ Project, which covers the core Zone of KSWs, is Cambodia's flagship REDD+ project. It was the first large REDD+ project developed in Cambodia, the first to receive a multi-million-dollar carbon sale, and it is the longest running. In the ten years since it started, the project has demonstrated that emissions reductions can be achieved while maintaining a gold rating for benefiting local communities.

A household livelihood survey is planned for villages in and around the Core Protection Area in KSWs for May 2022. This survey is intended to build upon similar surveys undertaken in 2007, 2012 and 2017, and will focus on the livelihoods of approximately 1000 households in the 20 villages identified as being of key importance for the REDD+ project and additional control villages outside KSWs. As such, it aims to update understanding of livelihoods in those villages. This will form the basis for the assessment and monitoring of social impacts associated with conservation measures implemented as part of the REDD+ project.

Scope of work:

The research team coordinator will be responsible for providing the following specific services:

1. Advise on the development of survey instruments, including questionnaires and protocols, to implement the surveys.
2. Recruit and train researchers to undertake household survey.
3. Test and assist in any necessary revision of survey instruments.
4. Implement 2022 household and village surveys, digitize and clean data.
5. Provide input to the final report and any academic outputs as required.

Deliverables:

1. Review of survey protocols and instruments, plus translation ready for testing
2. Field activity report
3. Household database
4. Village database
5. Review of reports and academic papers

Proposed Schedule:

Project activities will start in April 2022 with administration, with all fieldwork activities expected to be completed by 30th June 2022 (Table 2). Data entry and verification will be completed by end of July 2022. Submission of the household and village databases is expected by 31st July 2022.

Table 1: Proposed schedule of works.

| | April 2022 | May 2022 | May - June 2022 | July 2022 | August 2022 |
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| Administration and design | | | | | |
| Testing and finalizing tools | | | | | |
| Data collection | | | | | |
| Data entry, cleaning and double checking. Submission of data to WCS. | | | | | |
| Resolution of any issues that emerge during data analysis. | | | | | |

Consultant Applications must include a full cost proposal to complete this SOW detailing:

- Consultant team daily rates (evidence of historical daily rates to be providing as supporting documentation).
- Travel, accommodation, interview/meeting estimated costs for SOW

REQUIREMENTS:

- At least five years' experience in conducting social economic interview based surveys. Experience of working in Mondolkiri Province preferred.
- Strong experience of independently managing a team of consultants and social research field logistics.
- Proven ability to arrange and coordinate field work and coordinate efficiently with local authorities where required.
- Proven ability to collect community based socio-economic data and accurately enter data into a database.
- Ability to produce clear and concise reports and presentations.
- Strong record of supporting publishing in high-impact scientific journals.
- Experience in training/capacity building.