



WCS Cambodia Program

Job description – Livelihood Research Assistant

Position title:	Livelihood Research Assistant
Reports to:	Counter Wildlife Trafficking Project Manager
Project:	Counter Wildlife Trafficking Project
Location:	Koh Kong, Stung Treng and Kratie Provinces, with short periods in Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Position Type:	Full-time position
Internal liaison:	Works closely with Research Lead. Works with the Landscape Manager and Landscape Coordinators
Duration:	3 months

Organization Background

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is a US-headquartered non-profit, tax-exempt, private organization established in 1895 that saves wildlife and wild places by understanding critical issues, crafting science-based solutions, and taking conservation actions that benefit nature and humanity. With more than a century of experience, long-term commitments in dozens of landscapes, presence in more than 60 countries, and experience helping to establish over 250 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. The WCS Country Program in Cambodia, is a relatively large, vibrant program with long-term programs in four major forested and/or wetland landscapes: Eastern Plains (Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary), Northern Plains, Major Rivers, and Tonle Sap.

Background

In Cambodia, many communities still heavily depend on natural resources for income. In collaboration with Monitor Conservation Research Society (Monitor) and the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR), WCS Cambodia will conduct research to understand the composition of livelihood activities for communities in two target areas of Cambodia, their (legal and illegal) use and non-use of natural and drivers for this use, to develop a baseline for measuring future interventions. The research will take place in the Mekong landscape (Stung Treng and Kratie Provinces) and Sre Ambel landscape (Koh Kong Province).

Purpose of position

The Research Assistant will conduct household surveys in the target areas (WCS' landscapes in Koh Kong, Stung Treng and Kratie Provinces).

Duties and responsibilities

The Research Assistant will work closely with the Research Lead to conduct the household survey. His/her specific tasks include:

- Receive training on the data collection methodology.
- Support the Research Lead in designing field trips for data collection.
- Collect data for the household surveys.
- Fix input errors or translation errors in the data set.
- Provide brief research report (feedback, observations, notes for future analysis, etc).

The following deliverables will be produced:

- A complete data set for the three target areas.
- Three brief research reports.

Qualifications and experience

- Bachelor's degree conservation, biology, law, social sciences or other relevant area.
- Experience in research work would be an asset.
- Highly organized.
- Able and willing to travel to the field in remote areas.
- Able to work in English.
- Able to work with mobile data-collection tools, or willing to learn how to.