

Wildlife Conservation Society  
WCS Cambodia Program

Terms of Reference: Research Assistant

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Position	:	Sre Ambel Project Officer
Project	:	Sre Ambel
Location	:	Sre Ambel, Koh Kong and Kampong Seila, Sihanouk Province
Period	:	1 Year with possible extension
Report to	:	Education and Outreach Team Leader

### Background

The Royal Turtle, also known as Southern River Terrapin *Batagur affinis* and Siamese Crocodile are listed as Critically Endangered by the IUCN Red List and Endangered in Cambodian Fisheries Red List. Populations are most severely impacted by hunting, sand dredging, rapidly increasing human populations and rural development accompanied by a similarly rapid loss or degradation of forest and wetland habitat, as well as unsustainable levels of exploitation for use as food and illegal fishing activities in the crocodile ponds and wetlands. Conservation activities are implemented by WCS and the Fisheries Administration. Project activities include nest survey, nest protection, law enforcement, awareness raising, research and monitoring.

### Responsibilities

- Assisting Team Leader to implement project activities relating to the Royal Turtle Conservation and Siamese Crocodile Projects in Sre Ambel
- Conducting monthly monitoring of Royal Turtle
- Conducting nest surveys of the two species
- Assisting with data entry of the post release monitoring and nests of Royal Turtle and Siamese Crocodile
- Preparing of monthly work plans and reports
- Maintaining project equipment as required
- Assisting with fish research activities as necessary
- conservation
- Assisting with maintaining good coordination, communication and reporting to government as necessary
- Any other tasks as requested by your manager

### Requirements

- Minimum two years' experience working in species conservation for a non-profit organization
- Understanding of basic English
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, and ability to work independently and as part of the team
- Basic knowledge of computer skills (MS Words, Excel and PowerPoint)
- Be able to spend long periods of time in remote locations
- Work overtime when required

- Travelling by boat and motorbike
- Love wildlife and wild places