



JOB DESCRIPTION

Position:	Wildlife Monitoring Team Member
Reports to:	Biodiversity Monitoring Technical Advisor
Location:	This position is based in Mondulhiri
Country Program/Sector:	GCP Asia – Mekong region/WCS Cambodia Program
Position Type:	Full-Time
Expected travel:	Periodic travel to work in the field and Sen Monorom as expected

Organization Background:

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is a US 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 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. Working with local communities and organizations, that knowledge is applied to address species, habitat and ecosystem management issues critical to improving the quality of life of poor rural people whose livelihoods depend on the direct utilization of natural resources.

Program Overview:

WCS assists the Royal Government of Cambodia to conserve species and habitat across Cambodia. Since 2002 WCS has been working in Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary (KSWS), a flagship project protecting almost 300,000ha of land. Community development, law enforcement and reforestation all forms a part of the work WCS implements in KSWS, however an internationally recognized cornerstone of the project is its biodiversity monitoring work.

Job Summary:

The KSWS biodiversity monitoring program is well developed, with a number of long-term data collection protocols in place, as well as scope for developing and implementing additional programs as needed. With projects including line transects surveys of key species, elephant fecal DNA surveys, camera trap surveys, anti-snare patrols, nest protection of key bird species and bioacoustics, the biodiversity monitoring work in KSWS is diverse. The KSWS team is looking for two Cambodian nationals with experience conducting fieldwork and collecting accurate wildlife focused data.

Major Responsibilities:

1. Contribute to the biological monitoring program of KSWS. You will participate in all required surveys and monitoring activities related to wildlife and human activities. These will include,

but will not be limited to, line transects surveys of key species, elephant fecal DNA surveys, camera trap surveys, snare patrols, LIFEPLAN activities, bioacoustics monitoring projects.

2. Undertake additional independent surveys as required by the project and senior staff.
3. Report any illegal activities seen or encountered whilst within the KSWS to the Biodiversity Monitoring Technical Advisor with as much detail as possible. It is also your responsibility to ensure the information is entered in SMART in a timely fashion.
4. Collate and enter all relevant data into computer.
5. Undertake any training required to ensure your knowledge and skills are expanded and remain at the high level that is required by the project.
6. Undertake and conduct any outreach activities that are needed
7. Contribute to the design of and undertake training activities of local staff, rangers, and any new team members as appropriate.
8. Ensure that all project equipment is appropriately maintained and managed, and that any damage or loss of equipment is reported immediately to the Biodiversity Monitoring Technical Advisor
9. Set and maintain high standards of environmental responsibility, conservation, and adherence to the laws of Cambodia, and be an ambassador for WCS and the project.
10. Undertake other activities to support WCS Cambodia or project goals as require by the SBCP Project Manager or Program Director.

Minimum Requirements:

- Be able to travel to Mondulkiri
- Have a prior knowledge of KSWS and prior experience with scientific research projects and data collection.
- Be willing to spend up to 10 days of time in the field at one time
- Experience following administrative practices