JOB DESCRIPTION

Position title: Programme Manager, Illegal Wildlife Trade, WWF Myanmar

Directly reports to: Head of Wildlife Programme, WWF Myanmar

Supervises: Wildlife Trade Project Managers, Officers, Interns, Technical Advisors, Consultants as required

Contract: 3 years, with possibility for renewal

Location: Yangon, with regular national and some regional travel

Background
Myanmar is a critical actor in the global illegal wildlife trade as a source, transit, and destination country for a number of the most threatened and lucratively traded wildlife species including tiger, Asian and African elephant, rhino, bear, pangolin, and many bird and reptile species. Weak legislation and limited capacity within government law enforcement agencies, combined with a number of openly operating wildlife markets along the Myanmar-China border, mean that addressing commercial wildlife trade within Myanmar is critical for the global response to wildlife crime and wildlife trafficking. With Myanmar’s rapid development and its young government comes an important opportunity to influence policy, legislation, and management interventions to tackle the illegal wildlife trade. The 2020 coronavirus pandemic brings even more relevance and urgency to the task of reducing high risk and illegal wildlife trade as a means to prevent spill over of emerging zoonotic infectious diseases into human populations.

I. Major Function
The IWT Programme Manager will lead WWF’s efforts to tackle IWT in Myanmar, ensuring implementation of strategic projects under the WWF Myanmar country strategy and representing WWF in relevant fora as WWF’s expert spokesperson. The Programme Manager will lead WWF’s engagement with other organisations and initiatives that are tackling wildlife trafficking through, and within, Myanmar. He/She will coordinate closely with regional and global WWF initiatives, including the WWF Tigers Alive Initiative (TAI), and WWF Ivory High Impact Initiative; and those being implemented by other key NGOs and organisations working on IWT. He/she will coordinate closely with government departments and enforcement agencies to ensure a well-coordinated effort. The role will include leading project design and implementation, developing funding proposals, enforcement support, surveys, data analysis, and policy advocacy including communications campaigns.

II. Major Responsibilities
- Support Myanmar government technical departments and law enforcement agencies with effective implementation of new and revised legislation aimed at curbing illegal wildlife trade, suggesting new and innovate ways of working as appropriate.
• Coordinate closely with all key stakeholders (national and international organisations) to ensure the smooth implementation of project activities and create synergies and collaboration between projects;
• Maintain a working knowledge of political, legislative, environmental, social and economic frameworks relevant to IWT in Myanmar, and engage in relevant national dialogues;
• Develop working relationships within the WWF network, partners and alliances that amplify WWF’s IWT campaign and activate audiences;
• Ensures effective representation of WWF in relevant meetings, networks;
• Support IWT communications, media, and fundraising activities in coordination with the relevant WWF teams;
• Provide leadership and management of the WWF IWT team ensuring members are given capacity development opportunities;
• Lead fundraising efforts to ensure adequate resources are provided to implement IWT initiatives in Myanmar.

III. Required Qualifications & Knowledge:
• Bachelor’s degree in Conservation, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Sciences, or relevant fields
• Knowledge of IWT, conservation and/or natural resource management issues in Myanmar and South East Asia
• Minimum 5 years’ experience designing and implementing development projects in an international setting
• Experience with campaigning techniques, policy and advocacy, delivering training
• Experience of working in multi-cultural environment and working with key regional and international institutions
• Strong experience of working with government officials, local communities and donors at all levels.

IV. Required Skills and Competencies:
• Project Management: planning, time management, coordination, networking, teamwork, budget management
• People management experience and skills;
• Capacity building and training
• Communications (ability to communicate complex issues in a clear manner to a wide variety of audiences across diverse channels (online, TV, print, radio)
• Fluency in written and spoken English; Myanmar language skills an advantage
• Adhere to WWF’s values: Knowledgeable, Optimistic, Determined and Engaging
• Respective Competencies: WWF Focus; External Orientation; Delivery quality outcomes; Building working relationships; Communicate effectively; Leading teams; Leading change; Managing Resources
V. Working Relationships


External: Interact with Government agencies both national and provincial level; other NGOs and organisations working on IWT; donors supporting IWT work.