

**Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)  
Cambodia Program**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

Name : .....  
Position : Community Livelihood Technician  
Project : USAID-Feed the Future  
Duty station : Sre Ambel, Koh Kong Province  
Report to : Landscape Project Manager

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Sre Ambel River system is a complex matrix of lowland rivers and backwaters, flooded forests, and agriculture in Koh Kong Province, Cambodia. The river generally flows towards the Southwest before emptying into the Gulf of Thailand, with tributaries originating in the Elephant Mountains to the east and foothills of the Cardamom Mountains to the west. At least ten rural villages depend on its fisheries for a substantial portion of their sustenance, livelihoods and cultural continuity. Our focus villages for this project will be Bak Angruth, Preah Angkeo, Sela Mneang, Samdech Ta, Toek Paong and Ochrov. These six villages represent more than 1,600 households and more than 7,200 people (Neal et al. 2019). To expand the scope and breadth of the research, capacity building will involve residents of the Pursat Province. Pursat Province is in the Cambodia ZOI, and it contains the headwaters of multiple coastal rivers emptying in the Gulf of Thailand.

Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) has been working collaboratively with Fisheries Administration for the last 20 years to conserve the Critically Endangered Southern River Terrapin *Batagur affinis* along the Sre Ambel River system. The project is currently collaborating with Mississippi State University (MSU) to study about the fisheries resources along the river system and identify potential alternatives to local communities to improve their livelihoods. The project is receiving fund from USAID- Feed the Future for the next three years. The project is looking for a person to address the following objectives.

Objective 1 will work with fishers from all six villages. Objective 2 will similarly conduct visits to these villages to offer training on food processing and preservation to any individual in the region that has an interest in learning these techniques.

**PURPOSE OF POSITION:**

This position will serve as the key person to work on the objective 1 of the project stretching from 2020 to 2022 across the two sites of Koh Kong and Pursat provinces.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Organize meeting/workshop to identify potential and valuable fish for food processing.
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- Design and train villagers on minimal processing methods.
- Produce and test further processed products, specifically those that are shelf-stable.
- Help to establish and/or strengthen community-based farmer producer group for the food processing.
- Provide workshops on fish processing and preservation techniques for farmers for the improvement of fisheries product.

- Build capacity of food processing farmers to perform market-oriented processing for value addition of target commodities.
- Provide technical and business development services (packaging, preservation method) to food processing groups to ensure they are functional, sustainable, and able to meet food safety and regulatory standards.
- Identify value-added and market linkages for fish processing.
- Identify preservation techniques of captured fish and train farmers to preserve fish.
- Prepare questionnaires for focus group and community survey.
- Assist student with the data analysis for the project.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:**

- Bachelor's degree in Agriculture, Food Sciences, Nutrition, Food Engineering, or related field
- Minimum of three (3) years' experience in agro-processing, food safety, preservation and storage, agriculture, and/or fortification.
- Experience designing and conducting training modules.
- Strong technical knowledge of nutrition-dense foods, value chains, and nutrition.
- Experience conducting capacity building with agribusinesses and/or community groups.
- Knowledge of gender integration and social inclusion best practices.

**Preferred:**

- Experience working with Feed the Future and/or USAID.
- Knowledge of the local context.
- Fluency in English preferred.

As well any and all other work assignments, duties, and/or functions as WCS or its management may designate or instruct in the course of its operation, which may include assignments, duties, and/or functions that vary from the above.