

WCS Cambodia Program

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Legal Consultant – Wildlife Trafficking Case Analysis

Background

Wildlife trafficking is having a devastating effect on many species across the globe. Elephants, big cats, rhinos, pangolins, parrots, freshwater turtles and tortoises all face significant threats from trafficking due to the demand for them and their parts. Wildlife trafficking is a low risk, high profit opportunity for criminals. There is insufficient capacity among law enforcement agencies and officers, a lack of strategic, intelligence-led action against poachers and traffickers, low political commitment to address wildlife trafficking and corruption within the agencies. WCS's approach across Asia and globally embodies a long-term institutional commitment to CWT and the protection of landscapes critical for biodiversity. We have strong government relationships and a wealth of experience striving to stop wildlife trafficking in source, transit, and consumer countries around the world and we work with our government partners to address these challenges.

Scope of Work

Cambodia is a transit country for illicit shipments of wildlife from Africa, and a source and transit country of local wildlife poached for illicit trade domestically and within the region. In order to understand how the criminal justice system in Cambodia responds to wildlife trafficking cases, we are conducting a desk review with the Ministry of Justice of domestic wildlife trade court cases.

WCS is seeking a consultant with knowledge of the Cambodian legal system and relevant legislation, to assist with the analysis of up to 100 court cases collected by MOJ from provincial courts, and to lead in the production of a report. Data from the cases has already been extracted into a database against key performance indicators

Activities:

- Work with the WCS Cambodia team to review up to 100 court case files already collected, developing summaries of attributes of each case where needed
- Referring to the database, examine cases against performance indicators and identify trends in how cases are handled, from investigation to prosecution, trial and judgement
- Develop a report that summarises the cases analyzed, case handling, any issues detected and recommendations for improvement
- Participate in consultation meetings with the Ministry of Justice

Outputs & Timeline:

| | Deliverable | Duration |
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| 1 | Summarise cases and draft the desk review report | Maximum 30 days |
| 2 | Participate in consultation meetings with MoJ Team | 5 days |
| 3 | Revise or Adjust the Draft Report after the feedback from MoJ Team | 5 days |

Reporting line

The consultant will work closely with the Counter Wildlife Trafficking Specialist and other staff as needed, reporting to the CWT Regional Programme Officer.

Payment Schedule and delivery:

Payment 1: 20% on contract signing

Payment 2: 50% on delivery of first draft of desk review report

Payment 3: 30% on submission of finalized report