

Elephant Program: Research Fellow

Program: Elephant Research and Conservation Program

Position Title: Research Fellow

Location: Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu

Start Date: August 01, 2021

Scope of Work

We are looking for a suitable candidate to be a part of our Elephant Research and Conservation Program at CWS as a Research Fellow. The Candidate will be a part of the Elephant Program at CWS. The Program aims to initiate elephant and conflict monitoring projects in select landscapes across the Western Ghats, with primary focus on Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The candidate is expected to work with the Project Coordinator, and shall report to the project heads periodically, and carry out fieldwork in the select field sites. The work involves extensive fieldwork in remote locations.

Key Responsibilities

- Carrying out extensive field surveys, collecting data on elephants and HEC
 - Camera trap deployment, monitoring, and data retrieval
 - Data entry, management, and analysis
 - Compiling and curating secondary data from various sources on conflict
 - Assisting in preparing monthly, biannual, and annual reports
 - Assist project coordinator in managing project finances and logistics
 - Planning field surveys across study areas with the project leads
 - Travel and stay in remote locations across the study sites
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Required Qualifications and Skills

- Masters in Ecology, Wildlife Sciences, Zoology, Botany, or Life sciences
- Sound knowledge of basic analytical platforms such as R and QGIS
- **Verbal proficiency in Malayalam and Tamil**
- Excellent writing skills
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Valid two and four wheeler driving license
- Prior experience working in elephant habitats

Preferred Skills

- Prior experience walking line-transects and deploying camera traps
- Individual elephant identification
- Project involves fieldwork in difficult terrains; prior experience working in such conditions is preferable
- Prior experience working with large research teams

Application Process

- A one page cover letter describing your interest in this position
- Latest Resume/CV with relevant professional experience
- Names and contact details of three referees
- Publications in related fields, if any

Please send all documents to Dr. Sreedhar Vijayakrishnan (sreedhar.vijayakrishnan@cwsindia.org)

Subject Line: “Application for Research Fellow — Elephant Program”.

Please note that incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Last date for applications

30th June 2020
