

Conservation Program Coordinator

For the study on restoring ecosystems and community development via endangered megafauna



Organizations:	Foundation Bring The Elephant Home and King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
Date vacancy:	01/04/2022 - 01/07/2022
Contract:	Full-time, 6 months. Opportunity to extend.
Level:	Project management
Compensation:	Salary of Thai NGO level depending on experience and hours per week Travel and accommodation costs will be covered.
Based in:	From home, with regular traveling to remote locations
Working hours:	Full time, Monday to Friday with occasional weekend and evenings

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The Thai foundation Bring The Elephant Home (BTEH) currently accepts applications from individuals for its new research initiative 'Restoring Ecosystems via endangered megafauna. With this study, we aim to identify areas where megaherbivores, such as Asian elephants, can assist in enabling natural processes, repairing damaged ecosystems and restoring degraded landscapes and genetic diversity. The study will contribute to the development of approaches that provide benefits for elephants, people, and the ecosystems on which we all depend.

Introduction Bring The Elephant Home

The Asian elephant, a keystone species, is threatened with extinction as deforestation has destroyed much of its habitat, food supply and migration routes. To survive, elephants often search for food and water outside of protected areas, resulting in conflicts between elephants and people. Over the last three generations, a population decline of at least 50% has been estimated with a current population of less than 40,000 wild Asian elephants.

Bring The Elephant Home's mission is to ensure the wellbeing and survival of elephants, contribute to socio-ecological resilience, and work towards a world in which people and elephants can thrive. Our community-based conservation strategy, developed over more than a decade, integrates the diverse values of elephants and implements solutions that provide mutually beneficial outcomes for people, elephants and the environment. Our projects are inclusive and promote shared decision-making, ownership, sustainability, equality, pride, and partnerships. We believe that when local people take ownership of conservation efforts, lasting positive change will happen.

Your role

Do you have a talent for creating positive change and are you passionate about elephant conservation? If so, you might be the person we are looking for to join us as the Programme Coordinator of the study on restoring ecosystems and community development via endangered megafauna.

This job requires a Thai candidate, who is willing to travel to various sites in Thailand. Ideal candidates are inspiring and creative and have a passion for working with local communities. People with backgrounds in areas such as (community-based) conservation, elephant conservation or management, sustainability, or community development are especially encouraged to apply. Knowledge of the challenges of human-wildlife conflicts is preferred but can be developed on the job.

This position will involve a diverse and exciting range of activities, including:

- Work with local communities, universities, and other related stakeholders to develop a unique conservation model that provides benefits to local people, and prevents human-elephant conflicts.
- Develop partnerships with organizations, governments, universities and companies relevant to the success of the project. Aid with obtaining gatekeeper permission letters by community leaders and other authorities.
- Help organise participatory community workshops and questionnaires to gain insight into local people's attitudes towards living with elephants and the benefits and risks that living with elephants could potentially bring to people, and people's openness to change to alternative livelihoods.
- Conducting interviews to gain insight into value systems related to elephant-human relationships, existing social bonds, current behavior, people's willingness to participate in innovative conservation projects.
- Data entry and assisting with data analysis.
- Reporting on site visits in text and pictures.

- Communication with all relevant stakeholders about the progress of the project.

Your qualifications

- Graduate qualifications in a related discipline (Ecology, biology, community-based conservation, natural resources management, wildlife conservation, community development, environmental science, environmental law, community-based tourism)
- Experience in public speaking, facilitating community workshops and engaging local people.
- Management and coordination skills, including the ability to plan and meet deadlines
- Thai nationality
- Good verbal and written proficiency in Thai and English
- Good communication skills, including public speaking and direct communication with high-level stakeholders, in Thai and English
- Flexible attitude with creativity and initiative to create, develop their own projects that meet the needs of the overall mission.
- Hold a valid Thai driver's license
- Basic proficiency in Google Docs, Sheets, Slides and/or equivalent programs.

Applications

Please send a cover letter and your current CV including two references before **March 31, 2022**.

Send your application to: support@bteh.org

More information: www.bring-the-elephant-home.org

Bring The Elephant Home is an equal opportunity employer. We value diversity, inclusion, and equality. We celebrate the range of diversity, culture, and unique differences within our organization and network. We embrace inclusiveness by encouraging everyone to share their ideas, opinions and knowledge, and we welcome diversity at all levels. Furthermore, we believe that inclusion enables out-of-the-box solutions, makes sustainable growth possible, increases resilience, and is essential to creating a just and more sustainable world.

Bring The Elephant Home is officially registered as a non-profit organization in Thailand.