

RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR ELEPHANT BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH

Research title: Elephant Behavior to Quantify Management Intervention Success in Wild Populations

Coordinating university: King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT)

Coordinating organization: Bring the Elephant Home

Field of research: Science and conservation/wildlife management

Type of research: Doctoral studies

Acting Advisor: Dr. George Gale; Associate Professor in the Conservation Ecology Group (KMUTT)

Co-Advisor: Dr. Naruemon Tantipisanuh; Assistant Professor at KMUTT

Duration: June 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023.

Overview: As an elephant research intern, you can help Ph.D. researcher Brooke Friswold in conducting critical research on wild elephant behavior in Kuiburi National Park, Thailand. She will go into the park five days per week from 2pm-6pm to observe elephants using an app to record their behavior. Brooke is escorted by rangers on a regular basis and will need assistance in communication with the rangers during that time. Assistance with this research will provide emerging conservationists and students in learning how to conduct field-based wildlife behavioral research and elephant conservation research.

Responsibilities: You will actively participate in field research five days a week from 2pm - 6pm that involves searching for wild elephants and monitoring elephant behavior and taking photos of elephants. You will also assist with other responsibilities from 10am to 2pm that will include administrative responsibilities and data work.

- Track and identify wild elephants.
- Record elephant behavior
- Assist with english and thai translation
- Contribute to elephant identification
- Data entry and cleaning
- Other tasks to support research (reports, correspondence, social media etc.)

Qualifications

- Fluent in both Thai and English
- Degree in/studying for a degree in wildlife, environmental, conservation science, or related field
- Data entry and organization

Additional experience with the following are desired but not required:

- Animal behavior
- 4x4 driving
- Field research
- Communication/report writing
- GIS

Details: Housing will be provided and a monthly stipend of 10,000 baht.

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