

Position Title: Marine Conservation Officer (Thai Nationals)

Location: Based in Phuket Province

Type of contract: 1-year contract from the start date

Salary Range: Up to 35,000 THB/Month

WildAid is a growing international non-profit based in San Francisco with a mission to inspire and empower the world to protect wildlife and vital habitats from critical threats. WildAid delivers impact at scale in two distinct ways: 1) creating innovative communications campaigns that inspire millions of people in China, South East Asia, Africa, and the U.S. to protect endangered wildlife and reduce climate impacts, and 2) strengthening effective ocean enforcement of priority marine areas including marine protected areas, coastal fisheries, coral reefs, and blue carbon habitats with government, NGO, and community partners in 16 countries around the globe.

WildAid is seeking a passionate ocean advocate, based in Phuket Province, Thailand, to join our team as Marine Conservation Officer. This position will be responsible for the implementation of activities to support effective area-based management to protect and restore biodiversity within a potential marine protected area. The Project Officer will work closely with our project partner and the WildAid Thailand team, government agencies, local communities, stakeholders, and conservation organizations to ensure the successful delivery of the project goals and raise awareness of sustainable marine ecosystem services.

Key Responsibilities

1) Project Planning and Coordination:

- Develop and implement a comprehensive area management and monitoring plan for the project site.
- Conduct feasibility assessments and develop a roadmap for designating the project site as a locally managed marine area (LMMA) in accordance with the Thai government frameworks and international standards.
- Conduct a feasibility study for an ecosystem restoration project that aligns with the project's conservation goals and sustainable use of ecosystem services.
- Coordinate with key stakeholders, including local communities and administrative authorities, central government agencies, NGOs, and other relevant organizations.
- Ensure the project achieves its objectives on time and in alignment with WildAid's conservation goals.

2) Community Engagement:

- Foster stakeholder engagement and support. Identify key stakeholders, including local communities, government entities, and private sector partners, establish a plan and facilitate continuous consultation, collaboration, and ensure their active engagement in the area management throughout the project.

- Promote awareness and understanding of area-based management benefits and the importance of marine conservation to local communities and stakeholders.

3) Communication and Advocacy:

- Work closely with the WildAid Thailand communications team to plan and implement awareness activities to foster understanding of the project to key audiences.
- Facilitate knowledge sharing about the project's development with the project partner's staff and stakeholders.
- Maintain regular communications with the team, the project partner and stakeholders.

4) Documentation and reporting:

- Prepare quarterly and final project progress report.
- Document project activities and success stories for internal and external communications.

5) Additional duties and responsibilities as required by the project.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in Marine Biology, Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management, or related field.
- Proven experience in project management, particularly in marine conservation or protected area management.
- Strong understanding of marine ecosystems, conservation strategies, and sustainable resource management practices.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to engage and collaborate with diverse stakeholders.
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to manage multiple tasks and priorities effectively.
- Highly dynamic, entrepreneurial, organized self-starter with attention to detail who can work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to travel occasionally to Bangkok for stakeholder meetings, etc.

Remuneration

This is currently a contract position. Compensation commensurate with experience. Personal factors such as demonstrated skills, level of education or certification, history in the sector or industry, and relevant work experience will all be evaluated.

Application Procedure

If interested in applying, please send a detailed cover letter and your resume with expected income to thailand@wildaid.org with 'Marine Conservation Officer' in the subject line. Due to high applicant volume, only short-listed candidates will receive a response from WildAid.



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