



## JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE:	<b>Tx2 Research &amp; Monitoring Consultant</b>
EMPLOYMENT LEVEL:	Consultant
TIME PERIOD	October 2018 to October 2019
BASED IN:	India
REPORTS TO:	Tiger Recovery & Landscape Lead, Tigers Alive
STAFF SUPERVISED:	None
CONSULTANCY FEE:	\$1500 per month (USD)
FORMULATED:	Sept 2018
REVISED:	

### **Goal and role of the WWF Tigers Alive Initiative**

The goal of WWF Tigers Alive (TA) is to increase the wild tiger population to at least 6,000 by 2022.

The WWF Tigers Alive Initiative (WWF-TAI) was launched in 2009 as a response to the need for a scaled-up and intensified effort to save wild tigers from extinction and send them firmly on the road to recovery. The launch of the WWF-TAI coincided with the launch of the Global Tiger Initiative by the World Bank. In 2010, a Tiger Summit was held in St.Petersburg hosted by the then Prime Minister Putin and the President of the World Bank, Robert Zoellick. The WWF Tigers Alive and the Summit Declaration both share the same goal of working towards doubling the number of tigers by 2022.

Much of the work of the WWF-TAI is focused in tiger landscapes represented in 13 countries. The work in the landscapes is divided between efforts to halt the decline and efforts to seize every opportunity to recover and grow the wild population.

The TX2 Research & Monitoring consultant will be based in India and but may be required to travel as necessary within India and overseas.

### **Purpose of the job**

The research consultant will help prepare site specific recovery plans for identified set of new TX2 sites incorporating current ecological monitoring data as well as possible future scenarios based on population viability analysis and assist in scientific research methods and protocol towards recovery in the individual TX2 sites and TAI landscapes.

**Main Responsibilities**

1. Prepare tiger recovery plans in consultation with the Tiger Recovery Lead, Landscape focal points and Range country for the additional set of TX2-Recovery sites identified by TA as per the attached work plan
2. Provide technical inputs into preparation & publication of WWF’s new TX2 sites paper along with the site based tiger biologists and Landscape focal points.

**Specific Duties**

- Recovery plans for each of the prior identified sites to be completed as per the workplan for the TAI landscapes
- Tiger, Prey and Habitat data available for the TX2 sites to be analyzed in consultation with site biologist and compiled for the recovery plans along with future projections and population viability analysis.
- For TX2 sites where data is lacking technical expertise to be provided for quick data collection and monitoring protocol which is to be included in the recovery plans
- Synthesize protection information and conservation actions and recommendations to be included in the Recovery plans along with the Tiger Recovery and Landscape leads
- Assist in preparation of scientific publications for TX2 and monitoring sites for TA in coordination with landscape biologists and TRL when requested

**ONE YEAR WORK PLAN**

Activities/Month	October - November 2018	December -Jan 2018	Feb-March 2019	April-May 2019	June-July 2019	August - Sept 2019
Russia-China, South and SE Asia recovery plans drafts discussed and formulated with teams						
Myanmar TX2 site Recovery plan finalization (1-2)						
Bhutan TX2 sites recovery plans (2)						
Kuiburi Recovery plan, Thailand						

India TX2 sites recovery plans (5)						
Indonesia Recovery plan, Final						
Russia-China Recovery plans (4)						

**Key Outputs**

1. Recovery Plans for identified TX2 sites in coordination with TRL as per work plan
2. Inputs provided into Draft version of WWF-tiger status publication & sent to peer reviewed journal for publication

**Desired Qualifications**

1. A PhD dealing with advanced tiger and prey monitoring techniques from a landscape perspective including direct field experience working with tigers
2. At least 3 years of direct experience dealing with field methods and analysis for tiger & prey monitoring including mentoring of field teams and conservation application
3. Excellent technical skills and knowledge of latest software and programs dealing with tiger, prey and habitat monitoring
4. Technical paper writing and publishing ability along with proof of published papers in peer reviewed scientific journals
5. Excellent written and oral English skills.
6. Good interpersonal skills and able to work in a team as well as independently.
7. Responsive to requests and an overall positive attitude.

**Working Relationships**

1. The position reports to the Tiger Recovery and Landscapes Lead, Tigers Alive based in WWF-India, Western Ghats Landscape Office.
2. The position will also work closely with the relevant Range country focal points & tiger biologists in the newly identified TX2 sites within TAI landscapes

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**Last Date for sending applications:** 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2018