

— **Social Science Research Assistant** —
Bring The Elephant Home

For a world where elephants and people can thrive



Organization: Foundation Bring The Elephant Home
Date vacancy: 01/05/2022 - 31/07/2022
Contract: Full-time, 3-months
Based in: Kui Buri, Thailand
Working hours: Monday - Friday (Some weekends dependent on field work)
May 1 - to July 14, 2022 (Fieldwork in Ruam Thai village, Prachuap Khiri Khan)
July 15 - 31 (Analysis and reporting, work-from-home)

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

This job requires a Thai candidate based in or willing to travel to Prachuap Khiri Khan province to work from May 1 - to July 31, 2022. Ideal candidates are university students or research professionals with English/Thai translation skills, experience in international collaboration, and previous work with local communities. People with backgrounds in social sciences, (community-based) conservation, ecological sciences, survey administration, agriculture, or governance 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 range of activities, including:

- Work with international researchers to collect social science data with local community members.
- Assist in delivering and enumerating household surveys and administering interviews.
- Collaborate with the research team on methods, cultural sensitivity, logistics, and data analysis.
- Translate research materials, official documents, and spoken communications (English ↔ Thai).
- Liaise between international researchers and local community members and authorities.
- Travel to scope potential future research sites, and meet with farmers and community members.
- Assist with organizing and facilitating logistics necessary for a successful project outcome.

- Potential to use a component of study in applicants thesis or dissertation and continue work in subsequent months/years with larger project goals.

Your qualifications

- Graduate qualifications in a related discipline (social sciences, conservation sciences, social-ecology, ecology, community development)
- Experience with survey administration and enumeration or similar social science methods
- Experience conducting interviews and communicating with diverse community members
- Experience collecting and organizing data
- Demonstrated management and coordination skills, including the ability to plan and meet deadlines
- Thai nationality
- Excellent 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
- Hold a valid Thai driver's license and willing to drive to/from research sites
- Basic proficiency in Google Docs, Sheets, and/or equivalent programs

Compensation

- Transport costs for travel to Prachuap Khiri Khan provided
- Housing in Prachuap Khiri Khan (provided during working hours)
- Monthly salary is 20,000 - 30,000 THB (dependent on qualifications)
- *There may be potential for future work after successful completion of this 3-month contract.*

Applications

Please send a cover letter and your current CV, including two references, before **May 20, 2022**

Send your application to:

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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.