



Short Term Assignment Species Inventory and Monitoring Indonesia

June 2016

OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) International Technical Assistance Program (TAP) is seeking experts with strong professional backgrounds in performing biological inventory and monitoring in protected areas to provide a training workshop for Indonesia's protected area management staff. One team of 2-3 technical experts will travel to Tanjung Puting National Park, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia, for approximately 10 days. Additional pre-trip curriculum development time will also be required.

BACKGROUND: DOI-ITAP provides assistance to developing countries on subjects of Departmental expertise on a reimbursable basis. The program is currently operating across the globe with support from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the State Department, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the Millennium Challenge Corporation. DOI-ITAP has managed short- and long-term multi-partner projects in over 50 countries since 1995.

The DOI International Technical Assistance Program (DOI-ITAP) launched its *Strengthening Indonesia's National Parks and Wildlife Protection* project, funded by USAID Indonesia, with an assessment in April 2013. Since that time, DOI-ITAP has conducted seven major workshops and other technical assistance activities to strengthen the capacity for national park management in Indonesia. DOI-ITAP assistance combines site-specific and system-wide capacity building, anchored by two Sister Protected Area agreements between DOI sites and two Indonesian parks, signed in January 2016.

Successful management of park resources requires quality data on key species, including plants and animals, as well as other resources such as water quality. The status and trends of these resources show the success of park management policies and the impact of threats from outside the park. Population targets for 14 priority species within the national parks of Indonesia have been established. Data of sufficient quality to determine the status and trends of these populations, as well as species are generally inadequate. Currently, parks are limited in terms of number of staff and training to develop and perform inventory and monitoring of priority species in the national parks. The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources has requested a staff training course, including updated protocols for I&M.

ASSIGNMENT:

Develop and deliver a five-day technical training course on biological inventory and monitoring for park staff, including approximately two days of classroom based instruction and three days of field exercises.

The ministry has identified the following topics of interest: review of wildlife monitoring programs at Tanjung Puting and Sebangau National Parks, status and population trends of park priority species, staff capacity for inventory and monitoring, I&M theory and practice.

The workshop should result in a draft of updated protocols for inventory and monitoring and Tanjung Puting and Sebangau National Parks.

Park staff from Tanjung Puting and Sebangau National Park will be the majority of workshop participants, although staff from other protected areas, local, provincial, and national government agencies, and NGO partners may participate as well.

SCHEDULE: The trip is tentatively proposed for June 1-10, although the timeline could shift slightly based on team members' availability.

PRE- AND POST-TRIP DUTIES: All travel and in-country logistics will be handled by DOI-ITAP. Background material and briefings will be provided to the selected individuals prior to departure. The selected individuals will be expected to work in close collaboration with DOI-ITAP project management staff and other technical team members on workshop preparation and follow-up over phone and email.

Within three weeks of the completion of the trip, the individual will provide the DOI-ITAP managers a brief draft trip report of the trip events, evaluations made, and recommendations for future actions. NPS travelers will also submit this report to their Office of International Affairs.

COSTS: DOI-ITAP will cover all travel costs associated with this assignment (round-trip airfare, lodging, meals, medical insurance, immunizations, per diem, etc.). The **salaries of the team members, however, will be paid by their employing DOI agency** for the duration of the international assignment, including pre- and post-trip obligation. Stipends, or other forms of compensation, are not available for retiree candidates. Please note that travel expenses will **NOT** count against Bureau travel ceilings.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Competitive applicants for this assignment will:

- Be a current or retired employee of DOI
- Have extensive experience conducting biological inventory and monitoring surveys in the field
- Have experience in coordinating the design, collection, retention and analysis of critical species information, with rigorous scientific standards

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Have developed a biological inventory and monitoring plan in a protected area
- Have expertise in biostatistics, study and sampling design, statistical analysis
- Demonstrate ability to provide high-quality training or instruction
- Demonstrate ability to work with and adapt to the needs and abilities of agencies and professionals of different ethnic or cultural groups
- Have an agency or academic publication record
- Have international conservation experience

Upon selection, candidates must submit a current physician-signed letter or medical review form indicating fitness for duty.

If you are selected for this assignment you will be responsible for obtaining your supervisor's approval to participate in this program, as well as additional approvals up your supervisory chain of command as necessary (see below).

HOW TO APPLY

Persons interested in being considered for this international assignment must:

- Send a resume and cover letter summarizing direct, relevant work experience, related to the skills listed under application requirements. Please submit electronically to Sean Lawlor, Asia program assistant, at

sean_lawlor@ios.doi.gov with the subject: *Indonesia: Inventory and Monitoring Workshop*.

- Cover letter and resume should be sent as one document (preferably a PDF) with the file name “FULL NAME_BUREAU_JOB TITLE”
- If your supervisor has already given approval, please indicate this.
- All applications should be submitted as soon as possible but no later than **March 18, 2016**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Please contact Indonesia project manager Jason Riley with any questions at Jason_riley@ios.doi.gov.

All applicants must secure approval from their supervisors to apply for an ITAP assignment. Supervisors will then adhere to their Bureau requirements for any further approvals required by the Bureau. For Bureau requirements, applicants should contact their appropriate Bureau International Affairs Point of Contact. A complete list of those POCs follows. All NPS, BOR and BLM applicants must copy their International Affairs POCs when they submit their applications to ITAP. FWS OLE applicants should contact OLE headquarters rather than apply directly to this announcement.

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Please note that ITAP travel does not require the use of a field office credit card and travel will not count towards ‘travel caps’.

Application Process

The entire selection process may take several weeks. A short list of candidates will be interviewed by telephone. All candidates will be notified of the results of the selection process by email. The position is open to all applicants that meet the stated requirements. If applicants do not receive an email acknowledgement of receipt of their application, please inquire with the Project Managers listed above.