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Elephant Livelihood Initiative Environment (E.L.I.E)

Intern Program

ELIE & THE ELEPHANT VALLEY PROJECT

Background

Elephant Livelihood Initiative Environment (ELIE) is a registered local non-government organization based in Mondulkiri, Cambodia. ELIE was founded in 2006 and started by providing veterinarian care and mahout-orientated education to the families and communities that owned captive elephants throughout Mondulkiri province. In 2007, The Elephant Valley Project was launched as an elephant sanctuary developed to create a home for injured and abused elephants and is now ELIE's centrepiece for elephant conservation, which is located within Putrom's community land. ELIE is unique in terms of its primary source of funding now comes from income from donations made by local and international visitors to the EVP. Since 2006 the NGO has evolved and grown, with the development of EVP as a tourist attraction, providing a sustainable financing mechanism for funding all ELIE programs.

Vision and Goals

Vision

ELIE's aim is to improve the health and welfare of the captive elephants in Mondulkiri Province, work to conserve the wild elephants natural habitat and to support the local people who work with these magnificent creatures.

Goals

- To improve the health and welfare conditions of the captive elephant population of Mondulkiri
- To develop a sanctuary for working elephants to rest and retire to in Mondulkiri Province
- To conserve the wild elephants natural habitat
- To provide employment and job based training to the Bunong community and mahouts
- To support the local community to protect their forest and natural resources, the habitat of the elephants.
- To identify the main pressures on the community and their forest, and provide community support programs to alleviate these pressures.

Program Summary

Ecotourism Program

Elephant Valley Project

Hefalump Café – Mondulkiri's Responsible Tourism Hub

Elephant Conservation Program

Elephant Rehabilitation & Monitoring Project

Elephant Monitoring & Health Check

Elephant Rehabilitation at the EVP Sanctuary

Wild Elephant & Forest Protection Project (Natural Resource Protection)

Community Development Program

Community Land Titling Project

Community Health Care Project

School Scholarship Project

Community Development Project

INTERN PROGRAM

ELIE and the Elephant Valley Project focus on welfare, conservation and education. Therefore, to further promote this we have developed an Intern Program, enabling people from all over Cambodia and the world to join the project, contribute their time in a meaningful way and hopefully learn from the experience.

The Intern Program is open to Khmer Nationals and International applicants.

Program Length and Intakes

We have developed the intern program for 3 months. This time frame means that each placement has a decent amount of time to be able to do induction, training and then complete a specific project. We may be able to discuss a shorter time frame, please discuss this is on application.

There are four intakes per year.

January – March

April – June

July – September

October – December

Costs

We can not offer a salary for the intern program, but the intern is not required to pay any sort of program fee. You are responsible for you own travel costs to get to Sen Monorom, Mondulkiri, Cambodia.

At the current time we do not have any specific facilities for intern, but for the programs based mainly on-site at the sanctuary, we can offer food and possible accommodation while staying onsite depending on the season, this is confirmed at the time of application. Otherwise at the moment all interns will be required to stay in town, 12km from the sanctuary, at their own cost. A room in town with electricity and Wifi can be sourced for \$100 - \$150 per month. The project vehicles then go out to the site each day. Food while in town is at your own cost.

For international applicants - To stay in Cambodia for 3 months or more, you will need an 'Business Visa', as this can be extended for 1 or 3 months (single entry) or 6 or 12 months (multiple entry). Not a Tourist Visa, as this only allows 30 days and can only be extended once for another month. This Ordinary Visa costs \$35 on entry, and then either \$72 for 3 Months, or \$152 for 6 Months.

Application Process

We have a set of listed project categories below that we have thought of that could benefit the organisation and different projects. However if you are studying a specific subject, we are happy for you to propose a project idea and we can see if it fits with our resources and programs.

To Apply, please fill in the form at the bottom of this document and email this and your CV to jemmabullock@gmail.com

Sample Program Plan

Week 1	Join the other volunteers at the EVP and get an induction week of hanging out with elephants and getting to know the project and our site.
Week 2	Project planning and design.
Week 3 to 12	Project implementation.

INTERNSHIP PROJECTS

For each area of interest we have thought of some projects we would like to complete and need help with. This is a constantly evolving project list and needs change per season. For example agriculture projects are hard to do during the dry season from Jan to March. And also our vet program slows down in Aug/Sept/Oct as its difficult to reach the outer villages due to the peak of rainy season. For the projects we propose, most involve having some experience in that certain field. Some of these projects might not be full time projects for the 3 month intern program timeframe, but we can tie this in with also spending time on the site and helping where needed. Or maybe you feel you could complete a couple of the projects in three months. Have a look and let us know.

We are also open to you proposing projects of your own. For example if you are studying a certain subject at uni or school and have to do a specific research project and would like to propose a study project then go ahead! For some projects, particularly based on-site, we can also utilize the EVP volunteer program. For example if you need more hands to get the project done or research assistants.

Elephant Behaviour / Conservation / Biology

Please propose projects of interest or study

Veterinary Program

Please propose projects of interest or study

Vet clinics and training. We always welcome trained and experienced vets coming out to run clinics and work along side our vet and monitoring team. This would be possible to set up with advanced notice with the community owned elephants, but also training onsite at the EVP. This program is highly dependent on the area of specialization of the vet and what resources are required. We also understand that most qualified and working vets may not have 3 months, so we can discuss shorter stays eg one month.

Vet Students – Onsite at the sanctuary, as a standard volunteer for a short stay of one or two weeks you get to learn a lot about the elephants, doing health checks with the elephants each week. If we have vet students, we could focus more on an area of interest during these health checks, or add a day with the program and elephant manager going onto more depth about elephant care. We love to have volunteers from all over and specifically from different backgrounds. Usually volunteers join our program as paying volunteers, as this is also one of the biggest help for our organisation and funds all the elephant care and welfare programs, as well as all the forest protections and community support programs we run.

If there is a specific program a vet student would like to undertake or has a research component, then we are also definitely happy to look at a longer internship. However we have to be honest and say with the elephants here its not like a typical busy vet clinic that operates 7 days a week. Unfortunately, the population of captive elephants in Cambodia is now very small, only 73 left in the country with 44 of those here in Mondulhiri Province. We work with the vet from the Agriculture Department, and he and our vet assistant/researcher go out in to the rural communities to check and treat community elephants a minimum of 2 days per week on average, or get called out in emergency cases, but this is not necessary everyday. Then they also visit and treat the elephants on site, but again only when they are sick.

There may be the possible opportunity for an intern to join them, we just have to have a clear plan. For example we could look at a mix of volunteering at the Sanctuary and then some time with the Vet and Assistant. This may work out that you only see the Ag Dept vet for a couple of the

days during the week, and also this is dependent on the treatments and the needs of the elephants at the time. In an ideal world they would all be healthy and not requiring help or treatment. In terms of the activities, we will then tailor your program to more of the vet side of things, and then try to plan that week to spend some time with the Vet. In regard to this, the vet does not really speak English, so all correspondence will have to go through the project manager, and then when you are here we will have to organise a translator, which will either be the local guide or one of our staff project staff to go with you.

Sustainable Agriculture / Permaculture / Agroforestry

Please propose projects of interest or study

Permaculture Site plan for the whole EVP basecamp and all farms surrounding it. We have been constantly developing the site in terms of the elephant food farms, reforestation tree nursery, luxury timber plantings, site facilities, elephant hospital site and more. But we have never got round drawing this on a full site map and plan. We would love someone with previous permaculture experience who has done their PDC to help to map the whole site.

Tree Management and Surgery. For the constantly growing site there are some trees around the camp that need some management. The local staff can bring down dangerous trees. But long term we would like someone to look at the management plan for the site in regards to tree pruning, propagation, reforestation program.

Natural Building. For the whole site at EVP we have a goal to only try to use recycled timbers and materials we can get here. To further this vision, we would like to build more structures from natural materials. We would love someone to come with natural earth building skills to train the staff, local and international, and to complete some projects.

Marketing / Sales / Advertising / Social Media

Please propose projects of interest or study

Elephant Interpretive Signage/Posters for EVP. We are developing an information center on-site and would like more information boards and panels. If you have graphic design skills and would like to work on some projects let us know. Some ideas include:

- A poster per elephant – their story and pics etc
- Elephant situation and conservation panel
- How you are here to help panel

Community brochure, poster and marketing material design For EVP and also help with marketing materials for our Hefalump Cafe – Mondulkiri Responsible Tourism Hub. This is a hub of community based ecotourism project and conservation NGO's partnered together here in Mondulkiri. All of which have marketing needs and require some help.

Media Production. We are also after more photos, video footage and media production. If you have skills in these areas we would love you to come out and work on some updated material for us. Let us know your art style and we can discuss a project/s.

Conversations with Foreigners. We have had a plan to start a program of English conversation and learning in our Hefalump Centre and also possibly at our EVP site for local staff for some time. This would be for the community members engaging in ecotourism to be able to further develop their skills and also for the local staff at the EVP. We would like to firstly have a TESOL trained English Teacher come to set up the program, then we could have following interns continue the program.

Finance / Accounting / Admin Procedures

Please propose projects of interest or study

Annual Report. Each year we have to compile quarterly annual reports in Khmer for the government. We would like to start yearly annual report summaries in a nice format in English, publication on our website etc. Design and then production of this would be a great help.

ELIE INTERN APPLICATION FORM

Full Name	
Age	
Nationality	
Requested Intern intake date	January – March April – June July – September October – December
Intern Project ELIE/EVP Project Choice	
Project Name:	
Please detail your experience that fits this role:	
What could you bring to this project and what are some initial ideas from completing this project:	
Please describe why you would like to come out to Cambodia and work with ELIE and the intern program. Why should we choose you!	
Or - Propose a project to us.	
Project Name:	
Project aims and objectives:	
Project resources required:	
Please detail your experience and background for this project:	
Please describe why you would like to come out to Cambodia and work with ELIE and the intern program. Why should we choose you and your project!	
Please attached you CV and any other relevant documents email to jemmabullock@gmail.com	