

Job Description

Southern Cone Regional Counter Wildlife Trafficking Coordinator

Background

The Wildlife Conservation Society seeks to employ a Southern Cone Counter Wildlife Trafficking Coordinator to manage a growing portfolio of projects that address this challenge and to provide expertise to country programs in the areas of policy, law enforcement, and the dismantling of trafficking networks.

Division:	Global Conservation – Southern Cone (SC) Program
Reports to:	Regional Director, Southern Cone & Patagonia Program, Paraguay
Program	
Coordinates with:	Executive Director of Counter Wildlife Trafficking (CWT); CWT Global Program Manager; Regional Program Manager, Southern Cone & Patagonia Program; Country Program Directors, Conservation/Scientific Directors and Andes Amazon Orinoquía - AAO/SC CWT coordinator and local CWT Coordinators from Argentina, Chile, and Paraguay.
Location:	Paraguay
Start date:	Immediate, pending selection of candidate
Duration:	Position funded for two years but contract extendable depending on performance and funding

Deadline date to apply: Position open while posted

About The Organization

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is an international conservation NGO headquartered at the Bronx Zoo in New York City working to save wildlife and wild places and to meet global conservation challenges in over 60 countries in Africa, Asia, and the Americas. The Americas program works in a diversity of places, from the Arctic coasts and seas of Alaska to the forests of North America & Mesoamerica to the Amazon Basin to the coasts of Patagonia, with over 300 staff in 15 countries.

WCS is committed to conserving the most important intact habitats in the Southern Cone, through our work in Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay. These including the subpolar, temperate, and Mediterranean forests, peatlands and wetlands along the Andes Mountain range, the vast temperate grasslands in the Steppe, and the productive coasts and seas of Patagonia, as well as the wetlands, grasslands and forests of the Pampas, Espinal and the Gran Chaco, and the unique high-altitude dry grasslands of the Puna. Trade in wildlife, their parts, and subproducts is a growing threat to species and habitat conservation in the Southern Cone, the local communities in and around these habitats, and it exacerbates corruption, and undermines the rule of law. WCS is responding to this threat in Latin America and the Caribbean by monitoring wildlife trade at markets, supporting development of government anti-trafficking strategies and actions, increasing public awareness, and providing education, and in limited cases supporting law enforcement responses. The organization is seeking to strengthen its response to the conservation threat posed by wildlife trafficking by recruiting a Southern Cone regional expert to coordinate these efforts, build on them, expand our impact regionally, and influence policy within the region. Currently, Southern Cone regional program operates with dedicated WCS Country Programs in Argentina, Chile, and Paraguay, and through local partners in Uruguay.

Position Objective

The objective of this position is to support the long-term conservation of wildlife species through strengthening WCS's response in the Southern Cone to the trafficking of wildlife and wildlife products, establishing robust and effective partnerships with key actors, providing program management support to existing projects. The coordinator will also provide technical expertise, especially by facilitating training and capacity-building throughout the Southern Cone. He/she will build donor relationships to strengthen and grow our efforts in the region.

Responsibilities

The position will be responsible for building and coordinating a strategic regional CWT program, which will require the following:

- Coordinate the implementation of and provide project management support to existing CWT projects, ensuring solid performances.
- Support country programs to deliver technical assistance to government partners, including by providing expertise and expert training as appropriate.
- Oversee the preparation of information on wildlife trafficking in the Southern Cone for use by country programs and governmental partners, such as briefings and presentations, situation reports, information sheets, infographics, etc., and support activities to raise public awareness about wildlife trafficking in the region
- Serve as the focal point for the Southern Cone Program's CWT efforts to the rest of the institution and join the Global CWT Core Group.
- Support Southern Cone country programs to engage in international and domestic policy fora (e.g. CITES, etc.)
- Coordinate with the Regional AAO/SC CWT coordinator at developing and implementing Southern Cone-specific CWT policy recommendations and contribute to the development and implementation of WCS's global wildlife trafficking strategy.
- Coordinate with the Regional AAO/SC CWT coordinator at fund-raising efforts for WCS's CWT programs in the Southern Cone, identifying and enhancing support from existing and new sources, coordinating development of proposals and reports, building relationships with funders, in collaboration with Global Resources, Program Development, and the Southern Cone staff and country programs.
- Support the development, fundraising, planning, implementation and assessment of proposed interventions where appropriate
- Coordinate the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Safety and Security policy for CWT activities at the Southern Cone region.
- Achieve coordination in relevant CWT objectives with other international organizations working in the Southern Cone countries.
- Commission and supervise the preparation of diagnostic reports on outstanding aspects of the IWT in Chile and Uruguay.
- Provide insight to the CWT Coordinators of Paraguay and Argentina regarding transboundary illegal supply chains and traffic routes for regional priority species.

Qualification Requirements

The successful candidate must have strong understanding of the global, regional, and national context of wildlife trafficking and experience interacting with diverse stakeholders implementing projects. A solid technical background in a relevant field and a suite of strong interpersonal, leadership, and coordination skills. The candidate must have excellent written and oral communication skills and be comfortable participating both as an effective contributor, leader, and listener in group settings. The candidate must be well organized, self-motivated,

resourceful, effective, and efficient at coordinating multiple tasks to get things done with attention to detail.

- Preferably graduate degree or equivalent demonstrable experience in conservation, wildlife trade, crime science, international relations, and environmental law.
- Project or program management experience, including demonstrated capacity in reporting on project activities and results.
- Proactive, competent, able to work independently, able to build relationships with partners and able to meet and work with deadlines.
- Knowledge in conservation of species and legal and illegal trade of wildlife.
- Knowledge of international trade flows.
- Experience in technical assistance provision and capacity building.
- Excellence in Spanish and English (both written and oral).
- Location in Paraguay
- Sincere interest and commitment to wildlife anti-trafficking.
- Geographical knowledge of and relevant professional contact network in the Southern Cone.