Resume

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**Summary**

I am an independent law enforcement consultant specialising in combatting illegal wildlife crime based in Lao PDR. I have been involved in wildlife conservation and law enforcement for over 40 years and based in South East Asia since 2010.  
Since relocating to S.E Asia I have been involved with numerous wildlife law enforcement initiatives including:

* Capacity building for government agencies including customs, rangers, police, forestry officials and prosecutors.
* The development of strategic plans to combat wildlife trafficking
* Leading rangers in protected area law enforcement and anti-poaching
* Open and closed source investigations
* Analysis and evaluation of wildlife crime and law enforcement.
* Investigation and operation planning and coordination
* Wildlife trade surveys.

I have spent over twenty years working in zoological gardens and local conservation projects in the UK, Australia, Canada and Sarawak before joining the law enforcement profession in 2004.

During my law enforcement career I worked as a frontline police officer in Australia for eight years in both metropolitan and rural police districts including working within the criminal investigation units.  
I have worked in Cambodia, Vietnam and Lao PDR providing technical advice and supervision on law enforcement activities, including leading a mobile ranger team in the Phnom Samkos Wildlife Sanctuary (Cambodia) to control logging, poaching, land clearing and saffrol oil production, supervising provincial rangers in snare removal projects in the Nam Khan National Protected Area, Bokeo province (Lao PDR) and as a technical adviser to the WCS law enforcement assistance team, Vietnam and the wildlife trafficking team in Lao PDR.

**Senior Consultant- IWT Consultancy Services. Luang Prabang, Lao PDR**

December 2017-present

Freelance consultancy for international NGO’s and institutions including the World Bank, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Traffic, GIZ, C4ADS, American Bar Association (ABA), Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) and Institute for Legal Support and Technical Assistance (ILSTA).

Consultancies include providing support to government agencies including forest officials, police, customs, prosecutors and CITES, conducting investigations into wildlife crime, wildlife trade market surveys, wildlife farm inspections and audits, designing and delivering capacity building material and courses, expert testimony on the identification and authentication of wildlife parts and products for prosecution case files, leading law enforcement operations.

**Law Enforcement advisor- Department of Forest Inspections and Lao Wildlife Enforcement Network, Lao PDR**

May 2019-2022

Responsible for:

* To provide technical support to the Department of Forest Inspections (DOFI) and the Lao Wildlife Enforcement Network (Lao WEN) to strengthen the capacity of the Lao wildlife enforcement agencies and the implementation of the prime ministers order (PMO 5) to strengthen the management and law enforcement of CITES listed wildlife.

**Law enforcement and anti-smuggling specialist- wildlife, Lao Customs Department**

December 2017- December 2018

Responsible for:

* Producing a law enforcement and anti-smuggling strategy to combat wildlife trafficking in Lao PDR
* Develop SOPs for the Anti-smuggling Division to combat wildlife trafficking.
* Design and deliver a wildlife trafficking based training curriculum for LDC staff.
* Developed a TOR and skills criteria for officers from the Anti-smuggling Division to combat illegal wildlife trafficking.

**Wildlife trafficking adviser –Wildlife Conservation Society, Lao PDR**

May 2016-November 2017

Responsible for:

* Enhancing the capacity of Lao PDR government agencies involved in responses to Illegal Wildlife Trade.
* Generating accurate information for stakeholders to provide a reliable picture of the criminal individuals, companies, species and volumes traded, and methods of trade both within and across borders of Lao PDR.
* Reducing demand for illegal wildlife products by increasing constituency awareness of wildlife trade related issues.
* Strengthening domestic and international collaboration, and foster political commitment to address illegal wildlife trade.

**Law Enforcement adviser- Wildlife Conservation Society, Vietnam**

October 2015- April 2016

Responsible for:

* Enhancing the capacity of Vietnamese government agencies involved in responses to Illegal Wildlife Trade.
* Generating accurate information for stakeholders to provide a reliable picture of the criminal individuals, companies, species and volumes traded, and methods of trade both within and across borders of Vietnam.
* Reducing demand for illegal wildlife products by increasing constituency awareness of wildlife trade related issues.
* Strengthening domestic and international collaboration, and foster political commitment to address illegal wildlife trade.

**Laos Program manager Free The Bears**

October 2012-February 2015

Responsible for:

* Managing all FTB activities in Laos and coordinate with regional FTB programs.
* Liaising with government departments.
* Managing all financial and administrative aspects of the program.
* Overseeing all construction and maintenance required for the development of the bear sanctuary.
* Coordinating all tours, school groups, volunteers and revenue raising activities at the sanctuary.
* Ensuring the bears receive the highest standard of husbandry and veterinary care at the facilities.
* Training staff in animal husbandry, OH&S, emergency procedures etc.
* Undertaking bear rescues as required.
* Investigating illegal activity in relation to bears and the wildlife trade and report on same.
* Coordinating in country conservation initiatives, i.e. snare removal and protection programs

**Senior Constable Victoria Police**

October 2004-October 2012

* General duties policing and criminal investigations.

**Enforcement Officer, Fauna Flora International – Phnom Samkos Wildlife Sanctuary,**

2011 to 2012

Adviser to Ministry of Environment Rangers on law enforcement in the Phnom Samkos Wildlife Sanctuary

Responsible for:

* Training ministry of environment rangers in patrol and law enforcement techniques.
* Leading patrols in the protected area to combat illegal logging, saffrol oil production, hunting and land clearing
* Station administration and reporting. Position funded through Aus Aid to provide capacity building for local staff.

**Field Officer, 07/2002 to 07/2003 Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife- Fox Task Force** – Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

* Assist and implement programs for the eradication of foxes within the state.
* Liaison with community groups and landowners to educate and appraise on fox activity and issues.
* Monitoring populations of native wildlife

**Manager, 10/1996 to 10/1998 Mountain View Conservation Centre** – British Columbia, Canada

* Responsible for the operation of the centre including all animals and staff.
* Design, implementation and management of health, husbandry and veterinary protocols for the large collection of animals at the centre.
* Developed breeding programs and coordinated the relocation of animals to other facilities.
* Designed and supervised construction of facilities.

**Section Manager- Carnivore Department. 04/1980 to 09/1996 Zoos Victoria** – Melbourne Zoo, Victoria, Australia

* Supervisor in charge of 12 full time staff
* Responsible for the administration and management of the carnivore department.
* Project manager for enclosure development of animal exhibits, working closely with stakeholders in design, construction and interpretations
* Implementation and maintenance of environmental enrichment programs for carnivores.
* Training of staff in all aspects of animal husbandry and visitor interaction.
* Organising rosters and work plans for staff.
* Designed and delivered training modules for all Zoo Victoria staff
* Developed and implemented species management plans

**Education**

* Diploma: Policing, 2005 Victoria Police Academy - Victoria, Australia
* Certificate: Conservation and land management, 2004 North Melbourne TAFE - Victoria, Australia
* Certificate of Zoo keeping: Zoo keeping, 1994 Box Hill TAFE - Victoria, Australia
* Anacapa Analytical Investigations i2 i Base, Analysts Notebook, Intellishare Intelligence management and analysis. Bangkok 2016
* Senior level first Aid
* Padi Open Water Diver
* Defensive and tactical driving
* Australian firearms licence category A, B and C

**Referees- Available on request**