



Centre for
Pastoralism

Field Researcher for the Ladakh project in Changthang

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Centre for Pastoralism (CfP) works on a range of pastoralists' issues across the country. WWF-India and the Centre for Pastoralism (CfP) are co-leading this project in Ladakh. The focus of the project is to address the degradation of high-altitude rangelands in the Indian Trans-Himalayas, along with the associated impacts on biodiversity and livelihoods through a consultative process that arrives at a community-led response to these changing realities. To achieve this, we propose implementing a community-led vision and rangelands co-management model. Through the establishment of 'rangelands councils', pastoralist communities and key actors will come together to ensure effective and sustainable management of the rangelands. Additionally, based on the community's requirement and response during the consultative process, interventions will be planned to strengthen human-wildlife relations, livelihoods and the interface between the state and the market. The ultimate goal of the project is to explore institutional means by which pastoralists might play a more effective role as responsible stewards of the rangelands, benefiting both people and nature.

NOTE: The field researcher will be based full-time in Changthang for data collection and should be fluent in Ladakhi.

Field Researchers are expected to:

1. Collect data on migratory routes and household economic surveys of various pastoral communities in Changthang, Ladakh.
2. Identify various narratives and issues from the field to be mapped in our atlas and for the visioning process
3. Field researchers are expected to be part of the community consultations and present the findings in the final all-stakeholders consultation.

Duration:

We are looking to hire for 6 months.

Desired experience and qualifications:

We are looking for someone who has some understanding of pastoralism and pastoral activities in Ladakh. The candidate should ideally be able to collect data using handheld devices and should be able to conduct interviews in Ladakhi. Previous field experience is highly preferred.

The candidate must have the following qualifications:

- A bachelor's or master's degree in life sciences, environmental sciences, geography, sociology or a similar field.
- Ability to travel across field sites and conduct fieldwork for an extended duration.
- Should be able to work efficiently in teams and individually.

We will accept applications till August 31, 2023, and start shortlisting candidates for interviews and continue until the position is filled. Please write to Chamba Tsetan (chamba@centreforpastoralism.org) for more information on CfP, the project or the position. To apply, send your **CV, cover letter and 2 reference contacts** to chamba@centreforpastoralism.org.

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