Job description: Online IWT – short-term Analyst

The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) is seeking an analyst to support our work on the online illegal wildlife trade.

This project aims to understand the scale and extent of the online trade in wildlife, analyze machine-learning generated detections of trade, and to find innovative ways to reduce illegal trade.

Main responsibilities and specific tasks:

* Analyze machine-learning generated detections of possible instances of illegal online trade.
* Conduct open source and digital research and investigations to support the associated market and supply chain investigations.
* Develop and lead the implementation of innovative approaches to reducing advertisement of or conversation about wildlife products online, including considering behavior change approaches, and collating best practice approaches.
* Lead on and produce high-quality publications.
* Develop and enhance partnerships across the South East Asia region that support our work. This will include advocacy, engagement and partnership with a wide variety of different organisations.

**Requirements:**

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate the following experience and skills:

* Mandarin or Vietnamese Language Skills.
* Native speaker or equivalent proficiency in English
* Demonstrated experience in the illegal wildlife trade field.
* A Master’s degree, or relevant experience that demonstrates competency with self-directed research and analytical thinking.
* At least 2 years of experience working in a related field (relevant PhD experience can be included in this period).
* Excellent, demonstrable, analytical writing skills. Other writing skills – e.g. for advocacy, easy public dissemination – are also desirable.
* Skills adapting to new software and online methodologies, and a systematic approach to recording research methods and dealing with large data sets.
* Experience in using online research techniques in digital investigations, or demonstrated appetite to learn.
* A flexible attitude to solving difficult problems in an environment where there is a very small body of existing practice.
* Ability to work in collaboration across a remote team, both communicating effectively with teammates and also working well in isolation.

**Preferred:**

* Experience of exploiting social media and other digital platforms for investigative research.
* Demonstrated understanding of legislative environment of either the illegal wildlife trade and/or cybercrime and its relation to research.

**Duration of contract:** Consultant contract for 6 months (possibility of renewal)

**Remuneration:** To be agreed depending on experience.

**To apply:** Please email jobs@globalinitiative.net , specifying Louise Taylor as the point of contact, with a cover letter and CV.

**Deadline for applications:** Monday, 15 March 2021