

Thailand Trip Jan 2010

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Who & Why?

- 18 students from animal, equine and agricultural science.
- 2 lectures and 1 staff member.
- International experience!!
- Arranged with our lectures and course coordinator and made a subject out of it; wildlife conservation.
- Or did it as practical experience for our course.

How?

- We went on a volunteer program to the ENP for 2 weeks. Either side of this we stayed in Chiang Mai for a few nights.
- **CSU global** organised everything for us and gave us \$500 each towards our trip.
- We got sponsorship from IGA and did fundraising to lower the costs.
- Cost – \$500 a week at the park (included food, accommodation, transport, etc.)
 - Approx \$1000 for flights.
 - Approx \$200 for accommodation in Chiang Mai.
 - Approx \$500 for spending money and extras.

What we did.

- Daily Chores;
 - Preparing elephant food,
 - Cleaning up elephant poo or
 - Cutting corn.



- Morning Projects;
 - Cleaning out mudpit
 - Making mud bricks
 - Collecting rice husk
 - Cleaning and housekeeping
 - Sandbagging



- Daily elephant feeding and bathing



- Local village school trip;



- Rescued an elephant from trekking camp.



•Learnt about the plight of the Asian elephant in Thailand.

- Every elephant was there for a reason and most had very painful histories.



•Children's Day in hill-tribe village.



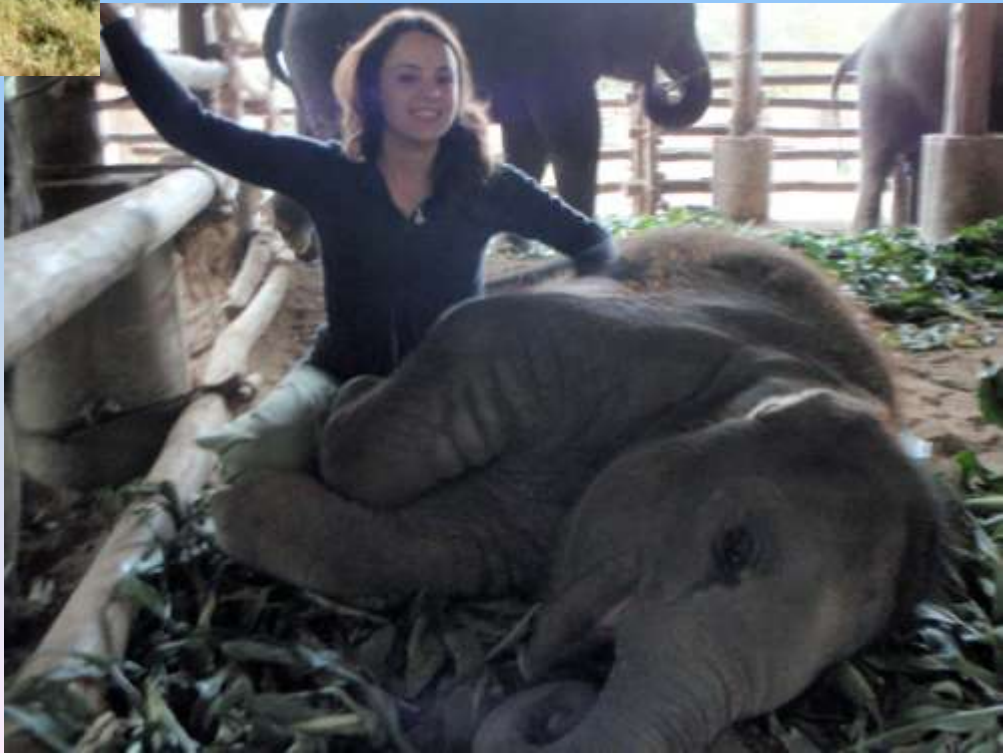
Land conservation



- Interacted with elephants every day!!







Chiang Mai



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Videos



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Why should you study overseas?

- Personal growth
- Experience new culture
- Meet new people and friends
- Visit unique places
- Exciting & FUN opportunity!