

*Title: Internship at Tarumitra
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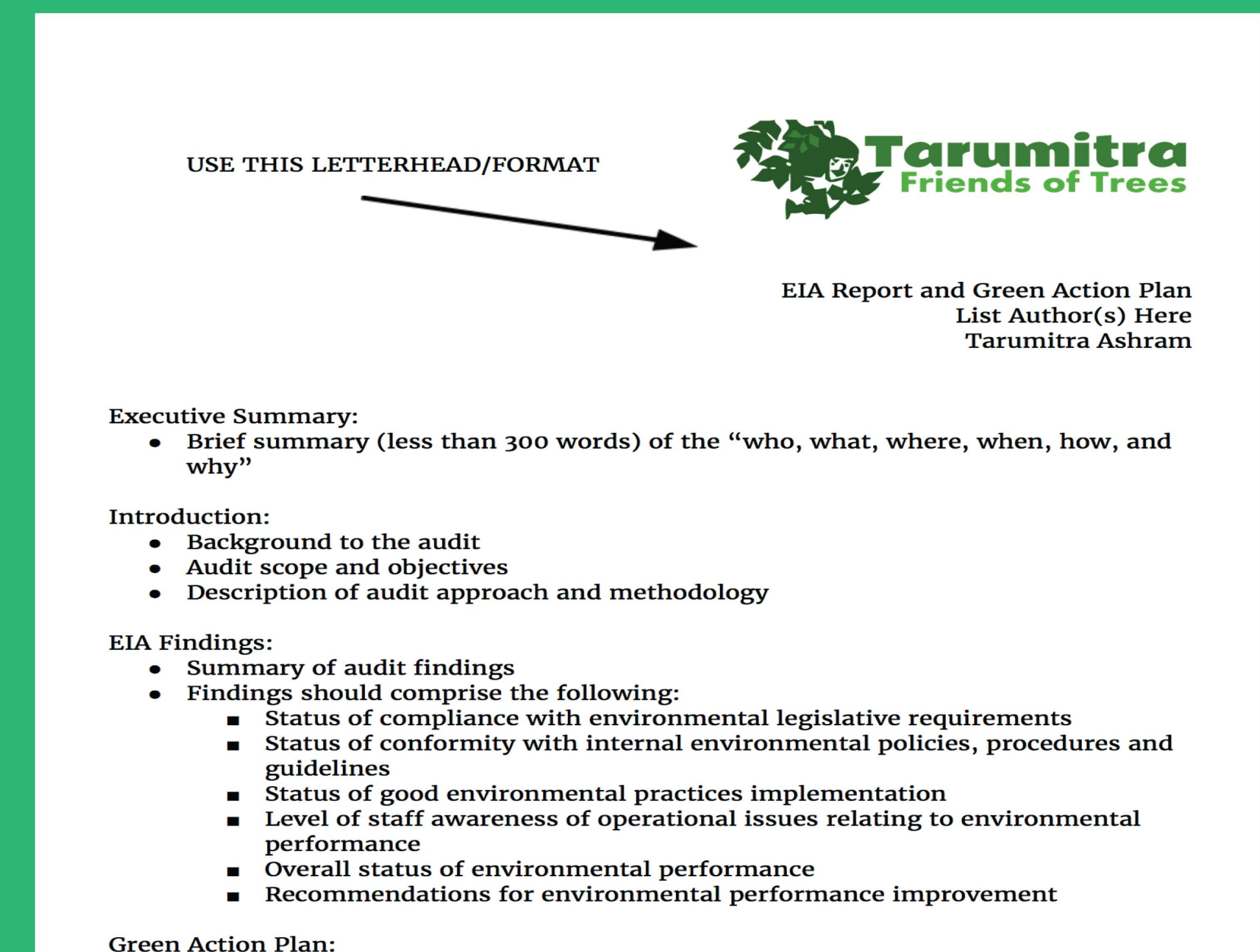
My EI-STEPS Fellowship was an internship at Tarumitra (meaning “Friends of Trees”), an environmental NGO that I represent at the United Nations. Tarumitra’s headquarters are located in Patna, India, but they are active in 23 of India’s 28 states, doing work ranging from organic farming and eco-spirituality workshops to monitoring vehicle pollution levels and rallying to protect the tigers. The organization began as a student movement nearly 30 years ago, and their main objective is empowering the children of India to lead their own environmental campaigns and defend biodiversity.



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Active	Rob Smith	Sep 5, 2017	-
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Presentations	Robert Smith	-	-
Step 1 - Pre-Audit	Rob Smith	Jul 26, 2017	-
Step 2 - On-Site Audit	Shashi Darshan	Sep 5, 2017	-
Step 3 - Post-Audit	Rob Smith	Sep 5, 2017	-
Teaching Materials	Rob Smith	Jul 19, 2017	-
Cover Letter	me	Sep 5, 2017	-
Instructions	Rob Smith	Sep 5, 2017	-



I worked in Patna, India this summer with a small group of interns, including Rob Smith, another Lehigh student and Youth Representative to our NGO. We worked with Tarumitra’s genetic nursery and organic farm, presented about the NGO to local students, and helped coordinate workshops and events at Tarumitra’s facilities. Our main project, however, was designing an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to conduct environmental audits on local schools and businesses.



In many cases, this assessment will be collecting the first environmental impact data in the region. The EIA also includes a post-audit report or “Green Action Plan” which includes essential steps that the audited institution should take to become more environmentally-friendly and promote a greener future. We also planned to test the EIA by auditing a local college while we were still there, but unfortunately we did not have enough time or resources to do so. Tarumitra staff is currently gathering resources and enlisting student volunteers to form an audit team to conduct the EIA on St. Xavier’s College, a neighboring institution. More information on the outcomes of this assessment to come soon.



- More Information on the EIA:
1. Completely Paper Free
 2. Created on Google Drive so it is accessible to all Tarumitra staff, permanent volunteers, and the audit team
 3. Full set of instructions, background materials on conducting an environmental audit, and marketing materials to advertise the EIA to local schools and businesses
 4. Basic Audit materials to be customized for each individual EIA (including pre-audit surveys for administration, staff, and students (translated in English and Hindi))
 5. A template for the post-audit report and green action plan
 6. Three active audits in their early stages