

Country Profile: Vietnam



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OVERVIEW

Project Title: Strengthening Partnerships to Protect Globally Significant Endangered Species in Vietnam

Project Sites: Countrywide

Species Focus: Primates, turtles, demand reduction of elephants, pangolins, tigers and rhinos.

Total Project Cost: \$3 million

Executing Partner: Ministries of: (i) Natural Resources and ENV; (ii) Agriculture; (iii) Public Security, and (iv) Justice

GEF Implementing Agency: World Bank Group (WBG)

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CONTEXT

Vietnam is recognized for its high level of biodiversity and different types of ecosystems found in over 225 protected areas. This rich biodiversity is currently threatened by illegal hunting, trading, and consumption. Moreover, Vietnam is a major transit hub and consumer market for illegal wildlife trade (IWT), for wildlife and wildlife products that include ivory, rhino horn, tiger, and pangolins. Over-hunting and unsustainable levels of wildlife trade and consumption has led to widespread depletion of wildlife species, creating “empty forests” in which wildlife density is very low.

The Government of Vietnam has increased its efforts and commitment to conserve its own biodiversity and combat IWT and reduce consumer demand for wildlife products. It was a signatory of the London and Kasane Declarations, and hosted the third global IWT summit in Hanoi in November 2016. As a party of primary concern in the control of illegal trade in ivory and a key state implicated in the illegal trade of rhinoceros horn, Vietnam signed into action a National Ivory Action Plan (NIAP). The ICCWC Toolkit assessment has been presented to the Vietnamese government.

PROJECT COMPONENTS

The GWP Vietnam project aims to apply a participatory and mainstreaming approach to reduce the threat caused by illegal poaching, trafficking and consumption to globally significant wildlife species. The project components are:

1. Strengthening the legal and regulatory framework
2. Enhancing national capacity to effectively implement and enforce wildlife laws
3. Improving knowledge and changing behavior to reduce demand
4. Project Management



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