

GLOBAL WILDLIFE PROGRAM

PROJECT: Strengthening Partnerships to Protect Endangered Wildlife in Vietnam



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OVERVIEW

Project Sites: Countrywide

Species Focus: Primates, turtles, gaurus, Edward's pheasant; demand reduction of endangered species prioritized for protection regulated by Vietnamese including elephants, pangolins, tigers and rhinos

Total Project Cost: US\$3 million

Executing Partner: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)

GEF Implementing Agency: World Bank Group (WBG)

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CONTEXT

Vietnam is recognized for its high levels of biodiversity gathered mostly in over 225 protected areas. Land use change, 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. Moreover, Vietnam is regarded as 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.

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 the 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).

PROJECT COMPONENTS

The GWP Vietnam project aims to strengthen the legal and regulatory framework, and the related implementation capacity for the protection of threatened wildlife. The project's main components are:

- Strengthen legal and regulatory framework
- Enhancing capacity to effectively implement and enforce Vietnam's laws and regulations related to the wildlife protection
- Promoting knowledge sharing and awareness raising

PROJECT FOCUS

- Strengthen legal and regulatory framework (amendments to the articles of the Law on Biodiversity; regulatory framework for management of ex-situ wildlife conservation facilities; review the implementation of the Law on Biodiversity in tourism sector)
- Capacity development and collaboration to implement and enforce the country's wildlife protection laws and regulations (training & equipment's; anti-poaching monitoring technology; Database and information sharing mechanism for improved and systematic monitoring and reporting of endangered species)
- Conservation program for selected species
- Coordination mechanism and regular information sharing on the status of enforcement and conservation operations agreed

