

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

### **66** Dear valued stakeholders,

I am honored to introduce to you the annual report of Save Vietnam's Wildlife (SVW) for 2022. As the Executive Director, I am proud of the organization's efforts and achievements in protecting Vietnam's wildlife and biodiversity.

In the past year, SVW has continued to focus on rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife species from illegal wildlife trade, as well as implementing research, monitoring, and evaluation programs for released animals. We have strengthened our collaboration with four National Parks in Vietnam for patrolling, forest protection. SVW's efforts in habitat protection have shown that illegal human activities affecting Pu Mat National Park have decreased by more than 60% overall, in which the core area has almost no traces of human impact. We worked with partner organizations to hold scientific workshops, trainings, and connect conservation actors across the country with the common goal of conserving endangered wildlife species in Vietnam.

In addition, SVW's conservation breeding program for Owston's civet and Chinese pangolin has successfully produced four Owston's civet babies, leading to the expansion and development of a new conservation breeding center to restore the population of these endangered species. The demand reduction program for wildlife consumption in Nghe An has reached thousands of people, and the sustainable livelihood development program for local people has been launched at Pu Mat National Park.

To achieve these results, it is not only the collective efforts of more than 60 staff working in 6 offices and national parks throughout Vietnam, the support of partners and the contribution of hundreds of organizations and thousands of individuals around the world, but also the enthusiastic support of volunteers.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations, the Forest Protection Department, Cuc Phuong National Park, Pu Mat National Park, Cat Tien National Park, U Minh Thuong National Park, and U Minh Ha National Park for their cooperation with SVW in implementing rescue and forest protection activities. My sincere thanks also go to our partners, organizations, individuals, and volunteers who have contributed their financial and efforts to the activities of SVW. And especially, my heartfelt thanks to all SVW members who have always tried their best and dedicated themselves.

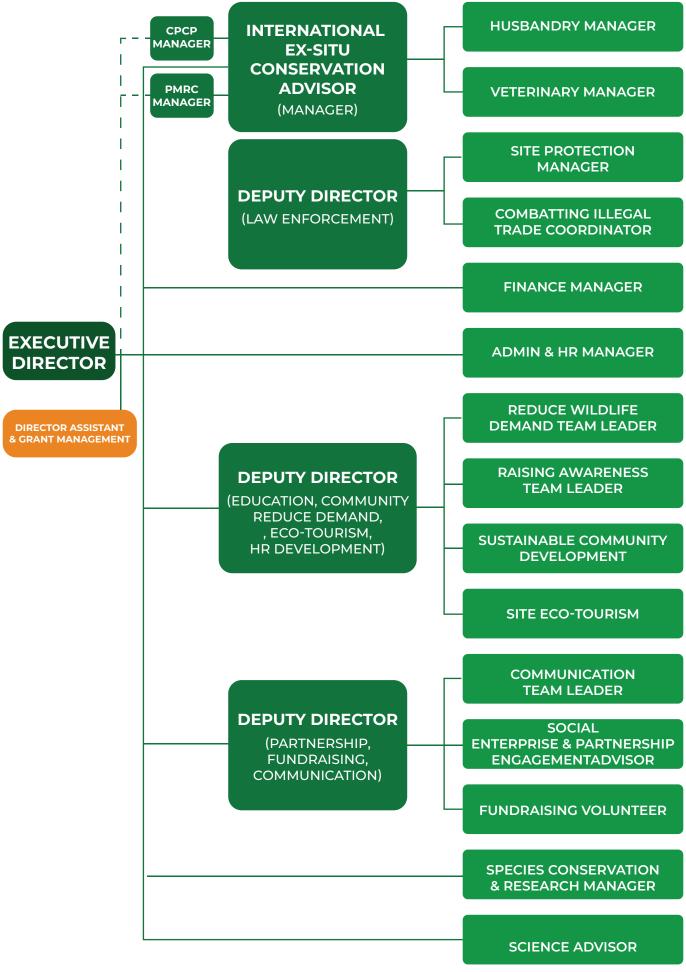
SVW is committed to continuing efforts to protect and conserve Vietnam's wildlife. We will continue to innovate and collaborate to achieve our goals and create lasting impacts for wildlife.

Sincerely, Thai Van Nguyen

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### **ORGANIZATION CHART**



### **KEY MEMBERS**



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**Huong Tran** Board Member



## **OUR ACTIVITIES**



#### WILDLIFE RESCUE & REHABILITATION

In collaboration with Cuc Phuong National Park and Pu Mat National Park, we are actively involved in rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing endangered wildlife that has been illegally traded. We are also working to enhance the rescue capacity of other units involved in wildlife rescue across the country.



#### **CONSERVATION BREEDING PROGRAM**

SVW is responsible for developing and implementing conservation strategies and plans for rare and endangered wildlife species, including the Owston's Palm Civet and Chinese Pangolin in Vietnam. Our works to restore and support wild populations of these species in their natural habitats.



#### HABITAT PROTECTION

The Anti-poaching team collaborates with forest rangers in 4 National Parks, including Pu Mat, Cat Tien, U Minh Thuong, and U Minh Ha. Their duties involve patrolling the forests, remove traps and camps, enforcing laws to prevent illegal poaching, and engaging with local communities to promote nature conservation.



#### **CONSERVATION RESEARCH**

Conservation research involves scientific studies that aim to protect and preserve threatened wildlife by identifying their ecological, distributional, conservation needs and monitoring the successes of conservation activities. Our research activities include field research, camera trap, social research, post-release monitoring, and research collaboration with universities and NGOs.



#### **EDUCATION OUTREACH**

Developing and implementing educational programs aim at raising awareness and promoting community participation in conservation efforts in five national parks, namely Cuc Phuong, Pu Mat, Cat Tien, U Minh Thuong, and U Minh Ha. SVW's educational and awareness-raising activities include school program, community engagement programs, behavior change program, and wildlife demand reduction. These programs aim to engage the community in conservation efforts by providing information on conservation, raising awareness on the importance of protecting wildlife and their habitats, and promoting behavioral changes that can positively impact conservation efforts.



### ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN



WILDLIFE RESCUE & REHABILIATION



SVW, CUC PHUONG AND PU MAT NATIONAL PARKS



Released pangolins and small carnivores back into their natural habitats.

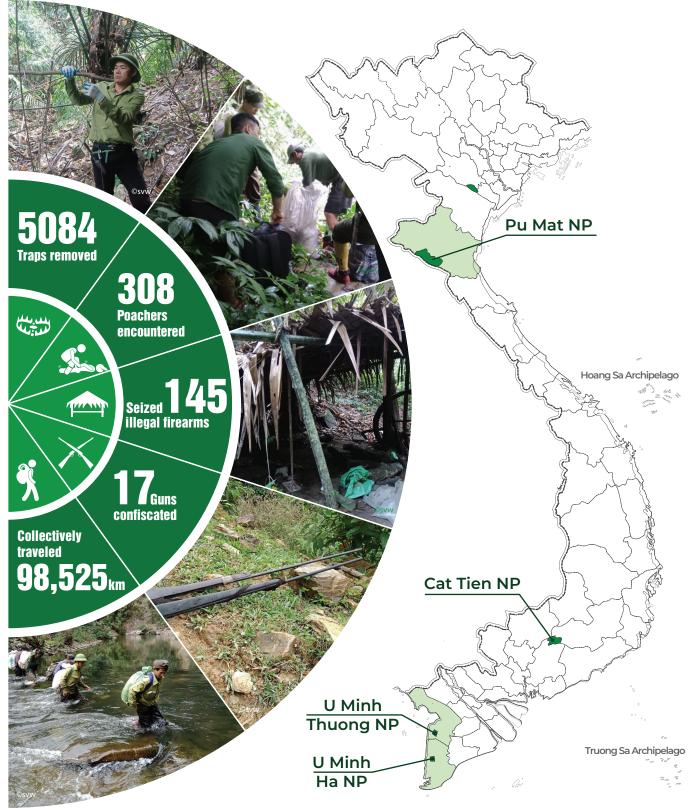
the rescued animals have fully recovered

**RESCUE MISSIONS** 

This contribution has had a positive impact on the recovery of wildlife populations in their natural habitats.



## **HABITAT PROTECTION**

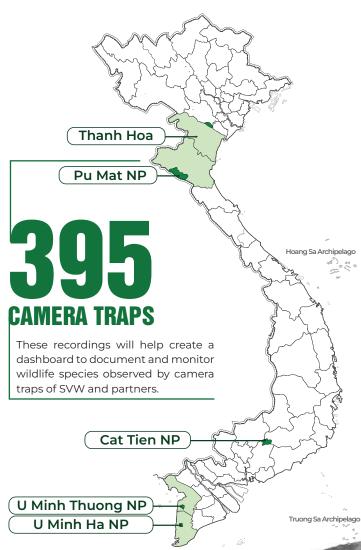


Furthermore, to enhance the effectiveness of our anti-poaching efforts, we installed PoacherCams - advanced cellular cameras equipped with Artificial Intelligence that can detect the presence of humans and alert rangers in real-time.

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### CONSERVATION RESEARCH



#### MONITOR EIGHT POST-RELEASE PANGOLINS THROUGH RADIO TELEMETRY TRACKING TECHNOLOGY.

Our data analysis revealed that over habituation to captivity can occur, indicating the need for more intensive semi-wild training and monitoring for individuals who stay longer periods at the rescue center before release.

#### **SEARCHING FOR CHINESE PANGOLINS**

DETECTED SUCCESSFULLY

Including a baby, for the first time. This finding led to discussions about establishing a new transboundary protected area in the forest area where Chinese pangolins occur.

Furthermore, we conducted social research surveys at restaurants and wildlife farms in 2022 to assess wildlife trade, serve as a basis for campaigns to reduce demand for wildlife, and provide a baseline to recommend interventions for a national One Health program. These efforts demonstrate our commitment to protecting endangered wildlife and promoting conservation.

## **EDUCATION OUTREACH**

### **SCHOOL PROGRAM**

In 2022, our school activities provided great opportunities for



"Join me to protect Pu Mat forest" club

**20 SCHOOLS** 

giving children a platform to voice their concerns and take steps to protect the environment for their future.



### WILDLIFE REDUCE DEMAND PROGRAM

In 2022, SVW focused on reducing demand for wildlife by launching a new campaign in Vinh city and continuing the efforts in Con Cuong. The launch event in Vinh city demonstrated the commitment and collaboration between governmental agencies in reducing wildlife demand and consumption.

## 07 BILLBOARDS 115 POSTERS

highlighting the link between wildlife consumption and zoonotic diseases

Our approach of involving local people of authority has proven successful and is being recognized as a creative model for achieving social behavioral change.



### **LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT / ECOTOURISM**

In 2022, we launched a project to encourage eco-tourism in Pu Mat by creating

new trekking routes through the forest.



we organized a workshop to connect travel agencies to promote the routes and attract visitors

## Our Carnivore and Pangolin education center was also 4,5000 visitors

providing an opportunity to educate people about these endangered species and the importance of conservation efforts. These efforts aim to promote sustainable tourism and raise awareness about the importance of protecting endangered wildlife and their habitats.





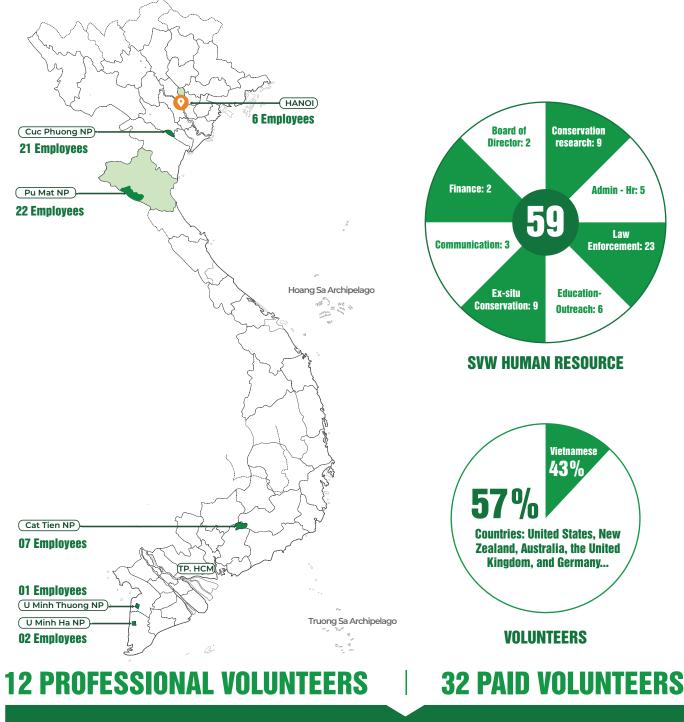
### **SOCIAL RESEARCH**

In 2022, we conducted three social research surveys to gain insights into the attitudes and perception of local people regarding wildlife consumption. These surveys helped us develop effective campaign messages and evaluate their impact. The evaluation survey conducted in Con Cuong showed that our campaign messages and materials were well-received by the locals, resulting in a decrease in their inclination towards wild meat consumption and an increase in their knowledge about zoonotic diseases. These findings highlight the importance of social research in promoting awareness and changing behavior towards wildlife conservation. It also demonstrates the effectiveness of our campaigns in educating people and reducing demand for wildlife consumption.



## **PERSONNEL REPORT**

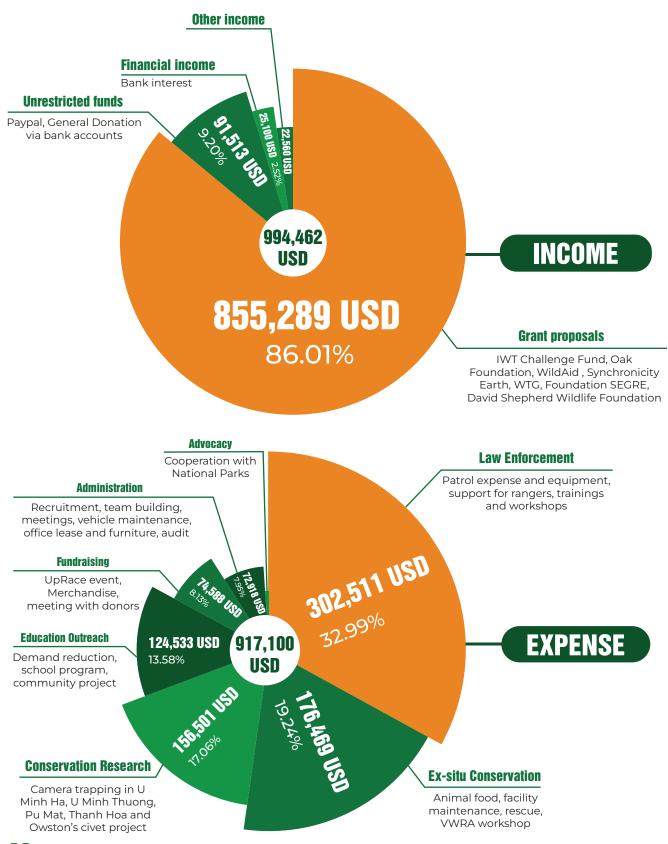




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## **FINANCE REPORT**

In 2022, SVW received ongoing support from various organizations, businesses, and individuals worldwide. These sponsors provided essential support to SVW in organizing and conducting wildlife conservation activities. SVW is immensely grateful to all contributors for their generous support.



## **EVENT REPORT**



In August 2021, Save Vietnam's Wildlife, in collaboration with Pu Mat National Park and the authority of Nghe An province, rescued seven tiger cubs over one month old from an illegal wildlife trade. After nearly eight months of care, these tigers were transferred to Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park for long-term care in March 2022.





The program "One day to experience nature in Pu Mat National Park" was experienced by 500 children in the buffer zone. The program aimed to provide students with a nature experience and increase their knowledge of wildlife conservation.





The Education Program to Raise Awareness of Nature and Wildlife Conservation in Pu Mat National Park has been successful in increasing students' knowledge about nature and wildlife, according to survey results before and after the program. 98% of the children surveyed confirmed that they will not choose jobs that harm the forest when they grow up.





Nghe An Forest Protection Department and Save Vietnam's Wildlife held a seminar on combating the use of wild animal products in the province. The seminar aimed to enhance collaboration between agencies to improve wildlife conservation methods and effectively prevent and handle illegal activities.





Thai Van Nguyen, SVW's founder and Executive Director, was one of 15 people to receive a National Geographic Society 2022 Wayfinder Award.





Save Vietnam's Wildlife held a One Health training course for 50 participants from 5 national parks and rescue centers to increase awareness and develop a comprehensive plan for the One Health approach. The training covered health hazards and risks associated with wildlife, which national parks in Vietnam have not given much attention to.





SVW was the beneficiary of UpRace 2022, Vietnam's largest crowdfunding event, for the first time. The Run4Wildlife campaign was a success, with the community and donors contributing 2.1 billion VND to protect wildlife in Vietnam.





Two full-day workshops to exchange and discuss lessons learned and inspiration in forest and wildlife conservation was held by SVW in U Minh National Parks. The workshops aimed to promote effective collaboration and solve current problems and challenges in conserving the unique and isolated ecosystems and immense biodiversity of the U Minh wetlands of the Mekong Delta.

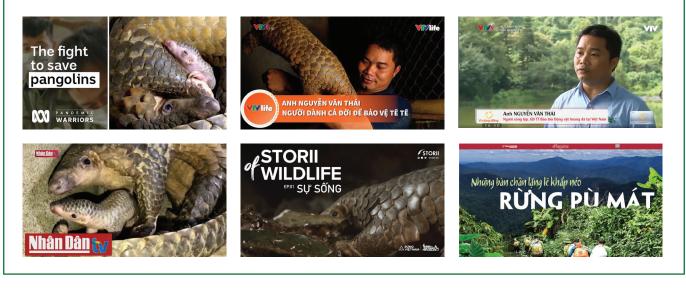


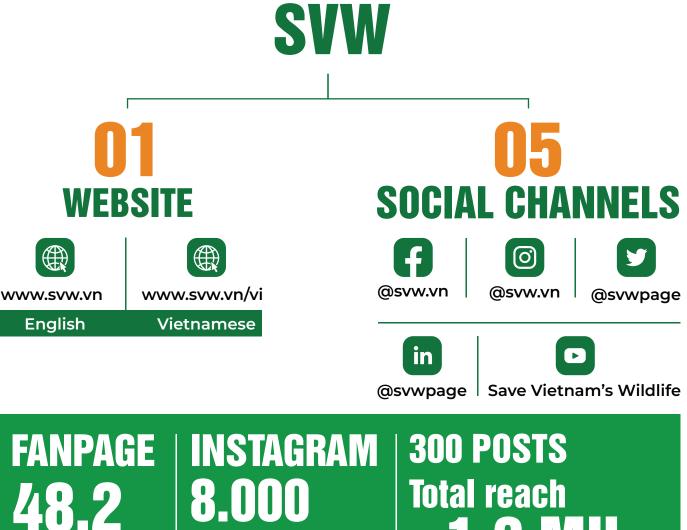
At a workshop led by SVW at Cuc Phuong National Park, 40 participants from various organizations across Vietnam discussed improving efficiency in wildlife rescue. The workshop, held on November 30 and December 1, focused on discussing results, difficulties, challenges, and solutions to strengthen cooperation and solve common problems.



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Save Vietnam's Wildlife (SVW) is a national Non-Profit Organisation in Vietnam that was founded on the critical need for more effective solutions to secure a future for Vietnamese wildlife.

SVW was officially established per Decision no 482/QĐ-LHHVN issued on 22nd July 2014 by the Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations (VUSTA).

SVW has been granted an activity license for science and technology no A-1200 dated August 1st 2014 by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

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