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SAVE VIETNAM'S WILDLIFE in 2024



Species conservation

In 2024, the Rescue and Veterinary Team worked efficiently, rescuing 107 wildlife from 14 different species and releasing 104 individuals back into the wild. Simultaneously, we achieved remarkable milestones in our Conservation Breeding Program, with the successful birth of the first 10 Owston's civet cubs.



Site protection

2024 marks significant advancements in SVW's efforts to protect forests and ecosystems. We expanded the application of SMART for forest patrols across the entire Dong Nai Province, ensuring that 100% of forest rangers and protection forces are proficient in using this tool. Additionally, SVW established a community-based forest protection force, contributing to strengthening manpower for forest protection while providing sustainable income for local residents.



Community Engagement

Community Engagement activities in 2024 were implemented with great vigor, aiming to raise public awareness about wildlife and nature conservation, thereby reducing the demand for illegal wildlife use. Over the past year, we also launched the campaign to End Illegal Wildlife Consumption, striving toward sustainable wildlife conservation.



SPECIES CONSERVATION



71 rescue missions



107
animals rescued



14
species rescued



54
pangolins rescued



90%
animals well-rehabilitated

In 2024 Save Vietnam's Wildlife Ex-situ team, worked closely together with Cuc Phuong National Park and Pu Mat National Park to carry out **71 rescue missions**, saving **107 animals** from **14 species**, including **54 Sunda pangolins**. 90% of those animals rescued, made full recoveries during their rehabilitation. 12 animals - 08 Sunda pangolins, 02 Leopard cats, 01 pig-tailed macaque and 1 stump-tailed macaque were successfully hand reared.

In 2024 so far, Save Vietnam's Wildlife released 45 animals (42% of the total number of animals rescued in 2024) back into the wild, bringing the total number of **released animals to 104** from 13 different species. The remaining animals are still undergoing rehabilitation for varying periods.





The new breeding center is officially in use, and to start the 2023/2024 breeding season, **10 Owston's civet kittens were born and raised from 4 different breeding pairs**, marking a success for the breeding program and the species this year. This brings the Ex-situ team one step closer to the goal of releasing this species back into the wild by 2030.

WILDLIFE RESCUE NETWORK



As coordinators of the Wildlife Rescue Network (WRN), Save Vietnam's Wildlife facilitated the safe **transfer of 48 confiscated animals** from the illegal wildlife trade and handover from local people to different rescue centers.

In addition, Save Vietnam's Wildlife supported the **rescue of 101 animals** and helped **release 34 animals** back into the wild from Hanoi and Cuc Phuong Wildlife Rescue Center with our vehicles. The vet team hosted a 5-day long workshop for veterinarians from rescue center throughout Vietnam, providing specialized training and strengthening the bond between the different rescue centers in Vietnam. Further support extended to providing **520kg of pangolin food** and offering technical advice to rescue centers in more than 30 cases.

These efforts highlight Save Vietnam's Wildlife's ongoing commitment to wildlife protection and long-term conservation.



CONSERVATION RESEARCH



2024 marked significant milestones in our conservation research efforts. In Thanh Hoa, our on-going search for Chinese pangolins discovered more records of this species in the study area along with lorises and Indochinese box turtles, while transect surveys recorded Indochinese gray langurs, highlighting the area's rich biodiversity. However, threats like poaching and illegal wildlife trade in this area demand more resources and stronger actions.

In Pu Mat National Park, a coarse-grid camera trap survey revealed a positive biodiversity trend, with increased species detections compared to 2018-2019.

While Saola was not detected through camera trap and eDNA surveys, endangered species such as marble cats, Sunda pangolins and possibly Chinese pangolins were recorded.





In the last quarter of 2024, SVW expanded biodiversity surveys beyond Pu Mat National Park to include protection forests around this protected area, and further south to Cat Tien National Park, and Dong Nai Nature Reserve. After three site surveys, a new release site for Sunda pangolins was identified in the middle of Vietnam, where eight individuals were released. Post release monitoring of 6 Sunda pangolins in another site showed frequent records of two and occasional records of three pangolins over three months, indicating their successful adaptation to the new home. A community survey involving **1,000 participants** in the buffer zone of Cat Tien National Park revealed eight hotspots for poaching and illegal wildlife trade. Alarming, **18.1% of participants** admitted to consuming wildlife, emphasizing the need for targeted interventions.



SITE PROTECTION



21,442

days of patrolling



17,696

patrols conducted



124,287

kilometers patrolled



317

people arrested



75

people prosecuted



22

guns confiscated



7,358

traps removed



78

camps destroyed



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In Pu Mat National Park, we have implemented education sessions for **551 days**, made a list of **178 people** and **18 restaurants**. Our combined efforts have educated **1354 people**, **99 restaurants**. We have also coordinated with local authorities to organize 19 education sessions.

The Anti-poaching team coordinated with the Con Cuong District Police Force to organize education sessions and sign memorandums with restaurants to prevent the illegal trading, storing and advertising wildlife and wildlife products.

The team's cooperation also resulted in the detection and arrest of **04 cases of violations of wildlife trade**. In addition, the team also coordinated with the police to convince local hunters to surrender their guns, resulting in 11 guns being given up.

SMART DEPLOYMENT

- Cooperated with 5 national parks and 1 nature reserves to set up SMART rooms, purchased equipment, managed and improved the efficiency of using SMART tools.
- Ensuring that **100% of forest protection officers and forest rangers** are proficient in using SMART mobile.
- Maintaining the implementation of SMART connect in Cat Tien National Park, U Minh Thuong National Park, U Minh Ha National Park, Dong Nai Nature Reserve.
- Supporting the implementation of the SMART in Dong Nai province: purchasing of equipment (54 smartphones, 04 computers), organize SMART training sessions for forest patrol officers and field officers at Tan Phu, Xuan Loc, Long Thanh Forest Management Departments.
- Organized advanced SMART training sessions for technical staff and station staff in general to deploy SMART desktop at stations at Dong Nai Nature Reserve.





In 2024, SVW collaborated with Cat Tien National Park and the Dong Nai Nature Reserve to establish a community-based forest protection team. This initiative is part of the Sustainable Wildlife Conservation Project, funded by USAID. The community forest protection force is composed of people selected from residents living in the buffer zones of the national parks. This model aims to provide sustainable income for local communities while enabling them to directly participate in conservation efforts.

Establishment of community forest protection forces in Cat Tien and Dong Nai Nature Reserve

- Coordinated with Cat Tien National Park and Dong Nai Nature Reserve to develop criteria, tasks and establish 2 Community Forest Protection Force consisting of 15 members.
- Completed recruitment, equipment procurement and capacity building training for 15 officers of community forest protection forces in Cat Tien National Park and Dong Nai Nature Reserve.

PoacherCam application

- During the year, the use of poacher cams was maintained, 138 photos were taken and trespassers were detected in the forest, of which 10 subjects were arrested, and 02 subjects escaped, 03 electric shocks and 01 gun were confiscated.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Education and Raising Awareness



We implemented the education programs in Pu Mat National Park, collaborating with the local Department of Education and Training to develop and train a core team of 24 rangers, teachers, and 80 student club members to lead conservation initiatives. These groups executed projects in 13 out of 16 schools, directly engaging with **more than 5,000 students** through a variety of activities and events such as installing **8 informational boards**, writing **269 poems and essays**, producing **309 wallpapers**, organizing fashion shows from recycled materials, and installing **145 wildlife boards**. Additionally, **1,086 students** participated in Pride of Pu Mat events, and **300 conservation-themed classroom clocks** were distributed, bearing lasting environmental messages.



To raise awareness for the general community near conservation areas, we organized **18 community workshops** around Cat Tien, U Minh Thuong, U Minh Ha National Parks, and Dong Nai Culture and Nature Reserve. These workshops engaged **nearly 1,400 participants**, including local leaders, influential figures, and residents across **21 buffer zone communes**. Participants committed to refraining from illegal wildlife use and reporting biodiversity law violations. Additionally, **85 educational boards** were installed at prominent locations and forest entry points around the aforementioned conservation hotspots to provide accessible information on wildlife conservation laws.

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TỈNH ĐỒNG NAI

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ĐỒNG NAI, NGÀY 23 THÁNG 8 NĂM 2024



Demand Reduction

At the same time, we executed a series of behavior change campaigns targeting illegal wildlife consumption around key southern conservation areas, including Cat Tien, U Minh Thuong, and U Minh Ha National Parks. These campaigns gained momentum with launching events in Dong Nai, Binh Phuoc, and Ca Mau provinces, attended by **over 300** government leaders, local authorities, and representatives from national parks and reserves. Over **1,300 posters** and **30 billboards** were installed in public spaces, complemented by **18 community events** engaging **nearly 2,000 local residents**. Preparations also began for the Mobile Nature Center – a mobile exhibition model designed on 3 buses aims to innovate behavior change communications and reduce wildlife consumption in urban settings. Set to launch in 2025 in Hanoi, the Mobile Nature Center is expected to become a cornerstone in SVW's demand reduction strategy



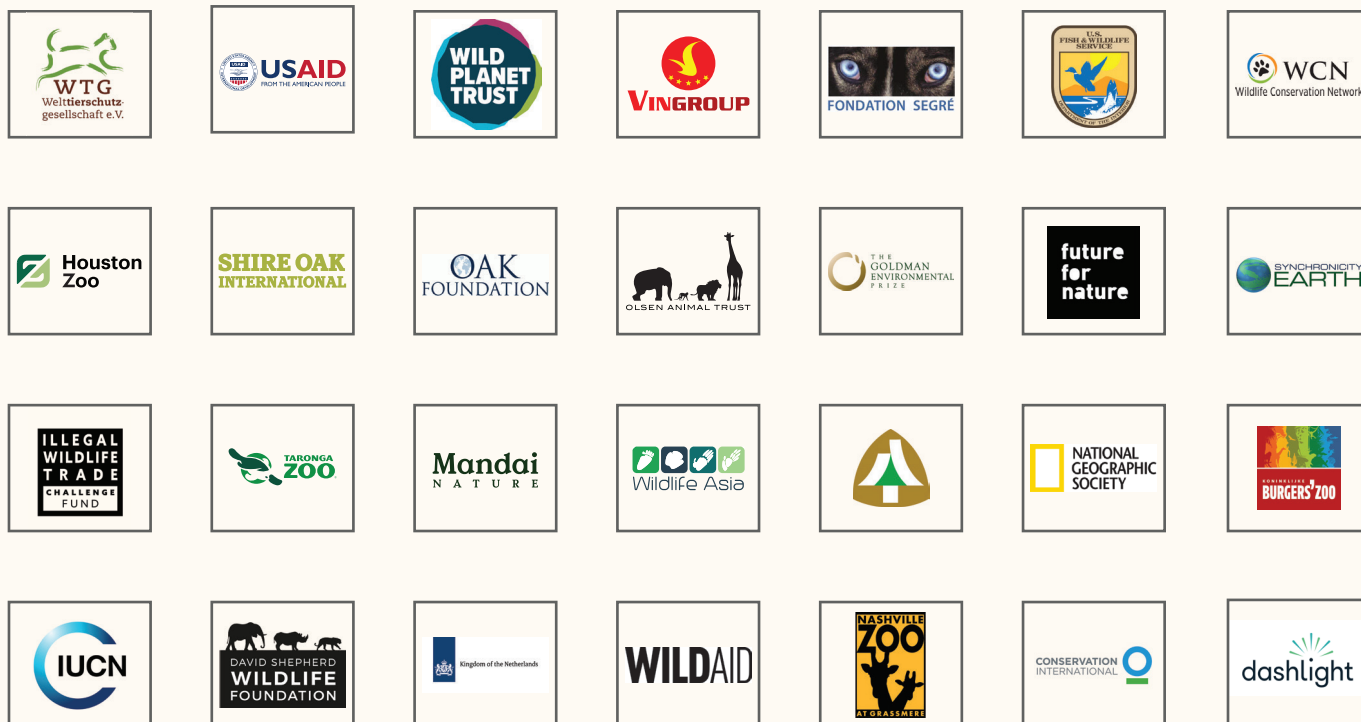


Ecotourism Protion

We partnered with Cuc Phuong National Park to promote experiential education programs to the Departments of Education and Training and **12 primary and secondary schools** in Yen Thuy and Lac Son districts. These efforts resulted in **over 600 students, 30 teachers and parents** participating in nature experiential trips to Cuc Phuong National Park. Additionally, the team successfully organized two capacity-building training courses for tour guides at Cuc Phuong and Pu Mat National Parks and skill-building workshops for porter services in Pu Mat's buffer zone.



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