PROJECT BRIEF | December 2017

Scaling up Enforcement Capacity and Cooperation to Combat Wildlife Trafficking Networks in Southeast Asia and Latin America



IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD: 1 Oct 2017 to 30 Sept 2019



PROJECT GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Enhance the capacity of law enforcement and criminal justice sector officials from key Asian and Latin American states who are involved in the protection of wildlife and in the enforcement of related laws.
- Improve cross-border investigations for key countries across Asia and Latin America to build and strengthen law enforcement information sharing and investigative functions that can assist in major wildlife arrests and seizures.



The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) saves wildlife and wild places worldwide through science, conservation action, education, and inspiring people to value nature. Over its proud 120 year history, WCS has significantly helped to advance wildlife conservation around the globe in partnership with governments and local communities. Currently, WCS has nearly 60 country offices worldwide, and the New York headquarters in the United States.



🎾 KEY ACTIVITIES

- Develop capacity building strategies for enforcement and judicial agencies in Viet Nam and Lao PDR.
- Conduct in-service training for officers at key points (for example, ports and municipalities) along major trafficking routes in eight Asian and Latin American countries.
- Provide mentorship and on-the-job technical assistance to frontline enforcement agencies to promote. intelligence-led investigative approaches in five target countries in Asia.
- Develop an online library of training materials for practitioners.
- Pilot skills-sharing program to strengthen capacity and inter-agency cooperation.
- Develop a Combating Wildlife Trafficking (CWT) Leadership Program.
- Gather, analyze, and facilitate sharing of information and actionable intelligence to catalyze effective enforcement actions along major trafficking networks.
- Promote bilateral enforcement cooperation dialogues to build and sustain high-level commitment to and accountability for cooperative actions against wildlife trafficking networks.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES/FUTURE DIRECTION

- Improve capacity for over 550 frontline law enforcement officers along major wildlife trafficking routes in 8 countries.
- Improve information sharing across borders between relevant agencies, and catalyze enforcement actions against wildlife criminals.
- Lead to an increase in the number of successful arrests, prosecutions, and convictions of individuals involved in the trafficking of wildlife. The greater effective enforcement is expected to have long term impact on disrupting criminal networks and reducing poaching pressure on wildlife populations across the globe.

PROJECT LOCATIONS





KEY PROJECT PARTNERS

- Law enforcement agencies in the project countries.
- Judicial agencies in the project countries.

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