

# PROJECT BRIEF | December 2017

Strengthening enforcement cooperation  
on the Viet Nam – China border to defeat  
tiger trafficking networks



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Viet Nam - China joint training in Guangxi, China, November 2017

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## PROJECT GOALS/OBJECTIVES

The goal of the project is to strengthen bilateral collaboration to defeat transnational criminal networks trafficking tigers and other protected species between Viet Nam and China. The objectives of the project include:

- Enhance the exchange of actionable information on wildlife crimes between border agencies.
- Strengthen cooperation and capacity of frontline border enforcement officials.



## KEY ACTIVITIES

- Regular meetings by WCS with local agencies of both Guangxi province (China) and Quang Ninh province (Viet Nam).
- Bi-lateral meeting for provincial agencies from Viet Nam and China on wildlife trafficking.
- Joint-training programs for border officials from Viet Nam and China.



Group discussion in Viet Nam - China  
Joint Training in Guangxi, China, November 2017

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## KEY ACHIEVEMENT TO DATES

- Two bilateral meetings and one joint training program were organized with attendance of about 100 representatives from law enforcement agencies from Viet Nam and China. At the events, participants shared intelligence on wildlife trafficking and enforcement responses, and agreed to take full use of existing communication channels, such as hotline, contact points, bilateral meetings, and official correspondence for intelligence information exchange. The contents of the training included species identification techniques at the border areas, legal framework on wildlife management, and the prosecution process against wildlife traffickers.
- Updated illegal wildlife trade activities at border areas to gather intelligence and produce analysis to facilitate enforcement cooperation.



## EXPECTED OUTCOMES/FUTURE DIRECTION

- Establish direct communications channel between key agencies in Quang Ninh and Guangxi on wildlife trafficking (i.e. hotline, focal contacts).
- Increase percentage of law enforcement officers with competency in protected species product identification.
- Increase successful international enforcement operations from 2014 levels.
- Increase criminal cases detected, prosecuted and punished in Quang Ninh that relate to wildlife trade.
- At least one wildlife crime case involves sharing of intelligence or coordination between Guangxi and Quang Ninh agencies.



## PROJECT LOCATIONS



### Viet Nam:

Mong Cai City,  
Quang Ninh,  
Lang Son province



### China:

Dongxing and Pingxiang cities  
of Guangxi province



## KEY PROJECT PARTNERS

- **Viet Nam:** CITES Management Authority (CITES MA); Customs, Border Army, Environment Police, and Forest Protection Department of Quang Ninh and Lang Son provinces.
- **China:** CITES MA; Anti-smuggling Office (GAO), Forest Police, Border Army, Customs of Guangxi province.

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