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Strengthening Transboundary Cooperation for the Conservation of Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbon and Other Endangered Wildlife in the Southern Annamites Western Slopes landscape (SAWS)

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PROJECT GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Increase capacity of law enforcement agencies to conduct strategic enforcement investigations and operations relating to the trans-boundary wildlife trade.
- Generate understanding and support for intelligence-led policing among frontline law enforcement agencies operating in the SAWS landscape.
- Enhance communications, coordination and cooperation between relevant agencies in Viet Nam and Cambodia to harmonize conservation efforts and law enforcement action within the wider landscape.



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KEY ACTIVITIES

- Develop and implement capacity building programs for frontline officers responsible for fighting transboundary wildlife crimes in Dak Nong and Binh Phuoc provinces.
- Conduct information-gathering surveys into wildlife trade operations and individuals in and around the SAWS landscape and provide input into the WCS information management system.
- Demonstrate intelligence analysis to local agencies by generating intelligence outputs (eg: network maps, charts, briefing reports).
- Hold meetings with key provincial leaders and protected area managers in Viet Nam and Cambodia.



KEY ACHIEVEMENT TO DATES

- A training course on strengthening law enforcement capacity for 29 frontline officers in seven southern cities and provinces.
- Technical support to local enforcement officers in six cases relating to illegal wildlife keeping and trade.
 Wildlife products were seized, rescued or destroyed.
 Technical support and equipment provision granted to local enforcement officers in making plans to investigate and disrupt the wildlife trade network.
- Three surveys on wildlife wholesalers and traders in Binh Phuoc and Dak Nong provinces, from which 10 intelligence dossiers of important traders were shared with local law enforcement (LE) partners.

- A bilateral meeting held in Cambodia gathering 31 representatives from LE agencies of four border provinces in Viet Nam and Cambodia to discuss on the current cooperation to prevent transboundary wildlife trade.
- A joint-training course organized for 38 participants from Viet Nam and Cambodia border provincial agencies to strengthen law enforcement cooperation to combat transnational wildlife crime.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES/FUTURE DIRECTION

- Increased arrests, prosecutions and punishments of individuals involved in wildlife trafficking networks operating in the SAWS landscape.
- Reliable intelligence outputs on wildlife and timber trafficking operations.
- Sharing of information between relevant border provinces between Viet Nam and Cambodia.
- Provincial agreements on the legislation/institutional arrangements to enable joint Forest Protection
 Department Border Army patrols along the new border road in Binh Phuoc and Dak Nong provinces.

PROJECT LOCATIONS

Viet Nam:

Dak Nong, and Binh Phuoc provinces



CAMBODIA CAMBODIA

Mondulkiri, and Kratie provinces

KEY PROJECT PARTNERS

- Forest Protection Department (FPD) Zone III, IV.
- Customs, Border Army, Environmental Police and FPD of Binh Phuoc and Dak Nong Provinces.

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