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Partners against Wildlife Crime: Support to disrupting illicit supply chains of wildlife in Asia by leveraging civil society partnerships to increase the effectiveness of government action



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PROJECT GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Enhance protection in key source sites for tigers, Asian elephants, freshwater turtles, and rosewood in Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Cambodia.
- Increase effectiveness of law enforcement and justice sector to combat wildlife trafficking.
- Increase transboundary coordination to combat wildlife trafficking.
- Reduced preference for illegally sourced products from our target species.



PROJECT LOCATIONS

- 5 countries of the Greater Mekong Subregion (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam), China and Malaysia.



IMPLEMENTATION ORGANIZATIONS



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KEY ACTIVITIES

- Generation of quality and quantity intelligence on wildlife trafficking: Build capacity of local and regional journalists and NGOs in Viet Nam in gathering information and intelligence on trafficking of our target species via field trainings and technical workshops, development of environmental journalism network, establishment of cross-border journalist network.
- Set up NGO-Government partnerships that provide on-the-job, real-time technical and strategic support, guidance and leverage for law enforcement and judicial process:
 - ▶ Work with local enforcement partners in Viet Nam to build a more detailed understanding of the criminal networks trafficking in our target species;
 - ▶ Host a series of intelligence briefings for Environmental Police at national level to discuss and plan actions based on jointly-gathered intelligence;
 - ▶ Organise training courses for relevant enforcement agencies on tackling wildlife crimes;
 - ▶ Leveraging actions of Vietnamese law enforcement agencies with the media through social media campaigns, media briefs on wildlife trafficking and forest crime; environmental websites and newspapers, mapping wildlife trafficking hotspots.
- Organize high-level political dialogues between Viet Nam and Laos to discuss policy cooperation and coordination, as well as potential bilateral agreements/MOUs to show commitment at government level that will direct implementation cooperation at the subnational level.



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Increased quality and quantity of intelligence from civil society and journalists network.
- Increased number of illegal wildlife trade enforcement actions.
- Enhanced government-civil society partnership in preventing and handling wildlife crimes.
- Established informal/formal mechanisms and bilateral agreements to share information or coordinate enforcement between countries.



KEY GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS

- Regulatory, law enforcement and judicial agencies of Viet Nam: Economic Police Division, Environmental Police Agency (Ministry of Public Security), People's Procuracy, People's Court, Journalist network.



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