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## WELCOME!

The second quarter of 2020 is a remarkable stage for Wildlife At Risk (WAR), because there was a Sunda pangolin (*Manis Javanica*) being born at Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station (DTWCS). In addition, releasing 5 Leopard cats successfully which was born and grown up at DTWCS. During this period, Dau Tieng Station received totally 43 wildlife from authorities of Binh Duong, Ben Tre, and Ba Ria-Vung Tau provinces with some endangered species such as Sunda pangolin (*Manis Javanica*), Otter (*Aonyx cinereus*) according to group IB in the Decree 06/2019/ND-CP dated 22/01/2019 of the government. In cooperation with Forest Protection Department both Binh Duong province and Dau Tieng district, 32 wildlife were successfully released to Dong Nai Culture and Nature Reserve, Dong Nai province and Nui Cau, Dau Tieng district in four (4) specific trips.

WAR, meanwhile, constructed 80m of fencing wall, a semi-wild for otter with 70m<sup>2</sup> in the area, and four (4) cages of Leopard cat.

As for conservation education, we had meetings with students in Ton Duc Thang university in order to share about wildlife conservation activities. At the same time, it is honored that visitors from the U.S. Consulate General as well as donors went to DTWCS. Notwithstanding, the current status of COVID-19 has been stable in Vietnam, we agreed only one volunteer to DTWCS.

WAR would like to express its gratitude to every person and organization that advocated and cooperated with WAR for a long time. Goodbye 2020, wishing all of you have a successful new year filled with happiness and health in the new year-2021.



# CAPTIVE BREEDING

*A new 2-day-old little cute Sunda pangolin at DTWCS*

Sunda pangolin (*Manis Javanica*) is an endangered species (IUCN-2020) and belongs to group IB (Decree 06/2019/ND-CP). The quantity of this species is currently decreasing dramatically leading to a high risk of extinction in the wild.

At the end of November, 2020, WAR is so bliss when a baby Sunda pangolin was born in DTWCS. It is the first time that this species was bred successfully in March, 2020 from parents being transferred from local people in DTWCS. WAR was also successful in breeding this species years ago in Cu Chi Wildlife Rescue Station, Ho Chi Minh city.

The number of Leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*) was born in DTWCS continuing to increase by 4 in the last 6 months of 2020. We are still making an effort in the care and construction of this species.

Leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*) is a protected species according to the Decree 06/2019/ND-CP dated 22/01/2019 of the government. Hopefully, we will have a favorable outcome for more F2 which was bred from F1 in DTWCS.



*Kittens had been born in captivity in DTWCS for hours*

Photos: WAR/Le Trung Vuong



A new species was born in captivity being the precious gift

# LAW ENFORCEMENT



## RECEIVING A GIANT ASIAN POND TURTLE IN BEN CAT, BINH DUONG PROVINCE

### RESCUE

On July, 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 WAR accepted a Giant Asian pond turtle (*Heosemys grandis*) with 6.3kg in weight in Ben Cat town, Binh Duong province. It is known that this turtle was kept as a pet in a local resident's house for a long time in My Phuoc Ward. After being aware of the illegal wildlife in captivity, local people immediately contacted the authorities and voluntarily transferred.

This species is being cared for in DTWCS at present, furthermore, it will come back the forest soon in the future.



*Receiving a Giant Asian pond turtle from forester*

Photos: WAR/Le Xuan Lam

It is undeniable that the status of illegal trade for pets and releasing is an alarming problem in Vietnam. This action stems from compassion but it is major factor by accident helping the illegal trade.



*Eating a mixture of vegetable in DTWCS*

# HANDING OVER SIX (6) WILD BIRDS TO DAU TIENG WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STATION



In addition, six (6) wild birds including one (1) Brahminy kite (*Haliastur indus*), two (2) Mountain Hawk-eagles (*Nisaetus nipalensis*), three (3) Rufous-bellied eagles (*Lophotriorchis kienerii*) received in July, 2020 from Environmental Police Department of Binh Duong province.

According to Environmental Police Department, due to business purposes, these birds were kept as pets in a coffee shop. This is dangerous for the community if they escape .

After being cared for by WAR's staff and vet at DTWCS, in October, 2020, they released them to the wild at Nui Cau, Dau Tieng district. Thanks for all supports from Binh Duong authorities namely FPD, Economic Police, Veterinary Department and Protective Forest Management of Nui Cau.



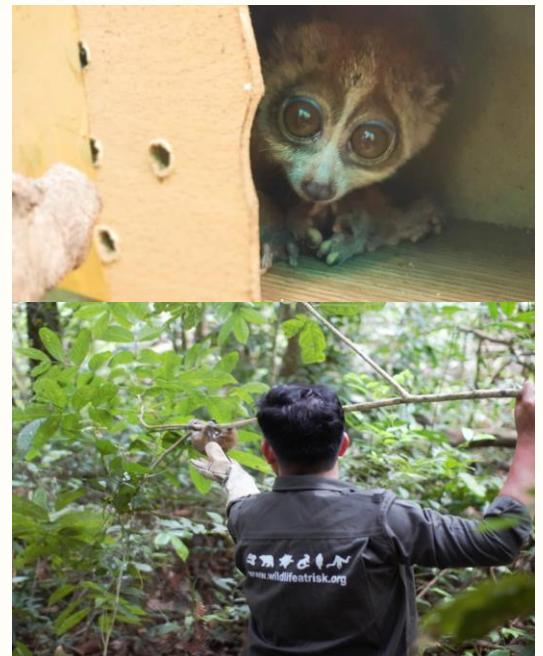
Process of receiving and releasing birds back to free sky

Photos: WAR/Le Xuan Lam

## A LITTLE PYGMY SLOW LORIS (*NYCTICEBUS PYGMAEUS*) RESCUED FROM LOCAL HOUSE IN THU DAU MOT CITY, BINH DUONG PROVINCE

WAR promptly implemented at Chanh My ward, Thu Dau Mot city in order to help Binh Duong FPD to accept a Pygmy slow loris (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) after knowing the news.

A Pygmy slow loris (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) is precious species that belongs to group IB in the Decree 06/2019/ND-CP. This species will be safely returned into the wild after being treated and taken care of in Dau Tieng Station.



Photos: WAR/Nguyen Thi Tam Anh

# Lovely Dona!



*Dona was confiscated in Ben Tre city whereas it has been in Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station*

Dona is male Asian Small-clawed Otter (*Aonyx cinereus*) with 2.8kg in weight being received from Ben Tre city Protection Forest Department on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. It was kept and fed in a local house when being a little child. However, we met Dona while it was in poor health with injured head. After a long treatment, the health is more stable and it enjoys life in “private resort ”at the station. Dona will be back to the forest as soon as possible when it secures the prerequisites.

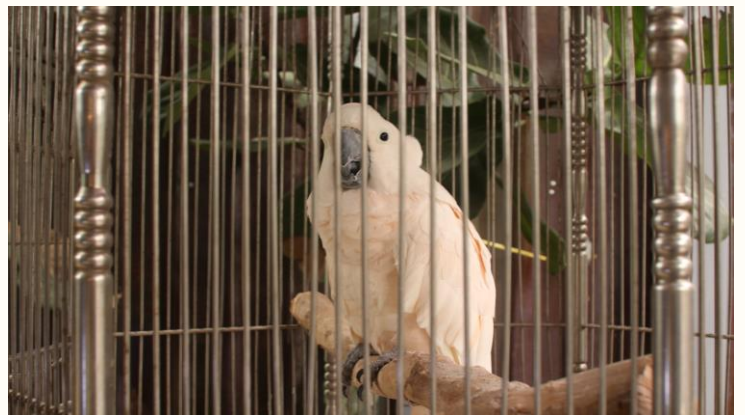
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## A LARGE NUMBER OF EXOTIC ANIMAL WAS RELEASED FROM A PET COFFEE IN BINH DUONG

It is a fact that pet coffee is a popular business form in big cities in Vietnam. Because of entertainment purposes, a variety of exotic species is bought to help customers enjoy and relax.

Dated 28<sup>th</sup> October, WAR supported Binh Duong FPD to temporarily keep and take care of 11 animals namely one (1) Blue-and-yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*), one (1) Salmon-crested cockatoo (*Cacatua moluccensis*), one (1) Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) and eights (8) Iguana (*Iguana spp*).

Among those species, exotic species are currently bred and kept for educational purposes in Dau Tieng Station.



*Some species were at a pet coffee*

## LIVING IN DTWCS - UNEXPECTED HAPPINESS OF A SUNDA PANGOLIN (*MANIS JAVANICA*)



*A Sunda pangolin was fed in Dau Tieng Station*

Photo: WAR/Ngo Nguyen Hai Thuy

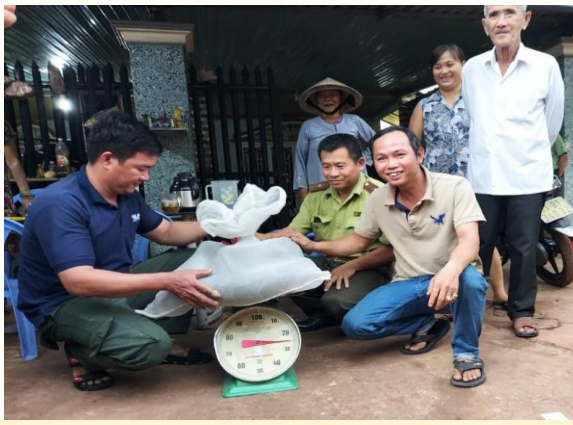
After getting a call from a local resident wishing to transfer a Sunda pangolin (*Manis javanica*) to authorities, WAR cooperated with Binh Duong Forest Protection Department to take immediately this pangolin to Dau Tieng Station. The pangolin's health is not good once receiving and especially it weighs only 1.4kg.

Sunda pangolin is not only an extremely endangered species (IUCN – 2020) but also group IB in the Decree 06/2019/ND-CP. Actually, this species has been cared for by WAR's vet and staff. Undoubtedly, a pretty pangolin will be grown quickly and strongly in WAR's love.



*Ant-egg is the best food for a Sunda pangolin*

Photo: WAR/Nguyen Thi Tam Anh



When a Burmese python was handed over, happiness expressed in the face of local people

## RECEIVING A GIANT BURMESE PYTHON (*PYTHON BIVITTATUS*) IN DAU TIENG WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STATION



A Burmese python was taken to a new house – Dau Tieng Station

After getting information from the Forest Protection Department of Binh Duong province in November, 2020, WAR's staff quickly arrived at the resident's house in Ben Cat town in order to capture a *Burmese python* lurking in the resident area. To date, this is the biggest python with 27kg in weight. Unfortunately, wild animals escape while they are kept as pets. Because this takes a toll on communities such as health concerns and economics without the timely intervention of authority.

Photos: WAR/Le Xuan Lam

## UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT OF 10 WILDLIFE RETURNS THE WILD – DONG NAI NATURE AND CULTURE RESERVE

On November 14<sup>th</sup> 2020, WAR collaborated with the Forest Protection Department of Binh Duong province so as to take 10 wildlife namely one (1) Burmese Python (*Python molurus*), one (1) Pig-tailed Macaque (*Macaca leonina*), one (1) Stump-tailed Macaque (*Macaca arctoides*) and five (5) Leopard cats (*Prionailurus bengalensis*) to the nature in Dong Nai Nature and Culture Reserve. It is a significant step for wildlife conservation in DTWCS because this is the first time five (5) of the first generation of Leopard cats were released to the wild.



Photos: WAR/Nguyen Thi Tam Anh



## THE NEXT HAPPINESS – RELEASING 11 WILDLIFE TO DONG NAI NATURE AND CULTURE RESERVE

Following the first releasing trip in July, WAR is delighted that two (2) Common palm civets (*Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*), two (2) Pygmy slow lorises (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*), one (1) Yellow-headed temple turtle (*Heosemys annandalii*), one (1) Giant Asian pond turtle (*Heosemys grandis*), one (1) Bengal monitor (*Varanus bengalensis*), two (2) Long-tailed macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*) and two (2) Pig-tailed Macaque (*Macaca leonine*) come back to the wild in Dong Nai Nature and Culture Reserve thank to collaboration with Binh Duong FPD. There were 11 wildlife and totally weight 49.1kg.

These species are prioritized to protect in the Decree 06/2019/ND-CP, in particular, Pygmy slow lorises (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) is an endangered species on the edge of extinction in nature. All of them were rescued from illegal trade in Binh Duong province by Binh Duong FPD.

After being cared for and lived in a semi-wild in DTWCS, our friends returned their home – the forest. Certainly, the moment wildlife goes out of the cage is the most memorable of their life. It is great happiness and success in our life who are dedicating to wildlife conservation when you are free in the wild.

Wildlife can not come back to the wild unless authorities act.

WAR would like to say thanks for supports from the management board of Dong Nai Nature and Culture Reserve, Binh Duong FPD to release wildlife to the forest.

Photos: WAR/Nguyen Thi Tam Anh



# SUPPORT LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO REMOVE MOKEYS IN CHAU THOI TEMPLE, BINH DUONG PROVINCE

It is so difficult that Binh Duong's authorities could tackle problems that monkeys cause for local residents. After a long time to prepare, the project "Removing monkeys at Chau Thoi Temple, Binh Duong province from 2020 to 2021" has been carried out by the People's Committee and Forest Protection Department of Binh Duong province. Wildlife At Risk, in particular, become a supporter in the technical aspect.

With unique architecture and fanciful space, Chau Thoi Temple is one of the most famous temples in the South of Vietnam attracting a large number of tourists.



*Topography in Chau Thoi Temple*

In addition, due to the high topography near the residential areas and companies, catching monkeys is not easy for us. Prior to deploying this project, we spend more time discussing to give an effective approach. As a result, there are two main methods namely using an anesthetic, setting traditional traps being applied. It is the first day that 6 monkeys have been caught including 5 Long-tailed macaques (*Macaca fascicularis*), 1 Pig-tailed macaque (*Macaca leonina*) on December 23<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and then, the Forest Protection Department of Binh Duong province take these monkeys to Dong Nai Culture and Nature Reserve.

WAR warns that local people should not release wildlife without authority permission. Because this could take disadvantages on not animals but also human beings.



*WAR's vet was preparing anesthetic early*



*Technical staff had been lying in wait on the tree to catch monkeys*



*A monkey had been caught in a trap*

# INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT



During the past second quarter of 2020, infrastructure development was built up as much as possible. With all effort, WAR's construction team built approximately 80m of fencing wall. Meanwhile, four (4) new enclosures of Leopard cats with an area of each 17m<sup>2</sup> per enclosure and one (1) Otter enclosure with totally more than 70m<sup>2</sup> in the area were constructed in a conservation area in Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station.



Photos: WAR/Nguyen Thi Tam Anh



**ATTEMPT MAKING  
A GOOD LIFE FOR  
WILDLIFE**

IN DAU TIENG WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STATION



# CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Although the coronavirus situation is under control, Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station continues to limit the number of volunteers as well as visitors to the station. In this period, we accepted only one volunteer to work from 6 December to 13 December. Moreover, we expressed the honor that of visits from several sponsors and special visitors who do support wildlife conservation in Dau Tieng Station, Binh Duong province.



Welcome visitors from the U.S. Consulate General





MSc. Hendi Quine – Manager of vet and bear in Tam Dao Bear Rescue Station visits Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station



Other visitors come to Dau Tieng Station



## THE YOUTH – THE HOPE OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION IN VIETNAM

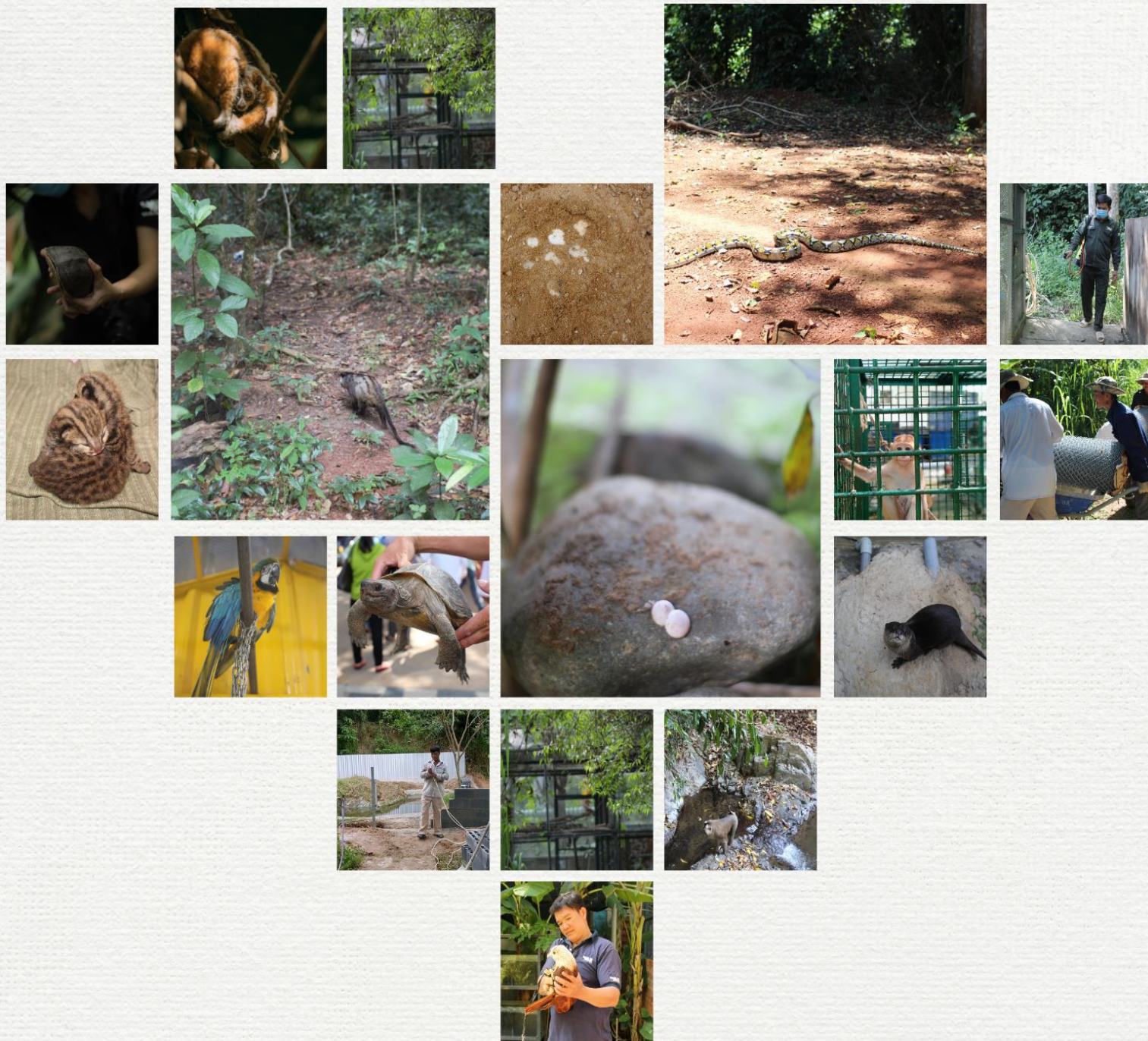
Photo: WAR/Tran Duy

It is undeniable that there is an increasing number of youngsters interesting in biodiversity conservation. They not only actively participated but also engaged in a naming sponsorship program in Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station. Thanks for Shinee’s support, hopefully, all of you guys continue to follow up on the mission of conservation Vietnam's biodiversity.

Besides, WAR also had speeches in Ton Duc Thang university in order to share the procedure of rescue and rehabilitation wildlife and some basic information on the identification of several species.

Thank you to students in the Faculty of Environment & Labor Safety in Ton Duc Thang university for the enthusiastic participation and active discussion wildlife conservation.





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And other sponsors always support us in wildlife conservation during the past years.  
Wishing you a happy new year - 2021 with good health and prosperity!