

## WELCOME!

In the first half of 2020, it is interesting to note that **twenty-two (22) wildlife (F1)** of five (5) different species **were born** at Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station, namely Leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Softshell turtle (*Amyda cartilaginea*), Elongated tortoise (*Indotestudo elongata*), Malayan box turtle (*Cuora amboinensis*) and Yellow-headed temple turtle (*Heosemys annandalii*). An increase of five (5) wildlife compared to the second half of 2019. This is striking change making an effort of all WAR's staff to breed endangered species for long-term conservation purposes. In addition, Wildlife At Risk (WAR) **received eighteen (18) wildlife** from the authorities of Binh Duong and Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provinces, including some endangered species being protected by the Decree 06/2019/ND-CP dated 22/01/2019 of the government such as Pygmy slow loris (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) and Hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*). WAR also **supported the Center for Rescue, Conservation and Creature Development in U Minh Thuong National Park** to save some **Burnese pythons** (*Python molurus*) and a **King cobra** (*Ophiophagus hannah*). Thanks to supports from The Forest Protection Department of Binh Duong and Dak Nong Provinces, WAR favorably **released ten (10) wildlife** of Leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Burnese python (*Python molurus*), Long-tailed macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*) at Ta Dung National Park. In this period, **three (3) turtle cages, four (4) cages of Leopard cats and 80m of fencing wall** were built to respond promptly to the process of receiving and taking care of wildlife. We also **helped a group of students at Hutech University** to plant endangered forestry trees and study the growth of these trees at the Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station.

WAR would like to say thanks for all supports from both individuals and organizations in wildlife conservation during the past time.

Sincerely!

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## Born in love

15 lovely Turtles were brought into the world at Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station

Photos: WAR/Nguyen Thi Tam Anh

## CAPTIVE BREEDING

Following the success of last year's results, WAR is delighted to inform that one (1) Malayan box turtle (*Cuora amboinensis*), one (1) Elongated tortoise (*Indotestudo elongata*), eight (8) Yellow-headed temple turtles (*Heosemys annandalii*) and five (5) Softshell turtles (*Amyda cartilaginea*) were born at Dau Tieng Conservation Station during this period. They are all protected species, according to Decree 06/2019/ND-CP dated 22/01/2019 of the government. WAR has been making an effort to expand the current captive program. One of the outstanding results is that Yellow-headed temple turtle (*Heosemys annandalii*) was bred successfully for the first time at the Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station. Moreover, we do believe that captive breeding for conservation will support positively and directly to a recovery of wild population in the future.



*The cubs are relaxing in a conservation area at the Dau Tieng Station*

## DAU TIENG WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STATION

### *Says hello to*

eight (8) newborn Leopard cats (*Prionailurus bengalensis*)

Leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*) is a protected species according to the Decree 06/2019/ND-CP dated 22/01/2019 of the government. WAR is so glad to welcome eight (08) newborn Leopard cats at Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station.

This is one of the most successful captive breeding species to date. Before releasing them to the wild, WAR's staff will take care of the cubs from 6 months to 12 months in order to get sufficient conditions in mental and physical health.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

During the first half of 2020, WAR has assisted the Forest Protection Department of Binh Duong Province in caring two (2) Long-tailed macaques (*Macaca fascicularis*) and three (3) Stump-tailed macaques (*Macaca arctoides*).

These wildlife being kept in a long time as pets at a local household before a handing over to the authorities. We are currently looking after the wildlife at Dau Tieng Station before a release.

Due to the limit of both facilities and human resources, WAR announces that we would hold on receiving any monkeys to the Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station.



RECEIVE FIVE (5) MONKEYS FROM  
FOREST PROTECTION DEPARTMENT OF  
BINH DUONG PROVINCE



*A Hawksbill handed over to rescue*

## RECEIVING A RARE HAWKSBILL SEA TURTLE



*The Hawksbill being cared at the  
Dau Tieng Station*

After getting a call from a local resident of Thu Dau Mot City, Binh Duong Province, wishing to transfer a Hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), to conservation station on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, WAR cooperated with Binh Duong Forest Protection Department to take immediately the sea turtle to Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station. This species has been being cared before returning to the wild. This is a female Hawksbill which was saved from an illegal trade in Binh Duong Province. She is weighted around 2 kilograms. She has been in poor health, due to improper care over a long period of time. This endangered species, is protected by the decree 06/2019/ND-CP dated 22/01/2019 of the Government.



*Removing a cage to save a Pygmy loris*



*He is tired and stressed*

**HANDING OVER TWO (2)  
PYGMY LORIS  
(*Nycticebus pygmaeus*)  
TO DAU TIENG  
CONSERVATION STATION**

On the evening of May 31<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Dau Tieng Conservation Station received two (2) Pygmy lorises (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) from the Environmental Police of Binh Duong Province. They were weak and stressed. These lorises are male with 0.4 kilograms and 0.5 kilograms in weight, respectively and had been kept as pets at a coffee shop in Thu Dau Mot City for a long time.

According to Decree 06/2019/ND-CP dated 22/01/2019 of the government, Pygmy loris (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) belongs to endangered species in Group IB. They are currently cared at Dau Tieng Station.

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## CAPTURING A LONG-TAILED MACAQUE (*Macaca fascicularis*) IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE OF THE DEMERITS FOR NATIVE RESIDENTS



*Captured the monkey in a short time*

WAR is calling local people giving away their habit of keeping wildlife as pets. This is because a wildlife could accidentally escape and cause a risk to the community and the environment.

On the afternoon of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, WAR's hotline received a call from Binh Duong Forest Protection Department, informing a disturbance of a Long-tailed macaque in a residential area in Phu Cuong Ward, Thu Dau Mot City. Immediately, WAR's veterinarian and experienced staff went to the site. With professional skills, the animal was caught quickly and took it to Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station.

This is a six kilograms, male, long-tailed macaque with an injured leg and is being cared at Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station.



*Taking the naughty monkey to Dau Tieng Wildlife Station*

Photos: WAR/Le Trung Vuong

## A PYGMY SLOW LORIS (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) AND A GREEN IGUANA (*IGUANA IGUANA*) WAS RECEIVED AT THE REGIONAL RANGER STATION OF BA RIA - VUNG TAU

WAR went straight away to the Forest Protection Department of Chau Duc District, Ba Ria - Vung Tau Province to receive one (1) Pygmy slow loris (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) and one (1) Green iguana (*Iguana iguana*) after receiving information of the local authority. While the Forest Protection Department of Chau Duc District carried out an inspection of restaurant in this district, those species were confiscated at the end of June, 2020 because of illegal trade.

As an endangered species in group IB in Decree 06/2019/ND-CP dated 22/01/2019 of the government, Pygmy slow loris (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) has been being taken care of WAR's keepers before back to the forest. In terms of Green iguana (*Iguana iguana*), this is an exotic species, we, therefore, will feed and keep it for educational purposes in the Dau Tieng Station. WAR recommends that native residents should not keep exotic animal in house because it could lead to environmental harm.

Photos: WAR/Nguyen Thi Tam Anh



*It is the poor loris in a cage when handing over*



*The green iguana is cared in the quarantine area of the Dau Tieng Station*

## RELEASE SUCCESSFULLY 10 WILDLIFE TO THE JUNGLE



*WAR's veterinarian is taking a blood sample of proposed released wildlife*



*At the destination, wildlife ready to return "their home"*



*Goodbye and wishing you to be safe*

*Let's go wild for wildlife*

Photos: WAR/Nguyen Thi Tam Anh

Dated 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, 10 wildlife with a total weight of 55.8 kilograms; including three (03) Pig-tailed macaques (*Macaca ironina*), four (04) Stump-tailed macaques (*Macaca arctoides*), one (01) Long-tailed macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*), one (1) Civet (*Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*) and one (01) Burnese python (*Python molurus*) were successfully released by WAR in collaboration with Binh Duong Provincial Forest Protection Department and Forest Protection Department of Dau Tieng District at Ta Dung National Park, Dak Nong Province. The wildlife were confiscated from illegal trade or captivity and then be transferred by the Forest Protection Department Dong Nai, Quang Ngai, Ben Tre and Binh Duong Provinces.

Before release, these species were checked to ensure sufficient condition in health and were implanted a micorchip. This is the second time that WAR has released wildlife to Ta Dung National Park as the habitat is suitable to the species (according to results of WAR's biodiversity survey).

WAR highly appreciates a support and cooperation of the Management Board of Ta Dung National Park, Dak Nong Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Forest Protection Department both Binh Duong Province and Dau Tieng District in the conservation of endangered wildlife species.

## SUPPORTING THE AUTHOURITES SAVING WILDLIFE

### ➔ *U Minh Thuong National Park*

Respond to a call for support from the Forest Protection Department of An Giang Province in March 2020, WAR contacts immediately to Center for Rescue, Conservation and Creature Development (U Minh Thuong National Park), Kien Giang Province to save a King cobra (*Ophiophagus Hannah*). Then, this species was checked and released into U Minh Thuong National Park.

### ➔ *Forest Protection Department of Tay Ninh Province*

After receiving a call for assistance from the Forest Protection Department of Tay Ninh Province, in May 2020, WAR sent veterinarian and professional staff in dealing with iron neck collars of monkeys at Cao Dai Temple. It was a mistake of local people in releasing monkeys with tight iron neck collars.

If we do not remove those collars in time, it could lead to the risk of health problems such as serious infection, blood-vessel blockage.



*WAR's veterinarian and local people are taking iron collars out of a monkey's neck.*

## INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

In addition to captive breeding for conservation and law enforcement, infrastructure development has been crucial task at the Dau Tieng Conservation Station. WAR always effort to build up and develop suitable new enclosures in order to create better conditions for animals in captivity. During this period, two (2) turtle enclosures in our quarantine area with totally 5m<sup>2</sup> in area and one (1) turtle enclosure with a semi-nature design. Meanwhile, around 80m of fencing wall were constructed to respond promptly to the process of receiving and care of wildlife. Furthermore, four (4) new enclosures of Leopard cats with area of each 17.1m<sup>2</sup> per enclosure was built up.



Photo: WAR/Nguyen Thi Tam Anh

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## CONSERVATION EDUCATION

As a result of the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, WAR must stop all educational programs such as volunteer program, visiting to the Dau Tieng Conservation Station. We only support a very small group of students of Hutech University to plant valuable forest trees and studying growth and restore of the trees at the Dau Tieng Station in June. This is the second time that we have helped students at Hutech university for studying.

WAR is appreciative that there is an increasing number of students accessing to conservation. And WAR is willing to support whenever you need it.

Give your hands for conservation  
biodiversity!

### HUTECH'S STUDENTS PLANTED TREES TO STUDY IN DAU TIENG STATION





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