

## **Wildlife At Risk**

Statement of receipts and payments  
for the year ended 30 June 2014

## **PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT**

### **Background**

Wildlife At Risk (WAR) is dedicated to protecting the biodiversity of Vietnam by combating the illegal wildlife trade, raising environmental awareness and promoting the conservation of endangered species and their habitats.

WAR is a non-profit organization, registered in Delaware on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2003. It is based in Ho Chi Minh City ("HCMC") and active throughout the southern provinces of Vietnam.

Vietnam's wildlife faces a desperate fight for survival in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Without urgent intervention, many of the country's endangered species will soon be wiped out. They are being driven to extinction by habitat loss, hunting, pollution and, above all, the flourishing illegal wildlife trade. WAR aims to reduce the pressure on Vietnam's threatened biodiversity by helping to build local capacity to implement legislation, raise environmental awareness and develop alternatives to the unsustainable exploitation of natural resources.

Responding to specific priorities identified by local government, and working with appropriate specialists and project partners, WAR focuses on three interlocking themes:

- Enforcement – Action to reduce the exploitation of endangered species and to support the confiscation, rehabilitation and possible release of illegal traded wildlife;
- Raising awareness – Influencing behaviour, changing attitudes to wildlife and promoting sustainable use of natural resources; and
- Protection in the wild – In site conservation to safeguard specific endangered species and their habitats.

## WILDLIFE AT RISK - ANNUAL REVIEW 2013-2014

### Overview

The focus of the last 12 months has been on increasing public awareness of Wildlife at Risk's (WAR's) work and biodiversity conservation. This has been achieved primarily through upgrading the wildlife education centre at Cu Chi Wildlife Rescue Station (CCWRS) and activities that involve students and local people in protecting and caring for wildlife.

Continuing to maintain the wildlife rescue centres and providing technical solutions for law enforcement authorities' makes WAR become one of the most experienced NGOs in the field of wildlife rescue in Vietnam. Due to WAR's experience there is a great demand from local partners for assistance with their wildlife rescue activities and staff training. There has been a sharp increase in confiscated wildlife and voluntarily handed in wildlife to WAR's wildlife rescue centres. This reflects both trust from the communities in WAR's work and also their expertise and reputation in these areas. Through the regular release of wildlife it is possible that the biodiversity and species population can be both protected and conserved.

WAR has continued to follow up its previous ground work in the area with several public awareness projects to educate young people and raise awareness of local communities. One outstanding outcome of the mission to raise public awareness is the increasing number of WAR volunteers. Also a success has been the acceptance of the training curriculum in biology by grade 7 teachers at secondary schools as directed by the Department of Training and Education in Ho Chi Minh City.

The following figures reflect the impact of WAR's activities on natural conservation in Vietnam and also the challenges faced by the organisation during the period July 2013 to June 2014:

- **Approximately 1,300 heads of 60 types of wildlife** have been transferred to the Wildlife Rescue Station (WRS) at CCWRS and Hon Me Wildlife Rescue Station (HMWRS) in Kien Giang province. The figure reflects a 2.5 times increase compared to the previous twelve months (*July 2012 – June 2013*). This increase has placed challenges on WAR in its effort to continue to save wildlife and conserve diversity of species.
- **Nearly 2,000 heads of fresh water fish** have been released back into the Saigon River and her tributaries. This activity received interest from young students and illustrates the positive action of conservation by the students. WAR will continue this captive breeding programme for conservation in order to save wildlife and protect the biodiversity of Vietnam.
- **About 1,200 individual wildlife** have been released back to the wild from various WAR rescue stations.
- Up to June 2014, at least 7 mammals which include small-clawed otter, java pangolin, Yellow-cheeked gibbon, Stump-tailed macaque, Elongated tortoise, Yellow-headed temple turtle and Leopard cat have been successfully breeding at our WRS and many of them have been released back to the wild. This is remarkable for WAR's staffs in their effort to work and save wildlife, particularly in the last 12 months, with three of the species successfully breeding.



WAR is now calling for support and co-operation from various communities:

- This year, more than **30** students from HCMC visited HMWRS to help maintain the wildlife rescue facilities by planting more than 100 fruit trees and forest.
- Approximately **1,700 visitors and 500 students** visited CCWRS.
- **14,000 students** from 12 secondary schools in HCMC have benefited from participation in our SOS exhibition tent project where wildlife education is the central topic.
- **3 trips for biodiversity surveys** have been conducted from Me Linh biodiversity station in Vinh Phuc province (North Vietnam) to HIEU commune in Kon Tum province, and in Cong Troi of Bi Doup National park of Lam Dong province. The aim of these surveys is to contribute to species distribution by releasing wildlife from the rescue centres. It also helps to enhance knowledge and information on biodiversity for wildlife education and by raising public awareness of the surveyed areas and in Vietnam in general.

All results and information on WAR's activities have been being released on our website at [www.wildlifeatrisk.org](http://www.wildlifeatrisk.org)

The overall budget for 2013 - 2014 is approximately USD577,647 of which USD310,879 has been spent on WAR's enforcement missions across wildlife rescue stations at CCWRS and HMWRS. USD129,292 has been used on public awareness projects and nearly USD79,600 has been used for biodiversity surveys and captive conservation, highlighting our commitment to Vietnam's wildlife and their habitats. The remaining budget was spent on administration. The budget was increased this year which meant we were able to organise more activities on public awareness and rescue more wildlife. The increased budget has also helped WAR develop in scope and scale over the last 12 months.

WAR continues to build on its positive working relationship with the Forestry Protection Department (FPD) in HCMC and throughout Vietnam, as well as with the Kien Giang Union of Friendship Organisation (KUFO). In addition, WAR received support from international experts for several biological surveys on the subject of conservation and biodiversity protection highlighting WAR's commitment towards Vietnam's unique biodiversity.

### **Enforcement**

WAR's WRS are developing baseline data to support our partners in recognising several endangered and rare species. Back up facilities at the rescue centres are very useful for the Forest Protection Departments and Environmental Police Office for confiscated illegal wildlife and getting direct, swift action from WAR's WRS. Our WRS are recognised by the decision 45/QD-TTg of the Prime Minister's Office as important for the local regions. Of note, the HMWRS represents the whole Mekong delta in Vietnam.

The rescue centres have achieved several important milestones in the last 12 months: firstly, the HMWRS has become independent for fresh water and longer relies on town supply. The water is stored during the rainy season in several plastic and concrete water-tanks. Some upgrading of a small dyke to help save water from a stream and also re-using treated waste water have also been implemented by the rescue centres. Secondly, fruit trees (such as papaya, banana and also some vegetables) have been planted to supply more food for rescued wildlife at the centre. Native wildlife is now moved into the centre from several neighbouring areas due to the availability of food. The HMWRS is one of the main destinations to help young students from Ho Chi Minh City to visit, learn and get involved with activities which help save wildlife. Over the last 12 months, HMWRS had 40 wildlife and approximately 50% of the wildlife has been released back to nature, mainly in the Mekong delta.

The Cat Tien Wildlife Rescue Station (CTWRS) was handed back to the park at the beginning of the year 2014. This is a good sign as the local partner is now ready to take on this responsibility and co-operate with international organisations on caring for wildlife. Prior to this several activities had been implemented such as building a new visitor platform, upgrading the bear's enclosure and their play yard; on-the-job training for park staffs; installing and operating a system of guiding visitors through the rescue centre. All the facilities and operating systems are now being used by the park to continue to save bears and leopards. The park should be congratulated on being able to take on this new role as it is the way forward for sustainable development.

The CCWRS is still WAR's most busy rescue centre. 1,250 heads of different wildlife have been transferred to this centre. WAR staffs sometimes work overtime to save and rescue wildlife. Recognising the important role of CCWRS and its position within Vietnam, an 8m<sup>2</sup> surgery room has recently been built and a new two story 300m<sup>2</sup> centre has been upgraded. These are two important facilities of the CCWRS centre and both are necessary and helpful for ongoing work and education. WAR will continue to face more challenges in next 12 months in sourcing and sponsoring equipment for the 2 story education centre.

WAR vets not only work at the centres but also travel to the provinces and the Mekong delta to provide basic training to WAR's partner's staff on emergency action which could care for or save injured wildlife. Activities of the CCWRS are being developed, step by step, in a professional and systematic manner. We are confident of saying that the CCWRS is proving very useful for local agencies in enforcing the fight against illegal wildlife trade and to provide any information when requested by the authorities.

During the past year 2013 – 2014, WAR welcomed more than 20 international volunteers, from different countries, to provide help for WAR staffs and wildlife at CCRWS. WAR would like to thank all the volunteers for their positive contribution towards saving Vietnam's endangered species at CCWRS and their ongoing friendship.



## **Raising Awareness**

The SOS Exhibition project has continued to run with interest from the Department of Training and Education of Ho Chi Minh City. Since 2012, the operating mobile tent has passed through 35 secondary schools in nine districts of Ho Chi Minh City. The program has benefited more than 35,500 students who have had the chance to learn and explore conservation activities in the year 2013-2014. WAR continues its commitment to the long-term strategy of developing activities and presentations to attract students and public for wildlife protection and ultimately save Vietnam's biodiversity and its beauty forever. More than 30 students out of a total of fifty voluntary students have been awarded a trip to one of WAR's wildlife rescue stations to work directly with animals and to have the chance to learn and practice wildlife survey activities.

Success in both number of visitors and activities last year meant that WAR decided to keep developing these initiatives and as such tours for children and students to visit CCWRS and HMWRS, where they could observe non-releasable wildlife in semi-natural environments, continues. Students are also able to participate in releasing native fresh-water fish species into the Saigon River which WAR has bred at its head office. More field trips are being made available to students to learn and explore native forests in protected areas around Ho Chi Minh City.

## **Protection in the Wild**

WAR started the captive breeding of freshwater fish in 2010-2011 and has continued due to the success of the project both in breeding multiple species and also re-releasing many individuals with the help of local students. A total of 2,000 fresh water fish of *Beta* species and several native ones have been released to the river during the last 12 months (July 2013 to June 2014). WAR's fresh water fish facilities allow people to visit and also get work experience. Several fresh water fish are listed on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red-list and the purpose of this program is to increase their population in the wild. WAR, with its limited human resources, will implement programs that focus on some selected species which are:

- 1) Suitable to the environment in Southern Vietnam;
- 2) Could be used in a combination of wildlife education on release activities.

WAR will keep expanding its capacity for captive breeding for conservation of other species such as: fresh water turtle, gecko, leopard cat, otter and some birds. Leopard cats and otters have been a remarkable success in both breeding and release this year.

Annual biodiversity surveys, in co-operation with experienced experts who volunteer to work for WAR, are still being implemented. This year WAR started to focus its work towards the central highlands of Vietnam and a trial trip to North Vietnam to consider the potential for expanding though out the country. As usual results of all surveys are released to the public and are also available on WAR's website. The result of these initiatives has been to assist decision makers and local people to understand and recognise the biodiversity of their local forest.

Combined information on 40 reptile and amphibians around the HMWRS has been published to give more information to visitors on rescue activities. Other components of biodiversity at the WRS have also been surveyed by WAR staff such as - native plants, fresh water fish, insects, birds and small mammals. Information obtained from this survey is used for implementing public awareness missions.

### **Human Resources**

A total of 28 national staffs and one British expatriate, are committed to work with WAR to save Vietnam's wildlife. Experienced volunteers have made a significant contribution towards WAR's work, particularly at the CCWRS and in field surveys. This is helping to enforce and further WAR's efforts and reputation both nationally and internationally.

Along with WAR's development, many caring individuals, companies and organisations have contributed towards WAR's mission on saving Vietnam's endangered species and have joined WAR to save Vietnam's natural heritage and resources for future generations.

A circular logo for Wildlife At Risk (WAR) is shown. The text "Wildlife at Risk" is written around the perimeter of the circle, with small stars separating the words. Overlaid on the logo is a handwritten signature in blue ink.

**Nguyen Vu Khoi**

Wildlife At Risk (WAR), CEO  
On behalf of

Wildlife At Risk (WAR) Trustee

**Dominic Scriven, OBE**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

### To the Management of Wildlife At Risk

#### Scope

We have audited the statement of receipts and payments ("the statement") of Wildlife At Risk for the year ended 30 June 2014 which were authorised for issue by the management on 9 October 2014. The statement is the responsibility of Wildlife at Risk's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1(a), the accompanying statement is prepared in accordance with the cash receipts and disbursements basis, a basis of accounting other than International Financial Reporting Standards.

#### Audit opinion

In our opinion, the statement of receipts and payments presents fairly, in all material respects, the funds received and payments made by Wildlife At Risk for the year ended 30 June 2014 in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1.

**KPMG Limited**  
Vietnam

Investment Certificate No: 011043000345

Ho Chi Minh City, 9 October 2014



**Wildlife At Risk****Statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 30 June 2014**

		<b>2014 USD</b>	<b>2013 USD</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Receipts from donors	2	572,076	513,768
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>572,076</b>	<b>513,768</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Office and administration expenditures		(57,876)	(49,017)
Project expenditures	3	(519,770)	(468,925)
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>(577,646)</b>	<b>(517,942)</b>
<b>Deficit of receipts over payments for the year</b>		<b>(5,570)</b>	<b>(4,174)</b>
<b>Surplus of receipts over payments b/f</b>		<b>70,355</b>	<b>74,529</b>
<b>Surplus of receipts over payments c/f</b>		<b>64,785</b>	<b>70,355</b>

9 October 2014

Prepared by:

Huynh Thi Nhu Lien  
Chief Accountant

Approved by:

Nguyen Vu Khoi  
Chief Executive Officer*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement*

## **Wildlife At Risk**

### **Notes to the statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 30 June 2014**

These notes form an integral part of, and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying statement of receipts and payments.

#### **1 Summary of significant accounting policies**

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted by Wildlife At Risk in the preparation of this statement.

##### **(a) Basis of preparation**

The statement of receipts and payments, expressed in United States Dollars ("USD"), has been prepared in accordance with the cash receipts and disbursements basis. This is a basis of accounting that is designed to meet the requirements of Wildlife at Risk; it is not designed to produce a statement of receipts and payments that is compatible with International Financial Reporting Standards. On this basis, income is recognised when received rather than when earned; advances to project staff are recorded as expenditure when the advances are liquidated; other expenditure is recognised when paid rather than when incurred.

##### **(b) Foreign currency transactions**

Transactions in currencies other than USD during the year have been translated into USD at the rates approximating those ruling at the transaction dates.

##### **(c) Non-expendable equipment**

The cost of non-expendable equipment is charged to expenditure upon acquisition.



## Wildlife At Risk

### Notes to the statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 30 June 2014

## 2 Receipts from donors

All funds received during the year were made available by:

	2014 USD	2013 USD
Mr. Dominic Scriven, the President of Wildlife at Risk	488,564	448,251
Brigitter Bardot Aide Financial Foundation	19,936	9,293
Dragon Capital	2,807	5,000
Osprey Packs	2,000	3,980
Melbourne Fund	-	10,920
Mega Star Media Company	10,168	-
International Primate Protection League (IPPL)	6,150	-
Representative office of Netherlands Development Organisation	5,570	-
Mr. Joes Hose - Dragon Capital	5,000	-
LG Vina Cosmetics Co., Ltd- Beyond	4,352	-
Donation from individuals and other organisations	27,529	36,324
	572,076	513,768

## 3 Project expenditures

	2014 USD	2013 USD
Enforcement	310,877	334,717
Awareness	129,292	48,340
Conservation	79,601	85,868
	519,770	468,925

Included in the project expenditures were merchandise inventories costing USD1,984 (2013: USD674) which were traded and used as a source of donation. These merchandise inventories were not fully sold during the year and the remaining balance as at 30 June 2014 was USD8,923 (2013: USD12,717).

Included in the project expenditures were contributions of USD485,135 (2013: USD420,067) from Mr. Dominic Scriven, the president of Wildlife at Risk.

## 4 Other supplementary information

The information disclosed in Appendix A to H represents the donations received and expenditures incurred from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 on various projects carried out by Wildlife At Risk and these Appendixes form part of the statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 30 June 2014.

**Wildlife At Risk  
Cu Chi Rescue Station**

**1. Receipts from donors**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Mr. Dominic Scriven, the President of Wildlife at Risk	106,084	76,821
Donation from individuals	4,354	16,152
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	110,438	92,973
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**2. Project expenditures**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Construction	12,111	17,520
Equipment	10,472	1,897
Staff expenses	32,598	22,537
Medicine	4,192	1,966
Food	21,746	24,197
Administration expenses	14,084	14,084
Operation cost	3,554	3,362
Others	11,681	7,410
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	110,438	92,973
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**Wildlife At Risk  
Hon Me Rescue Station**

**1. Receipts from donors**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Mr. Dominic Scriven, the President of Wildlife at Risk	45,596	36,898
Other	231	266
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	45,827	37,164
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**2. Project expenditures**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Construction	5,421	4,655
Equipment	2,988	1,790
Staff expenses	13,280	7,389
Food	7,995	8,102
Administration expenses	5,746	5,746
Operation cost	3,831	4,833
Others	6,566	4,649
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	45,827	37,164
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**Wildlife At Risk  
Cat Tien Wildlife Rescue Station**

**1. Receipts from donors**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Mr. Dominic Scriven, the President of Wildlife at Risk	-	24,225
Donation from individuals	-	250
	-	24,475

**2. Project expenditures**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Construction	-	1,309
Equipment	-	556
Staff expenses	-	7,139
Food	-	9,713
Medicine	-	405
Administration expenses	-	3,389
Others	-	1,964
	-	24,475



**Wildlife At Risk  
Wildlife Education Project**

**1. Receipts from donors**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Mr. Dominic Scriven, the President of Wildlife at Risk	61,499	59,980
Others	6,632	1,181
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	68,131	61,161
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**2. Project expenditures**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Equipment	536	412
Staff expenses	14,588	13,738
Events expenses	42,270	36,214
Administration expenses	8,952	8,952
Others	1,785	1,845
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	68,131	61,161
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**Wildlife At Risk  
Phu Quoc Project**

**1. Receipts from donors**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Mr. Dominic Scriven, the President of Wildlife at Risk	136	1,826

**2. Project expenditures**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Travelling expenses	-	1,236
Staff expenses	-	454
Administration expenses	136	136
	136	1,826



**Wildlife At Risk  
U Minh Thuong Project**

**1. Receipts from donor**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Mr. Dominic Scriven, the President of Wildlife at Risk	738	1,113

**2. Project expenditures**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Travelling expenses	513	66
Staff expenses	-	472
Administration expenses	128	128
Others	97	447
	738	1,113

**Wildlife At Risk  
Fish Project**

**1. Receipts from donors**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Mr. Dominic Scriven, the President of Wildlife at Risk	16,489	16,725

**2. Project expenditures**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Staff expenses	12,592	12,093
Administration expenses	2,300	2,300
Others	1,597	2,332
	16,489	16,725

**Wildlife At Risk**  
**Biodiversity survey (Quang Ngai / Lam Dong / Ca Mau)**

**1. Receipts from donors**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Mr. Dominic Scriven, the President of Wildlife at Risk	20,951	16,054
Others	3,341	2,228
	<hr/> 24,292	<hr/> 18,282

**2. Project expenditures**

	<b>From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 USD</b>	<b>From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 USD</b>
Staff expenses	8,248	7,139
Travelling expenses	4,113	1,406
Equipment	-	2,021
Administration expenses	2,948	2,948
Others	8,983	4,768
	<hr/> 24,292	<hr/> 18,282