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## Hello and welcome!

During the past quarter, WAR promoted and signed co-operational programmes with the Hanoi-based *Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources (IEBR)*, aiming for wildlife preservation. Both sides cooperated in propagating wildlife preservation in general, and especially concerning the *crocodile lizard*.

Planting endemic trees is of value for environmental preservation and protection, and thus contributing to the aims of development for a green, clean and beautiful earth.

WAR would like to express its gratitude to each and every person and organization that supported and cooperated with WAR in its actions on wildlife preservation in the past!

Sincere thanks!

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WAR's focus lies on development programs for breeding and reproduction of wild species in semi-natural conditions to protect endangered gene pool of Vietnam's endemic species and to contribute to the preservation of the earth's biodiversity.

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Releasing material promoting the preservation of the Crocodile lizard (Thằn lằn cá sấu)

During the past quarter, WAR cooperated with the Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources (IEBR) printing stickers for students, aiming to promote the preservation of the crocodile lizard and to encourage the younger generation's curiosity and interest to explore the biodiversity of our living environment. Furthermore, WAR and IEBR hope to contribute to providing needed information on this species to all interested parties and individuals.



HELP TO PROTECT OUR BIOVERSITY AND TO PRESERVE OUR WILDLIFE NATURE TOGETHER WITH US!

On 29<sup>th</sup> December 2016, the Biodiversity and Environmental Education Room of the Me Linh Biodiversity Station, part of the IEBR, was opened for public use with the attendance and support of WAR, the Cologne Zoo, VAST (Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology) and the FES (Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation). The Biodiversity and Environmental Education Room of Me Linh Biodiversity Station marks one more “green facility” for propagating the protection of Vietnam’s wildlife species.







In November WAR coordinated its technical and consultative support in Tan My village (Phong My commune – Phong Dien district – Thua Thien Hue province), where the Vietnam National Museum of Nature is also operating, and integrated the area into its wildlife rescue operation area. Through this, WAR could share its experiences on rescuing wild animals of the past 10 years. WAR hopes the new partner will contribute to gather more experience in extending and carrying out wildlife rescue operations.





Photo: N. V. Khoi



Photo: Illustrated

During this quarter, WAR contracted with the Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources (IEBR) on a breeding and reproduction program for wildlife preservation in Binh Duong province. Hopefully this coordinated program will bring fruitful results in the future and contribute to strengthen the currently threatened biodiversity. It will raise public awareness on wildlife preservation among residents and contribute a small piece to the socio-economic development in the province.

## Cooperation for the preservation of our endangered wildlife!





The already given environmental friendly materials like a jar, stones, sand and gravel can be used to create a filter system useful for raising and looking after turtles. Every filter system has a rough filter consisting of stone, sand, gravel and a filter membrane of sponge and active coal. These materials can absorb organic substances as well as create natural microorganisms in the water.

***Small deeds with a great meaning***





Photo: Xuan Lam

*With an area of approximately 93 m<sup>2</sup> the recently completed turtle cage fulfills the need of semi-natural breeding area for a few endangered turtle species. The inside of the cage was designed with 2 ponds with enough capacities to store water during the dry season, which make it an appropriate environment for these turtle species.*

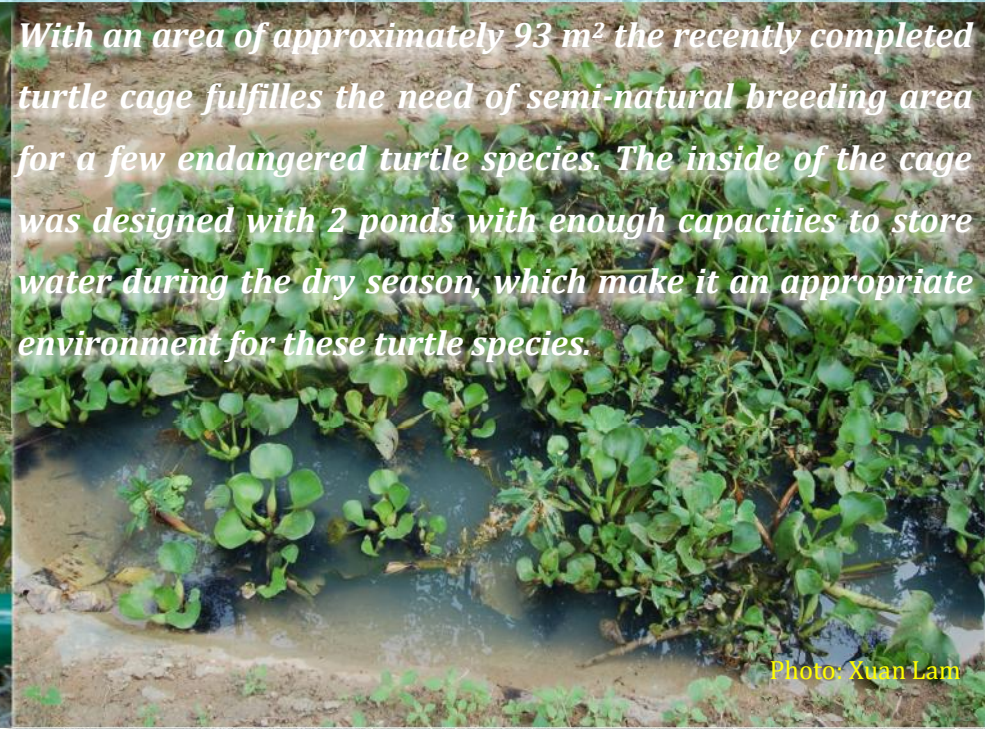


Photo: Xuan Lam



Photo: N.V. Khoi

*During their leisure time officers and staff built small ways leading to the nursing and breeding areas of wild animals.*



Photo: N.V. Khoi





Sustainable trees like the rare rosewood, *hopea odorata*, *dipterocarpus alatus*, etc. were planted around the precinct and in the nursing and breeding areas to provide more shade and space for relaxation and entertainment for the wild animals, while at the same time protecting the environment and embodying an appropriate solution for the future, instead of planting non-endemic trees.





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