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## Welcome!

During the past quarter, Wildlife At Risk (WAR) organized several rescue activities and took part in activities enhancing law enforcement on wildlife protection. Furthermore, WAR tried to raise the public awareness on conservation wildlife through education activities for teachers and students in Binh Chanh District and District 7 in Ho Chi Minh City and on Con Dao Island. About 600 books on marine conservation for students on Con Dao Island were published with the support of WAR in July 2016.

WAR is grateful for the generous support of all individuals and organisations, their efforts on wildlife preservation and their cooperation with WAR.

Yours sincerely,

**Nguyen Vu Khoi – WAR' CEO**

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The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Cop -17, was held in the city of Johannesburg, South Africa, in September 2016. Eight kinds of Pangolins, in which Vietnam has two, were transferred from Appendix II to Appendix I of the Convention. This leads to a stronger legal bases for handling violations in Pangolin trafficking. However, is it a good news? Or should we reflect even more about our responsibility and behaviour towards nature!?

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**Publishing a small book about Sea Snakes in Vietnam.**



Aug 2016 – WAR incorporated with the Institute of Oceanography of Nha Trang city and published a small book about Sea Snakes in Vietnam, hoping to help those who are interested in these species to obtain the needed information.



Supporting to identify  
bird species and  
collecting virus samples  
on birds in Quang Ngai  
Province

On 6 Aug 2016, WARs staff collected samples for tests on viruses and epidemic diseases and supported to identify 10 bird species at the Forest Protection Department of Minh Long District, in Quang Ngai province.





In July and Sep. 16 WAR guided and instructed people to transfer wild animals to the Cu Chi Wildlife Rescue Station (CCWRS) – Forest Protection Department Ho Chi Minh City (FPDHCMC): 1 individual of *Indotestudo elongata* and 2 individuals of *Malayemys subtrijuga*



Releasing sea turtles into Hon Mun protected marine area

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, Wildlife At Risk cooperated with the Marine Resource Protection and Quality Management Department of Ho Chi Minh City and released two (2) sea turtles, (*Eretmochelys imbricate*), weighing 50 kg, into the sea of the Protected Marine Area Hon Mun – Nha Trang. These two sea turtles were found at a Business Facility in Thu Duc District. One of the difficulties for the partner when instructed, was that individuals or units were incapable of helping to finance the rescue and release. Unfortunately, the Marine Resource Protection and Quality Management Department also had a limited fund and technical expertise for rescuing and releasing the sea turtles into wildlife.





WAR received a call for help from the Forest Protection Department (FPD) of Tay Ninh province to help relocate aggressive male macaques, which attacked local residents and visitors at the Tay Ninh Cao Dai Temple. WAR's staff released them in a different forest area.

A total of eight (08) pig-tailed macaque and long-tailed macaque individuals were captured and successfully relocated in the days from the 26 - 28th of September by WAR's staff. For a long time, these macaques had attacked and even bitten people. The relocation was highly appreciated by the local people and the local government.





The meeting was an opportunity for students to get souvenirs made of environmental friendly materials.



## Online communication at British Vietnamese International School

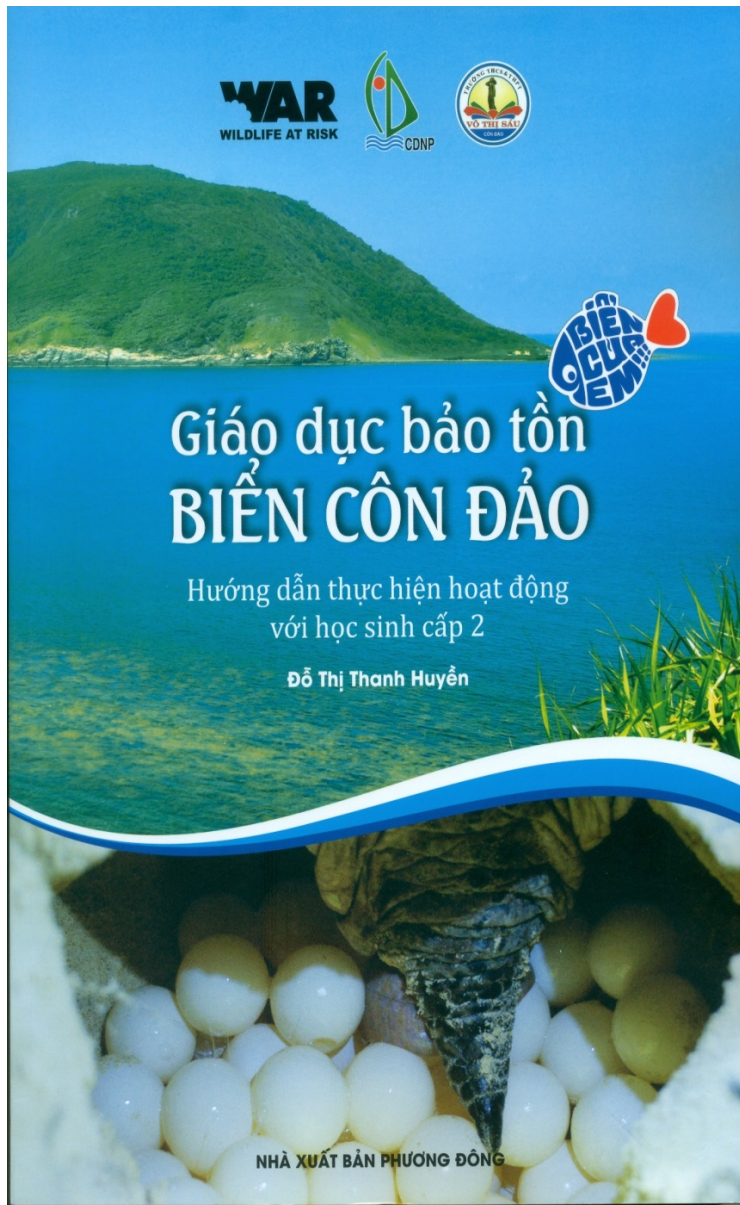
In this quarter, WAR organized a lecture and discussion about environmental and wildlife protection at the British Vietnamese International School (BVIS). The students joined WAR's activities and were eager to know about the rare wildlife of our world.

## Friendly relations with other NGOs

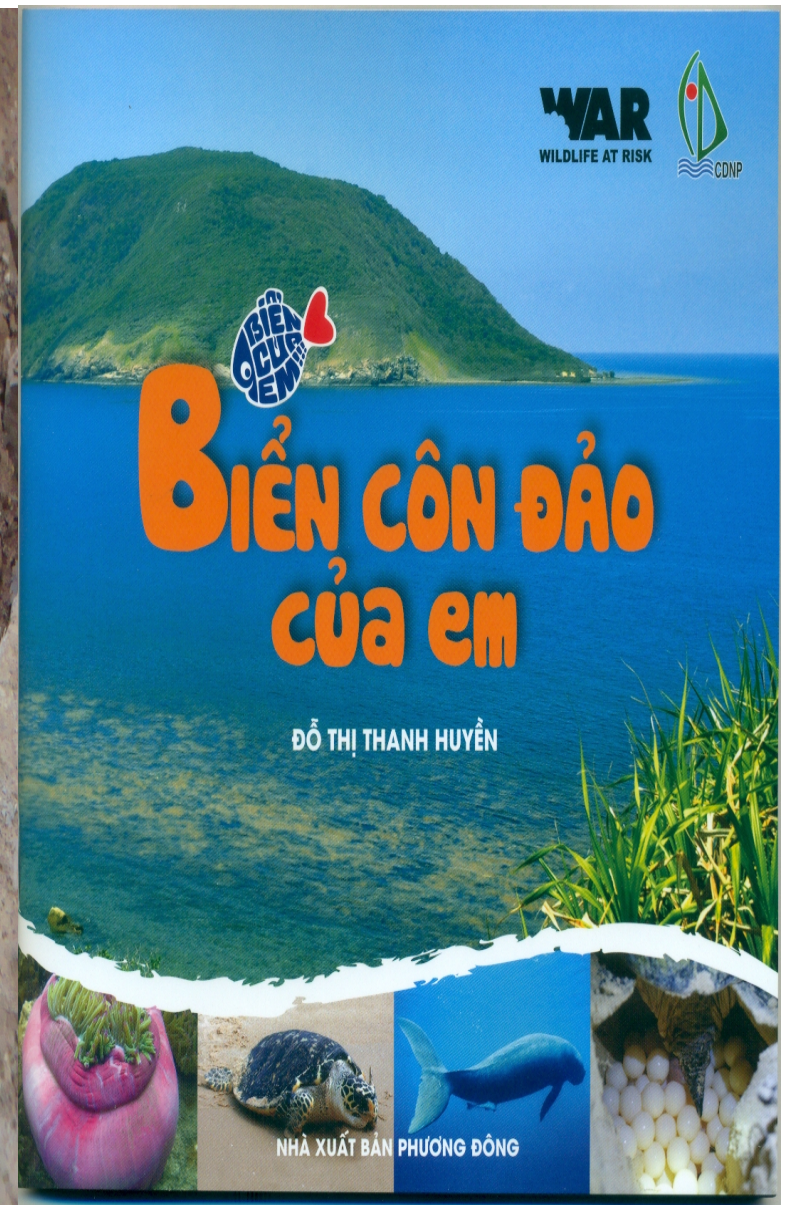
HCMC – WAR took part in a friendly meeting with other NGOs in the “4<sup>th</sup> NGOs meeting” on Aug 18, 2016 in District 7. The students participated and contributed to the meeting by buying souvenirs only made of environmental friendly materials.







600 books on wildlife and environmental education of Con Dao sea were published in July 2016 and widely distributed to teachers and students on the island.





*Receiving information, processing information and responding you in time!*



Mid of August - WAR received a call from a tourist who was concerned about sea turtles at one tourist site on Phu Quoc. We have contacted and transfered all necessary information to the local authorities on Phu Quoc Island to resolve this issue quickly.

WAR is grateful for the generous support from informants and the quick reaction of the Phu Quoc authorities – Kien Giang Province



## Awareness and Environmental Education

### *Supporting with Technical Expertise*

Providing technical assistance to the ecological sanctuary in Dong Thap Muoi – Tien Giang Province, on catching and relocating a crocodile.



In July, the Dong Thap Muoi ecological sanctuary in Tien Giang province discovered one crocodile in a lake of 4km<sup>2</sup>, weighing about 50kg.

WAR was contacted to instruct the staff on catching and relocating the crocodile to a more suitable environment.



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***Join us in saving Vietnam's endangered species'!***

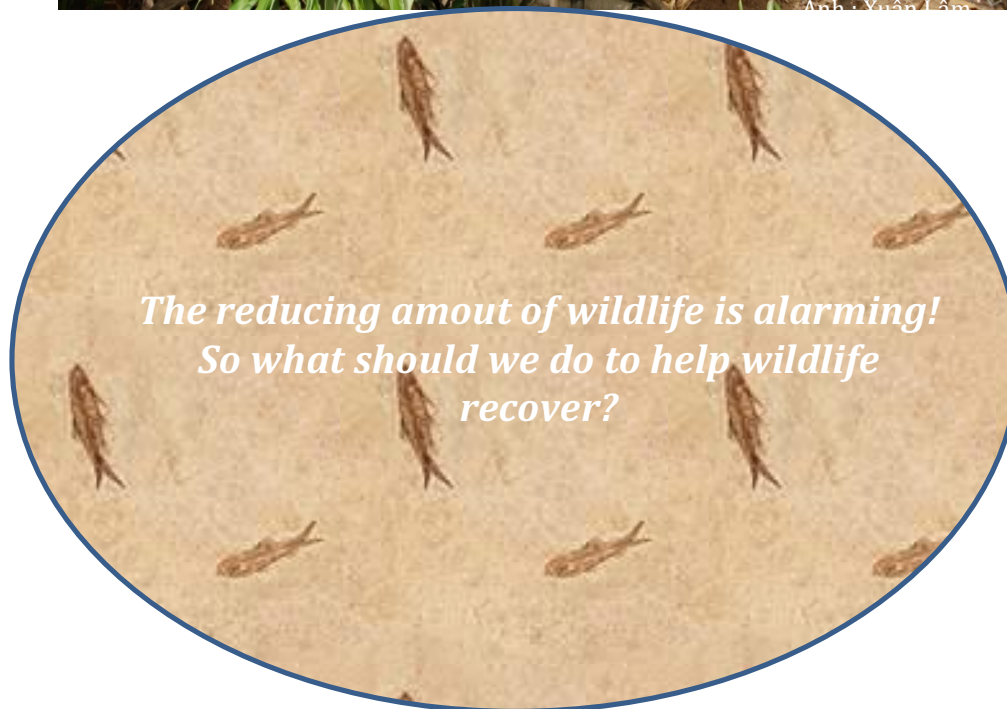


## Cooperating with the breeding programme of diverse species for the conservation of Vietnam's biodiversity



At first, several turtles of the kinds *Indotestudo elongata*, *Heosemys grandis* and *Heiremys annadalei* are breeding in a semi-natural area with the purpose of conservation.

The offsprings of these species will be released to nature after the necessary check-ups in legal procedures.

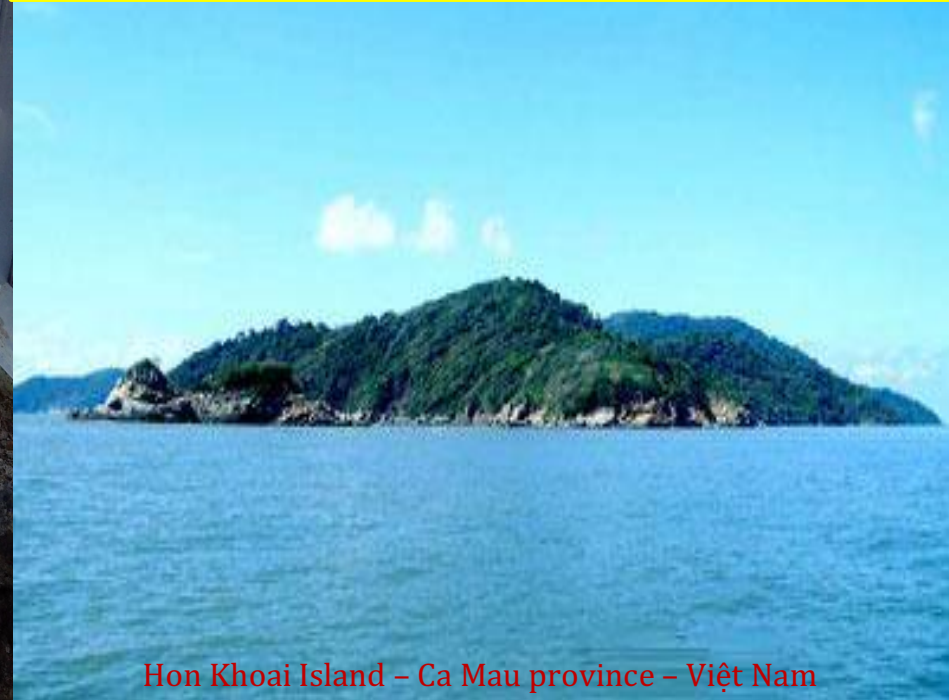






Rock gecko, *Cnemaspis psychedelic*, is an endemic and rare species that was recorded recently on Hon Khoai Island, Ca Mau Province, Vietnam. Thanks to the scientists for their valuable discovery of this species. This will bring more information about the value of biodiversity to the public.

Main features: Gray-blue to light red back. Orange legs and tail. Some yellow spots and thick black stripes in the neck area. Orange on two ribs with 3-4 light yellow lines.



Let us contribute to the protection and preservation of Vietnam's wildlife and biodiversity!



