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## WELCOME

Conducting 3 releases of wild animals to the forest and building 8 wildlife cages are the highlights that Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station has achieved in the first 6 months of 2022. Specifically, 61 wildlife in total were releasing back into the forest, including a number of species such as Burmese Python (*Python molurus*), King Cobra (*Ophiophagus hannah*), Elongated Tortoise (*Indotestudo elongata*), Mekong Snail-eating Turtle (*Malayemys subtrijuga*), Southeast Asian Box Turtle (*Cuora amboinensis*), Giant Asian Pond Turtle (*Heosemys grandis*), Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*)...

In addition, Dau Tieng Station received 12 wild animals, including some species that are critically endangered in group IB as specified in Appendix I, Decree: 84/2021/ND-CP dated September 22 /2021 namely Siamese Crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*), Asian Small-clawed Otter (*Aonyx cinereus*), King Cobra (*Ophiophagus hannah*), Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*) from Binh Duong Forest Protection Department, Ba Ria - Vung Tau Environmental Police and Tay Ninh Police.

After a long period of mating in captivity, we are delighted to inform that the two Pygmy Slow Lorises (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) were born at Dau Tieng Station in March 2022. Along with that is an increase in the number of F1 of the Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*) and the Southeast Asian Box Turtle (*Cuora amboinensis*).

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*A Pygmy Slow Loris in the loving hands of the mother*

## FOR THE FIRST TIME: A CRITICALLY ENDANGERED PRIMATE SPECIES HAS BEEN BORN AT A CONSERVATION STATION

For roughly 20 years, WAR has been very active in the rescuing, releasing and breeding of endangered species for conservation purposes. However, this is the first time we have recorded the birth of 2 young Lories (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) born in the captivity. Their parents were rescued in 2017 and after 2 years of recovering health and natural instincts, we conducted a pairing.

With determination and great effort, nearly 3 years later, on March 20th, 2022 - International Day of Happiness, 2 healthy little Pygmy Slow Lorises were born in the semi-wild area in Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station.

Currently, the two babies are now growing up healthily in the loving of their parents at Dau Tieng home. It is undeniable that saving and taking care of a Pygmy Slow Loris is a very long and difficult process. Therefore, the process of looking after Loris did require a lot of skills and experience.

This is a good sign for primate conservation in Vietnam. We hope that these Lorises stay healthy and grow up well so that one day, they could return to the wild with their parents.





## RECEIVED 3 WILD ANIMALS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE OF BA RIA - VUNG TAU

With the enthusiastic cooperation by the Environmental Police of Ba Ria - Vung Tau Province, on January 27th, 2022, Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station received 1 Asian Small-clawed Otter (*Aonyx cinereus*), 1 Pig-tailed Macaque (*Macaca leonina*) and 1 Long-tailed Macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*).

Upon receipt, these above wildlife are in a state of sickness, fatigue and exhaustion. Besides, they all originate from illegal captive breeding as pets in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province. All are prioritized for protection according to Decree: 84/2021/ND-CP dated 22/09/2021. To be more specific, Asian Small-clawed Otter (*Aonyx cinereus*) is a critically species in group IB specified in Appendix I and Decree: 84/2021/ND-CP dated September 22, 2021 and IUCN-2022.

WAR highly appreciates the support from Ba Ria - Vung Tau authorities in wildlife conservation.





## A FRESHWATER CROCODILE WAS VOLUNTARILY DELIVERED TO DAU TIENG STATION

In the morning of April 21st, 2022, a local resident in Binh Duong province discovered a crocodile in a ditch in Binh Duc neighborhood, Binh Nham ward, Thuan An city, Binh Duong province and urgently reported it to the Mobile Ranger Team in Binh Duong province for rescue. After receiving of the information requiring assistance from the authorities, we were quickly travelled to the field to rescue.



Through initial examination, it was revealed a freshwater crocodile with the scientific name known as *Crocodylus siamensis*, which is a critically species (Group IB in Appendix I, Decree: 84/2021/ND-CP) on September 22nd, 2021 weighting 01kg, unknown origin but in good health condition.

Currently, this individual crocodile is now being cared for and raised at Dau Tieng Conservation Station. WAR does recommend that people living in areas which are close to rivers, lakes or forests should build barriers to prevent wild animals, which could avoid affecting on the safety of the local residence.



## AN ENDANGERED, PRECIOUS, RARE AND SICK SPECIES TO BE RESCUED

In cooperation with the police of Bau Bang district, Binh Duong province and the witness of the Binh Duong Provincial Forest Protection Department, the Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station received 1 female Sunda Pangolin (*Manis Javanica*), weighing at 2.5kg on the last day of March 2022.

Sunda Pangolin is a critically endangered animal that is on the verge of extinction and is now receiving a lot of attention from wildlife conservation agencies in Vietnam in recent years.

Before



After



With increasing awareness campaigns about the importance of wildlife conservation in general and pangolin conservation in particular, many Vietnamese people have improved in awareness when enforcing the law. And this case of receiving pangolins is indeed a concrete example. Local residents living in Bau Bang district actively contacted the authorities and voluntarily transferred the pangolin.

We do welcome the the citizen's self-discipline in enforcing the law. The conservation of biodiversity will not be effective without the active cooperation by the people and from the authorities.

The pangolin is currently growing healthy at the Dau Tieng Conservation Station. For the next step, we will conduct pairing as well as monitor the breeding process with regard to this pangolin.



## ANOTHER AMPUTEE WILD ANIMAL TO ENTER DAU TIENG STATION

Hunting and consuming wild birds are still taking place seriously in many localities in Vietnam. This negatively affects on biodiversity, the environment and poses a potential risk of diseases for humans and organisms. In an effort to conserve wild birds, prevent and stop hunting, catching and destroying the habitats of wild birds; local authorities and relevant agencies in Binh Duong province has strengthened patrol, control, prevention; arrest and strictly handle acts of hunting, catching, killing, raising, confining, transporting, trading, processing, storing and consuming wild birds illegally.

On June 22nd, 2022, Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station (WAR) supported Binh Duong Provincial Forest Protection Department to provide care for 01 Brahminy Kite (*Haliastur indus*); weights 0.5kg with amputated left leg. According to known sources, this individual was confiscated at a household during the patrol by the Mobile Ranger Team. Currently, WAR's staff and veterinarians are treating and taking care of the aforementioned Brahminy Kite at the Wildlife Conservation Station (303 plot, Le Danh Cat hamlet, Thanh Tuyen commune, Dau Tieng district, Binh Duong province).



*The Dau Tieng Station receives a Brahminy Kite*



*A close view at the Brahminy Kite's amputation (the left leg)*



## A SUCCESSFUL RELEASE OF 6 WILD ANIMALS TO DONG NAI CULTURE AND NATURE RESERVE



Bringing the wild animal to the releasing point



Bye bye Baby, wishing you a peaceful life and safety!

On January 25th, 2022, WAR collaborated with Binh Duong Forest Protection Department to successfully release 6 wildlife including 1 Pig-tailed Macaque (*Macaca ironina*), 1 Long-tailed Macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*), 1 Burmese Python (*Python molurus*), 1 Brown Fish Owl (*Ketupa zeylonensis orientalis*) and 2 Leopard Cats (*Prionailurus bengalensis*) at Dong Nai Nature - Culture Reserve. All of the above-mentioned wild animals were confiscated by the Binh Duong Provincial Forest Protection Department from illegal wildlife trade and captive breeding, and then transferred to Dau Tieng Station for treatment.

Before releasing into the nature, we monitored and evaluated the survival ability of the species in the semi-wild environment over a period of care at Dau Tieng Station.

We sincerely thank the cooperation by the Board of Directors of Dong Nai Nature - Culture Reserve and Binh Duong Forest Protection Department in releasing wildlife into the forest.







## LO GO XA NATIONAL PARK - THE SHARED HOUSE FOR SEVERAL WILDLIFE SPECIES

Over 100km from the East of Dau Tieng Station, Lo Go Xa Mat National Park is well known for being a peaceful habitat for several rare and precious species of flora and fauna. The forest ecosystem of Lo Go Xa Mat National Park is viewed as the standard sample of the transition zone between the low hills in the Southeast region toward the Mekong Delta. Therefore, after assessing the distribution of species, Dau Tieng Station collaborated with the Forest Protection Department, Tay Ninh Provincial Police and the Management Board of Lo Go Xa Mat National Park to carry out 2 releasing trips on March 30th, 2022 and April 28th, 2022.

Before bringing these wildlife back to the forest, WAR and Tay Ninh Forest Protection Department coordinated with the Institute of Biological Resources Ecology to collect DNA sample tests. The process took place in mid-February 2022. After completing the health check and related procedures, we proceed to return the wildlife to the forest. A total of 55 individuals including 4 King Cobras (*Ophiophagus hannah*), 1 Elongated Tortoise (*Indotestudo elongata*), 30 Southeast Asian Box Turtles (*Cuora amboinensis*), 4 Yellow-headed Temple Turtles (*Heosemys annandalii*), 15 Giant Asian Pond Turtles (*Heosemys grandis*) and 1 Mekong Snail-eating Turtle (*Malayemys subtrijuga*) have been safely returned to mother nature. All are wild animals listed in the Red Book of Vietnam.





# INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Building cages and developing the semi-wildlife areas for wildlife are utmost necessary and important. That is because these will be places where wild animals recover their inherent natural instincts, including climbing, finding food on their own. In the first 6 months of 2022, the construction team in Dau Tieng Station built 1 cage for Langur (4.2m x 3.5m), 1 cage for Monkey (4m x 4.6m) in the Primate Zone; 1 Pangolin cage (4.15m x 3.15m), 3 cages for Leopard Cat (9.6m x 4.8m) in the Small Carnivore Area and 2 Turtle cages (1.6m x 3m) in Turtle Zone. Each semi-wild area will be specifically designed, in accordance with the natural conditions belonging to each species, typically several large and small trees, shrubs and covering plantations. In particular, in the Small Carnivore Area, a system of infrared cameras has been installed to generate night vision and in doing so, we can assess wild animals' survival ability in wildlife before releasing it to the forest.



*Picture of the industrious building team under construction*

In addition, the Quarantine Area continues to be improved by tiling the whole area, ensuring hygiene and cleanliness. Toward the fence, a door with dimensions of 3.7m x 2.2m made of metal has been installed. The door will prevent wild animals from climbing out, thus ensuring absolute safety in the captive wildlife.





6 MONTHS AGO



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*An additional cage to ensure for Langur rescue*



*Picture of the 03 newly built cages in the Small Carnivore Area*





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