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WELCOME

During the second quarter, Wildlife At Risk focused on upgrading the Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station to the official conservation facility (according to standards of species conservation). Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station has repaired enclosures, completed the remaining 75m of fence surrounding the Administrative Area to close the entire 6,707m area of the station.

As for law enforcement, 70 wildlife was handed over from Binh Duong Forest Protection Department, Bac Lieu Forest Protection Department and Ben Cau District Police, Tay Ninh Province to Dau Tieng Station including some critically endangered species belonging to group IB specified in Appendix I, Decree: 84/2021 /ND-CP dated September 22, 2021 namely Asian Small-clawed Otter (*Aonyx cinereus*), Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*).

Meanwhile, we have cooperated with Binh Duong Forest Protection Department and Dong Nai Cultural Nature Reserve to release 28 wildlife back into the forest. Furthermore, there has been a steady increase in the number of F1 of both Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Giant Asian Pond Turtle (*Heosemys grandis*) and Southeast Asian Box Turtle (*Cuora amboinensis*).

The year 2022 has come to an end, we would like to express our deep gratitude to all the companions and sponsors over the past year. Happy New Year 2023, wish you all a happy and prosperous new year ahead.

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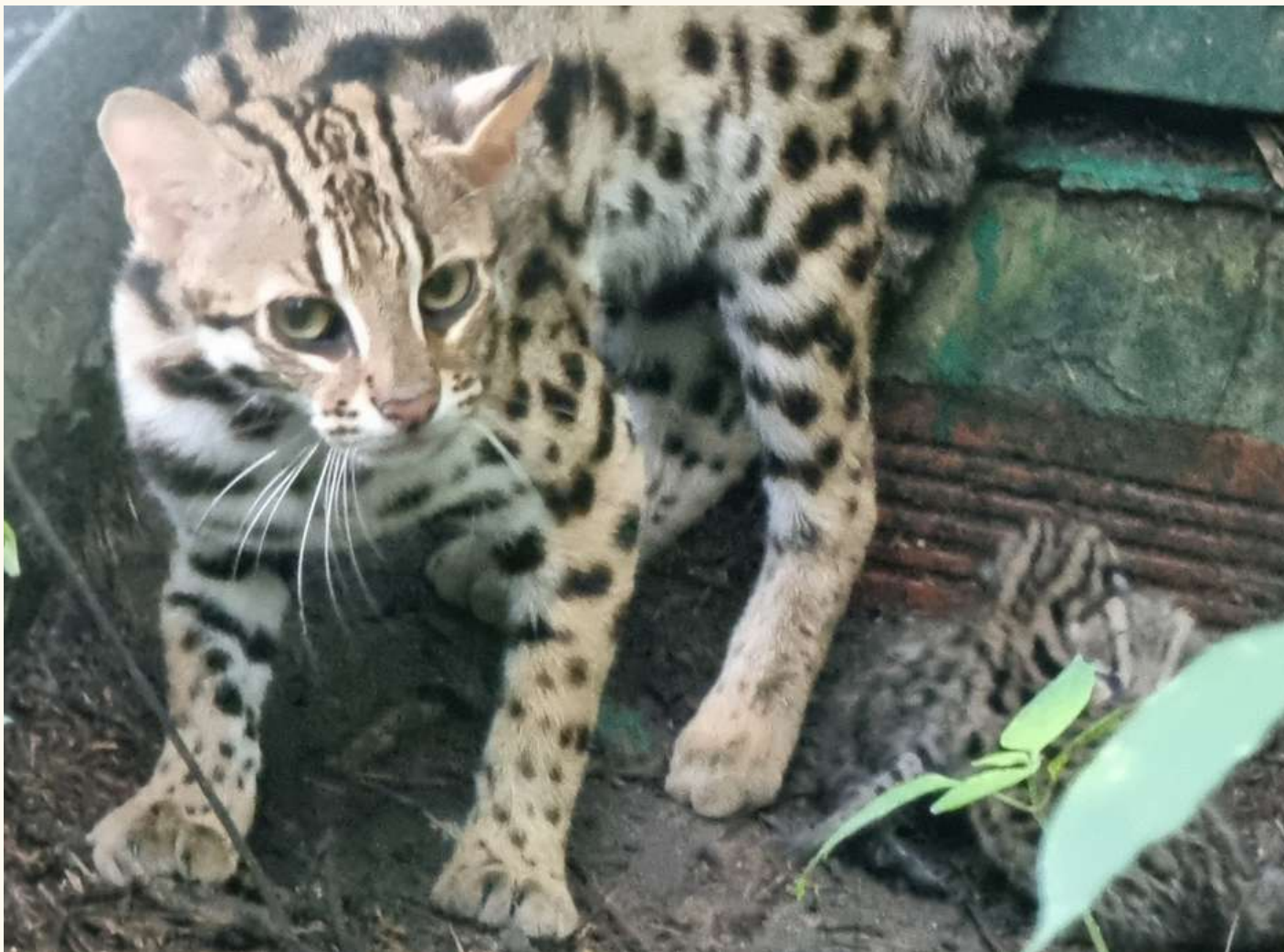
ASSESSING THE DOCUMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF CONSERVATION FACILITIES



On September 19, 2022, the Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station had an important meeting, welcoming the council to appraise the registration dossier for the establishment of conservation facility - Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Center. At the appointment, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment of Binh Duong province took the chair with various participants namely the Department of Nature Conservation and Biodiversity; Ass. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Quang Truong – Deputy Director of the Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Truong Thanh Canh - Lecturer at University of Natural Sciences and provincial authorities.

At the meeting, Mr. Le Xuan Lam - Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station Manager presented the registration of establishment of a conservation facility. As a result, we received the support of all members of the council on the need to establish Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Center. However, before submitting the dossier to the People's Committee of Binh Duong province for approval, there are still some points that need to be revised to complete the dossier on the basis of experts' comments.





THE NUMBER OF F1 BRED BABIES CONTINUES TO GROW AT DAU TIENG WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STATION

At Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station, we promote breeding of small mammals, tortoises and freshwater turtles for conservation purposes. In the past 6 months, a total of 16 babies were born, including 8 Leopard Cats (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), 4 Giant Asian Pond Turtles (*Heosemys grandis*) and 4 Black-backed Box Turtles (*Cuora amboinensis*).

The cubs born at Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station receive the highest standard of care and support to ensure their well-being. To mitigate the risk of noise stress, which can lead to mother Leopard Cats eating their newborns, the Leopard Cat's enclosures are kept as quiet as possible. The area is strategically located at the back of the station, away from roads and surrounded by natural planted forests to create a safe and conducive environment for the Leopard Cats to thrive.

They are currently being raised in the station's semi-wild environment. When the time is right, we will bring them back to the forest, contributing to the conservation of species as well as the conservation of rare and precious genetic resources in Vietnam.

PRESENTATION AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILE



Wildlife At Risk representative at the national conference

On September 11th, 2022, the 5th National Conference on Amphibian and Reptile in Vietnam took place at the Vietnam National University of Forestry, Hanoi city. Research results on amphibians and reptiles in Vietnam in recent times on ecology, ecology exploitation, breeding and protection of amphibians and reptiles in Vietnam were presented. Possible directions for development of research areas on amphibians and

reptiles in the upcoming time were announced and exchanged during the workshop. In addition, the workshop also briefly presented data on amphibians - reptiles in Vietnam, overview on future direction for research area on amphibians and reptiles and proposed solutions to promote international cooperation in research on amphibians - reptiles in Vietnam. At the workshop, WAR presented on the topic "Technical care for Psychedelic Rock Gecko (*Cnemaspis psychedelica*) at Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station" with the aim to discuss research methods, technical care and breeding methods catering to the Psychedelic Rock Gecko - an endemic species in Vietnam.



Conference photo



ANOTHER SEA TURTLE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO DAU TIENG CONSERVATION STATION

The Wildlife Conservation Station is well-known as the second settlement for many endangered wildlife species. At the station, we are constantly improving to create the best conditions, adapting the natural environment to our captive infrastructure. In addition, sea turtles are also one of the species that we had been supporting the authorities to treat and take care of. On July 4th, 2022, we received one sea turtle individual (*Chelonia mydas*) from the Fisheries Sub-Department of Dong Nai province weighing 10kg.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Fisheries Sub-Department of Dong Nai province for cooperation and timely coordinating with us in the successful rescue of this sea turtle individual.



RECEIVING TWO CRITICALLY ENDANGERED WILD ANIMALS KEPT IN CAPTIVITY OVER SEVERAL YEARS

In the morning of July 27th, 2022, a rescue team of Wildlife At Risk was quickly mobilized to the field to receive two gibbons after getting the An urgent information requiring assistance from the authorities. The two gibbons were fed by a 87-year-old man at his home, in a very cramped cage, located in an alley on Pham Ngu Lao street, Hiep Thanh ward, Thu Dau Mot city, Binh Duong province. At first, the rescue team was quick to assume that it would be very easy to capture the two gibbons in captivity, however, it took us a lot of time to approach the two animals to get them familiarized with the team members. Because they appeared very shy and fearful of strangers as a result of their years in captivity.



Veterinarian approached and acquainted with the captive wildlife animal

These are two individuals of the Red-cheeked Gibbon (*Nomascus gabriellae*) – a critically endangered species belonging to group IB, Appendix I, Decree: 84/2021/ND-CP dated September 22, 2021, female and weigh a total of 11kg. The elderly are aware that keeping Red-cheeked Gibbons in the house is illegally involved in criminal activities. Therefore, he voluntarily hands over these wildlife to the authorities.

We do welcome the spirit of self-discipline to enforce the law from the owner. At Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station, they will be treated and looked after by the devotion of both vet and WAR's staff.



With enthusiastic support from the local people and authorities, the 2 Red-cheeked Gibbons were successfully rescued

AN ENDANGERED INJURED WILDLIFE ANIMAL RECEIVED TIMELY TREATMENT AND CARE

In Vietnam, there are two species of Loris namely Bengal Slow Loris (*Nycticebus bengalensis*) and Pygmy Slow Loris (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) belonging to the order of primates. Both of these species are protected by Vietnamese law at the highest level because they are listed as extremely endangered, precious and rare species according to Decree: 84/2021/ND-CP dated September 22, 2021 of the Government. This decree prohibits any illegal activities such as hunting, killing, confining, transporting, and trading of these species and violators will be subject to penal liability under the law.

On August 12th, 2022, local people in Binh Duong province handed over a loris in Di An city to the rangers at Binh Duong FPD. After receiving information mentioning about the loris which is in urgent need of treatment, care and support from the authorities, we quickly mobilize to the field.



A close view at the wound in her behind leg due to electric shock

Initial observations revealed that: this is a Pygmy Slow Loris (*Nycticebus Pygmaeus*), an extremely endangered, precious and rare species (specified in Appendix I of Decree: 84/2021/ND-CP dated September 22, 2021) weighing about 300g, female and her left leg was severely injured due to electric shock.

We, however, regret to report that the Slow Loris could not survive because of her health condition, affected by chronic infection.

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In addition, on December 22, 2022, WAR received and rescued another Pygmy Slow Loris weighing 0.5kg from the Police of Tan Phuong district, Tien Giang province under the witness of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Tien Giang Province. Currently, this Pygmy Slow Loris is being cared for at Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station.



Complete the procedure for transferring and prepare to bring the Pygmy back to Dau Tieng Station

Photo: WAR/Le Xuan Lam

SUPPORTING BINH DUONG FOREST PROTECTION DEPARTMENT AND BEN CAU POLICE, TAY NINH PROVINCE TO PROVIDE CARE FOR ENDANGERED ANIMAL

From our observation, we realized that the Vietnamese people's awareness of and willingness for wildlife protection improved significantly recently. On September 27th, 2022, the WAR's hotline received a call from the local people stating their willingness to transfer a Sunda Pangolin (*Manis Javanica*) to the Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station. Without hesitation, we coordinated with the Binh Duong Provincial FPD to travel the field immediately.



The civil security transferred the Sunda Pangolin to the conservation station

With the timely coordination of the Binh Duong Provincial FPD, the Dau Tieng Station received a Sunda Pangolin; this male individual was sick and exhausted. In addition, a few days earlier, at the Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station, we also received from the Police of Ben Cau district, Tay Ninh province - a male Sunda Pangolin weighing at 2kg with an injured behind legs. The Sunda Pangolin is an endangered animal that is on the verge of extinction and is now receiving a lot of attention from the community and authorities, especially those working in wildlife conservation in Vietnam. It is forecasted that , if we do not have effective protection measures right now, one day not far away, the appearance of this species will only be mentioned on the book pages.

We do welcome the spirit of self-discipline to enforce the law from the local people. Biodiversity conservation will not be possible without the active cooperation by the local people and the authorities.

This pangolin is in good health condition at Dau Tieng Conservation Station. In the near future, we will conduct pairing as well as monitor the breeding process of this pangolin.



The two wounds at the behind legs



Otters are kept in a tight cage

After receiving information about a pair of Asian Small-clawed Otter (*Aonyx cinereus*) who are in need of urgent support, the WAR rescue team rushed to the field.

After over 6 hours of departing from Dau Tieng, Binh Duong province, we were at the field. When we arrived, the authorities were at the scene and had prepared all the relevant documents and procedures. In the backyard of the house, we witnessed the two baby Otters being kept in a clean room, including air conditioning to help balance the temperature.



Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station received wildlife from authorities

TWO ASIAN SMALL-CLAWED OTTER FROM BAC LIEU MOVED TO THEIR NEW HOME AT DAU TIENG CONSERVATION STATION, BINH DUONG

People said that the owners treated the two Otter babies like their own children. Every day, they feed the otters with boiled food such as chicken, shrimp, and squid. This worried us very much, as the above dishes are completely inappropriate with Otter's dietary needs.

The two otters' health was not good due to being raised in an unsuitable environment over a long time and long distances travel, we had to be very vigilant during the rescue trip to keep the two babies from socks.

Love for animals is very precious; however, if expressed in a wrong way, we are inadvertently killing wildlife. On this occasion, we highly appreciated the spirit of cooperation and support of people and authorities in Bac Lieu province.

Currently, two otter babies are being cared for at Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station. During this time, the veterinarian and animal care staff have been providing rehabilitation session for the two babies to restore their wild instincts



The owner said goodbye to her "pets"



INDIAN ROCK PYTHON - ONE OF THE MOST RESCUED SPECIES IN QUARTER 2 IN 2022

Pythons are an animal which is quite easy to keep and brings high economic value to the owner. Therefore, python farming in households in Vietnam has become quite common. Except for a few farms who are licensed to raise commercial pythons, the majority of the rest are illegal python farming households. Within the first 6 months of the year, we supported Binh Duong authorities to provide care and support for the 4 Pythons (*Python molurus*).

According to the authorities, all three pythons are illegally kept in private houses, so the authorities have mobilized those owners to voluntarily hand them over to the Rescue Station before releasing them into the wild. We have cooperated with Binh Duong Provincial FPD to release 1 out of 4 individuals into the forest. Currently, there are 3 individuals being raised at Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station.



The 2 pythons are nervous as they have been kept in captivity for a long time



RECEIVE A SUNDA PANGOLIN FROM BEN CAU POLICE, TAY NINH PROVINCE IN THE LAST DAYS OF 2022



Hand over exhibit

In the last days of the year 2022, the illegal trade of various items has seen a significant increase. Illegal wildlife trade is no exception. On December 28, 2022, the Forest Protection Department (FPD) of Ben Cau district, Tay Ninh province received a trust from the local police to support the care of a 3kg baby Sunda pangolin as evidence of illegal trade in the area.

The pangolin is currently receiving dedicated care and attention from the staff and veterinarian at the Dau Tieng Station.



The image of the evidence is weak, curled up

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

4 Yellow-headed Temple Turtles (*Heosemys annandalii*), 4 Southeast Asian Box Turtles (*Cuora amboinensis*), 1 Elongated tortoise (*Indotestudo elongata*), 1 Black Marsh Turtle (*Siebenrockiella crassicollis*), 3 Mekong Snail-eating Turtles (*Malayemys subtrijuga*) at Dong Nai Nature – Culture Reserve. Specifically, 2 Pythons with about 55kg in weight were released to the wild. All of the above-mentioned wild animals were confiscated by the Binh Duong Provincial FPD from illegal wildlife trade and captive breeding, and then transferred to Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station for treatment. Before releasing into the natural environment, we monitored and evaluated the survival ability of species in the semi-wild environment after a period of care at Dau Tieng Station.

We sincerely thank the cooperation and support by the Board of Directors of Dong Nai Nature – Culture Reserve, Binh Duong FPD in releasing wildlife into the forest.

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Move to a releasing destination



Goodbye! Safe and sound

On November 1st, 2022, WAR collaborated with Binh Duong Forest Protection Department to successfully released 27 wild species including 5 Southern Pig-tailed Macaques (*Macaca ironina*), 2 Common Long-tailed Macaques (*Macaca fascicularis*), 2 Stump-tailed Macaques (*Macaca arctoides*), 2 Indian Rock Pythons (*Python molurus*), 3 Giant Asian Pond Turtles (*Heosemys grandis*),



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

In the last 6 months of 2022, the construction team at Dau Tieng Station has focused on finishing the remaining fence. With the efforts and hard work, Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station has completed 75m of the fence wall adjective to the Administrative Area. In addition, we also focus on repairing and upgrading some in the semi-wild area.

All in all, the Wildlife Conservation Station has achieved all the important conditions to ensure the safety and shelter for living wildlife here.



Staff are hard-working under construction



75m of fence wall finished

CONSERVATION EDUCATION



DAU TIENG WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STATION WELCOME INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERS TO EXPERIENCE

During the last 6 months of 2022, the Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station has provided an opportunity for a Vietnamese international student to work as a volunteer at the station for a 2-week period from September 26, 2022 to October 7, 2022. This experience allowed the student to gain valuable hands-on knowledge and skills in the field of wildlife conservation. In addition, we have also been supporting a student at the University of Agriculture and Forestry in Ho Chi Minh City to conduct research on the conditions and status of turtle species before and after their release. This research not only contributes to the development of a process for the rescue and rehabilitation of turtle species, but also highlights the efforts of Vietnamese youth in wildlife conservation in Vietnam.

We believe that providing opportunities for students to gain practical experience and conduct research in the field of wildlife conservation is crucial for the conservation of endangered species and the development of future conservationists. We will continue to support the education and training of young individuals to ensure a sustainable future for Vietnam's wildlife.

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CONFERENCE "INTRODUCTION STRATEGY OF VIETNAM'S WILDLIFE CONSERVATION FUND" IN DA NANG CITY

On December 24, 2022, the Dau Tieng Wildlife Conservation Station participated in the conference "Introducing the strategy of Vietnam's Wildlife Conservation Fund" held in Da Nang city, along with more than 10 other organizations working in the field of wildlife conservation. At the meeting, we shared our opinions and expressed our desire to receive support from the fund to further promote wildlife conservation in Vietnam. This event provided an opportunity for non-governmental organizations to come together, reflect on their efforts and contributions to nature.

We hope that in 2023, with the support of the fund and through collaboration with other organizations, we will be able to bring greater values to Vietnam's nature and continue to protect its wildlife for future generations.

Taking photo to keep memories





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