

What's Up

A quarterly newsletter

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Welcome



Here are some highlights in our four quarterly newsletter for 2017: WAR organization has successfully released 3 rare species of sea turtles into marine protected area of Hòn Cau – Bình Thuận province.

We also received a species called snakebird (*Anhinga melanogaster*). The bird was received from the Thuận An town Police Investigation Agency - Bình Dương province and one stump-tailed macaque (*Marcaca arctoides*) from Phu Giao Forestry Protection Department - Bình Dương province. We also attended the conference on climate change of the Mekong Delta provinces.

All our turtles taking part in our breeding program were micro-chipped so we can easily monitor them now and after release.

We are continuing to build infrastructure and breeding facilities, so it can meet all the necessary standards of care and cure for wild animals handed over by appropriate authorities.

WAR would like to express its gratitude to 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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Lucky day for a Snakebird

Law enforcement

→ A snakebird (*Anhinga melanogaster*) arriving at WAR centre-big thanks to Police Dept from Thuan An Town



WAR organization received a species called snakebird (*Anhinga melanogaster*) at the Forestry Protection Department of Binh Duong province from the Investigation Police Department – Police of Thuan An town – Binh Duong province on 18 October 2017.

This individual was still young and rescued by the Police Department from an illegal wildlife trade occurring in the provincial area.

This is the second time the center has received illegal wildlife from The Police Department based in Binh Duong province. Last time in the middle of April 2017, WAR organization received 10 wild animals from the Environmental Police Agency – Binh Duong Province, including: 4 Burmese ferret-badgers (*Melogale personata*), 4 Indian rat snakes (*Ptyas mucosus*) and 2 sunbeam snakes (*Xenopeltis unicolor*), with the total weight of over 8kg. All the above animals had been taken care and cured by zealous, enthusiastic and experienced staff of WAR organization before being released to Lo Go Xa Mat National Park in Tay Ninh province.

Stump-tailed macaque (Macaca arctoides) in distress, found in a private home in the district of Phu Giao, Bình Dương province

Law enforcement



Compassionate care is the best way to reduce stress for wildlife



On October 31, 2017, WAR received one stump-tailed macaque (*Marcaca arctoides*) from The Forestry Protection Department of Phu Giao District –Binh Dương province. It was a female stump-tailed macaque, weighing 8 kg, being in distress and malnourished due to being captive for a long period of time in narrow cages at a private captive place in the area of Phu Giao- Binh Duong. They voluntarily handed over this stump-tailed macaque to the WAR organization after being encourages and propagandized by the appropriate authorities.



Currently, the condition of stump-tailed macaque has significantly improved thanks to special care, monitoring and regular check-up done by devoted staff of WAR organization at the rescue center. In addition, blood test was done by veterinarian of WAR to check for possible underlying infectious germs and DNA determination. They were also micro-chipped for future tracking.

Photo by WAR/ L.X.Lam

Successfully releasing 3 rare sea turtle species into Hon Cau Marine Reserve - Binh Thuan Province

Law enforcement



Photo 1: WAR receiving 3 sea turtles from the Marine Resource Protection and Quality Management Department, Ho Chi Minh City

Photo 2: All sea turtles are tagged before releasing into their natural environment

Photo 3: Next step is to move them to the collection point

On November 20, 2017 – at Hon Cau Marine Reserve- Binh Thuan Province, Wildlife At Risk organization (WAR) has successfully released 3 sea turtles, including 2 species of Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricate*) and Green Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) with the total weight of over 15kg.

WAR performed all health checks and tagged them before releasing. These turtles were rare wildlife species confiscated from restaurants in Ho Chi Minh City by The Marine Resource Protection and Quality Management Department and handed over to WAR Centre.



Photo 4: All transport boxes with turtles were moved onto the boat



Photo 5: It was a joyful moment seeing turtles being released back into their natural habitat

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This work can't be complete without an enthusiastic support from Deaprtment board of Hon Cau Marine Protected Area

Photos by WAR/ L.X.Lam

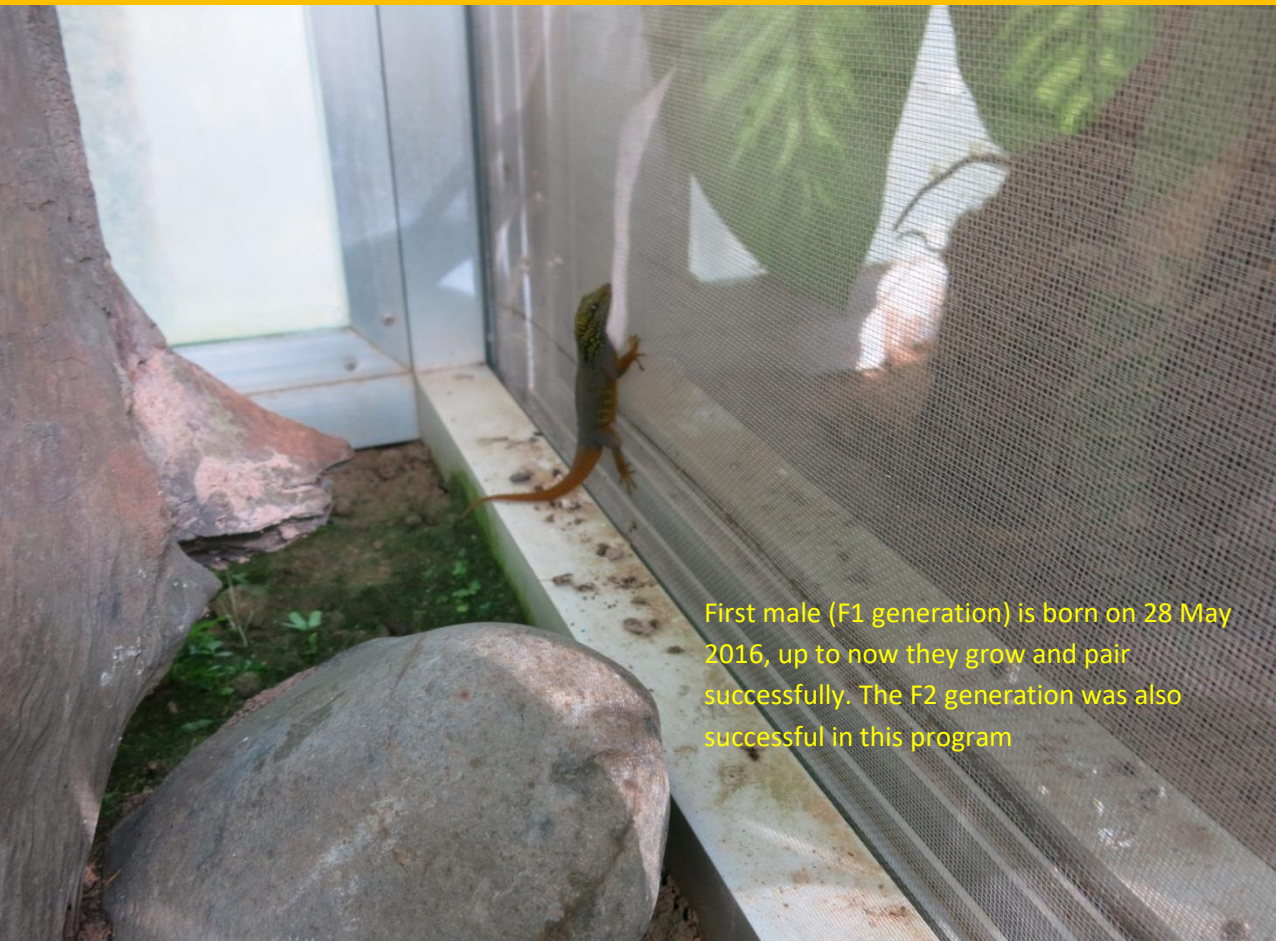
*Raising awareness of nature conservation in**Education*

On November 28, 2017, WAR organization participated in the Conference on Climate Change in the Mekong Delta. During the conference, the participants had made significant contributions appropriate to the practical conditions in localities. Scientists presented at this conference shared ideas and experience that had been applied by farmers in localities on how to minimize the impact of climate change on socio-economic development in the Mekong Delta provinces.

Photo by WAR /L.X.LAM



Climate change is a significant factor causing the declination of many wildlife populations

Reproduction of endangered rare - endemic species of Vietnam

First male (F1 generation) is born on 28 May 2016, up to now they grow and pair successfully. The F2 generation was also successful in this program



A purebred wild adult lizard was used in the breeding program and successfully produced 2 eggs (shown on the photo below)



Two hatched eggs 19/11/2017

Raising precious rare wildlife species for gene conservation purposes is the long-term strategy of WAR organization. One of the examples is Psychedelic Rock Gecko (*Cnemaspis psychedelica*), which is endemic to Vietnam and can only be found only on Hon Khoai Island - Ca Mau province. This species has been added to the list of endangered species Appendix I CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora). The creation of many F1 generation individuals has marked the initiating success of the program. This is one of the joint programs between WAR and the Institute for Ecological and Biological Resources (IEBR).

Wildlife care



↑ Tortoises used in our breeding program during feeding

Photo by WAR/L.X.Lam

Besides being carefully fed and looked after on daily basis by the center, the wild animals are also microchipped and followed up regularly, seriously following a proper process by WAR organization. At present all our tortoises and turtles are tagged with tracking microchips.



WAR veterinarians are monitoring the condition and health of all our animals. As can be seen on the photos, our vet is placing the microchip after carefully disinfecting the area to prevent transfer of any bacteria under skin where microchip will be inserted. The final step is to check if the new microchip works.

Building infrastructure and enclosures for animals



Completion of the third Monitor Lizard enclosure

Two rows of cages can accommodate 10 pairs of reproduction turtles

Photo by WAR/ L.X.Lam



A small cage with a capacity of 9 m3 each is completed



We are currently working on two more turtle enclosures

With the love for job and over 10-year extensive experience gained from working in former Rescue Center, besides taking good care of the wildlife species, our WAR team has also built breeding facilities for them. This shows their deep love for nature and wildlife, responsibility for the natural environment and society. We are hoping that our engagement and enthusiasm will be passed down to the next generation with a view to preserving natural diversity.



Nearly 90% of the area with cages is completed now

Photo by WAR/L.X.Lam

Thank you

The WAR organization would like to thank:

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→ *Köln Zoo – Germany has supported WAR organization in raising and preserving the rare reptile species in Vietnam*

Thanks to all organizations and individuals that gave support in rescue activities to protect Vietnam's wild animals.