

Monitoring the Global Tiger Recovery Program, Lao PDR.



Setting up GTRP Monitoring
Hanoi, Vietnam
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Priority Activities 2011

POLICY/INSTITUTIONAL

1. Conclusion of drafting of new PM Decree on Protected Areas
2. Official launch of Lao Wildlife Enforcement Network
3. Meetings at district, provincial and national level to review and resolve impacts of new road upgrade in NEPL core zone on tiger population and on future donor support for the NPA.

INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES

Habitat management

1. REDD feasibility study for NEPL NPA to be completed by June 2011.
Pilot incentives to reduce deforestation planned for villages. Support from CliPAD-GIZ now pending as a result of road upgrade through core zone in December 2010
2. Xe Pian – Support PA management with an investment of 100.000 USD. Investment include securing sustainable financing activity which is funded separately.

Priority activities 2011 (contd)

INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES

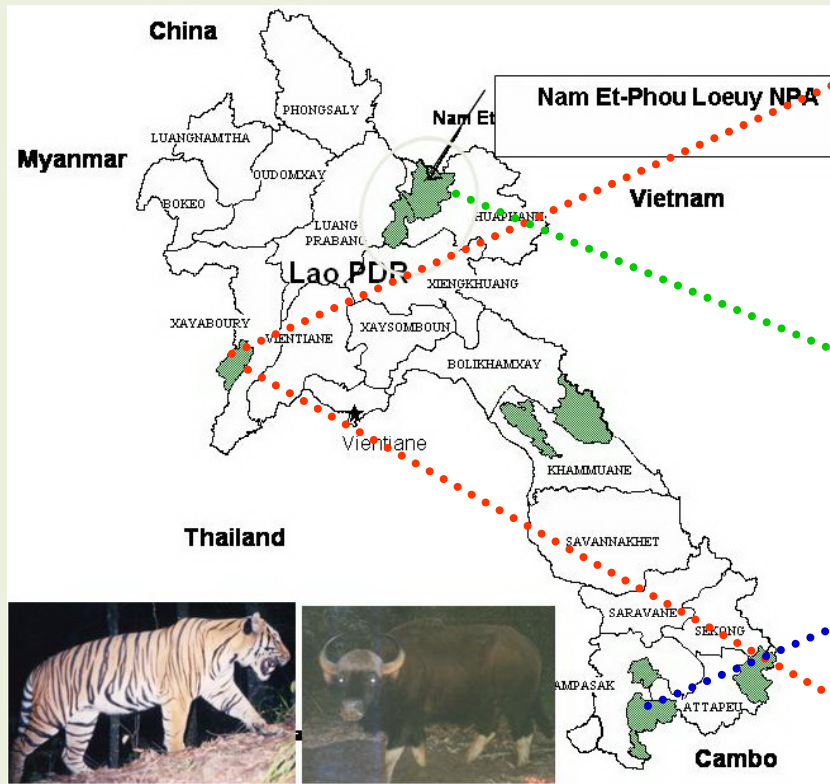
3. Nam Pouy phase II – Support elephant conservation through PA management improvement with an investment of 150.000 USD. MoU under approval

Controlling prey and tiger poaching

4. Continued patrolling at NEPL

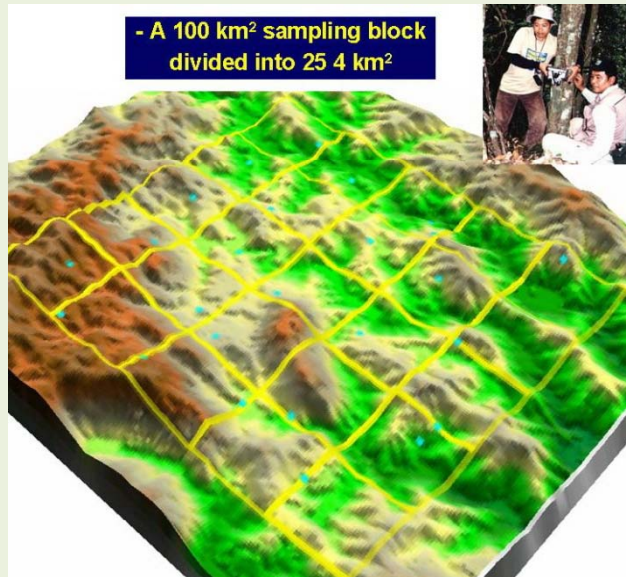
5. Continued Xe Pian NPA (TCL Class I) patrolling and law enforcement

6. Continued Nam Pouy NPA (tigers known to be at this site) patrolling and law enforcement



Priority Activities 2011 (contd)

INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES



7. Roll out of law enforcement operations in key provinces

Scientific monitoring, surveys, research

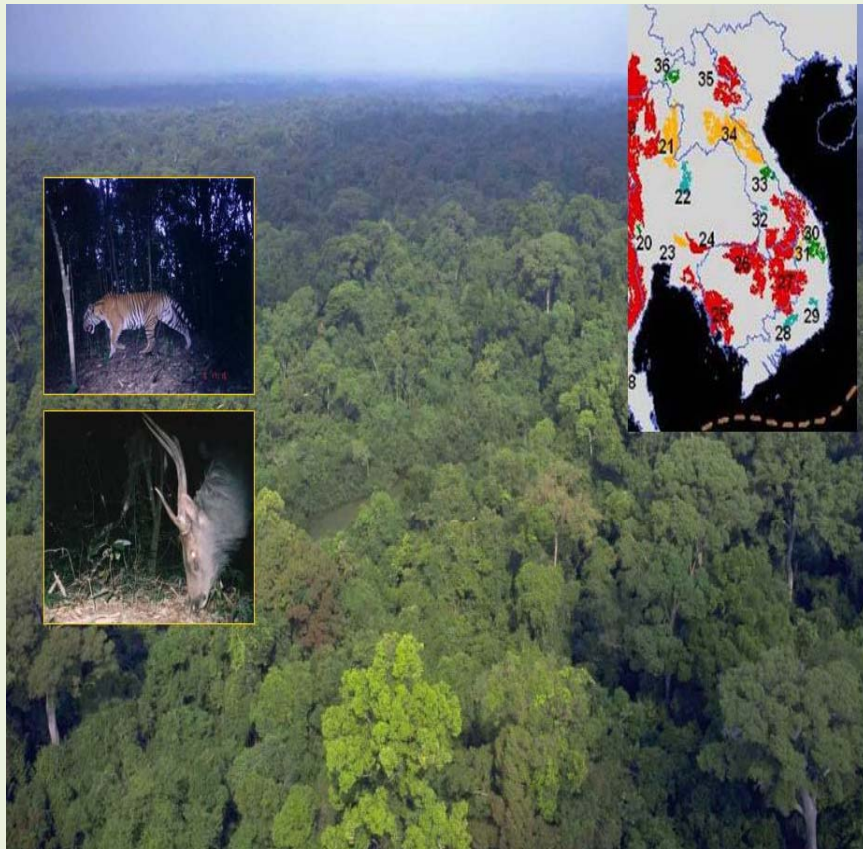
8. Opportunistic camera trapping for tigers underway in NEPL core zone from Ongoing carnivore scat collection and genetic analysis to identify tiger individuals and evidence of breeding in NEPL core zone.



9. Xe Pian – monitoring tiger presence ongoing and camera trap survey is planned

Priority Activities 2011 , contd.

INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES



Financing, fundraising

10. Develop full-size project proposal for funding from GEF 5 for wildlife conservation (protected area management, key species to include tiger, wildlife trade control)

11. GEF CEO endorsement of GEF MSP for tiger conservation in Nam Et Phou Louey NPA

12. Small workshop with all sectors at Nam Et Phou Louey NPA to take the messages from the Summit and also the Tiger National Action Plan and the NTRP to the provinces and districts responsible for the site of breeding tigers in Laos

Priority Activities 2011(contd)

INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES



13. Nam Pouy – monitoring tiger presence ongoing and camera trap survey started, will be strengthening by an increase of cameras number in Phase II

Controlling illegal trade & reducing demand

14. Investigations training of DoFI staff

15. Vientiane Capital City Illegal Wildlife Trade Control project, confiscating wildlife illegally traded in the capital city



Implemented by Aug. 2011

POLICY/INSTITUTIONAL

1. New PM Decree on Protected Areas drafted and submitted to Ministry of Justice for approval
2. Official launch of Lao Wildlife Enforcement Network organized in May 20, 2011.
3. Meetings at district, provincial and national level conducted to review and resolve impacts of new road upgrade in NEPL core zone on tiger population and on future donor support for the NPA.

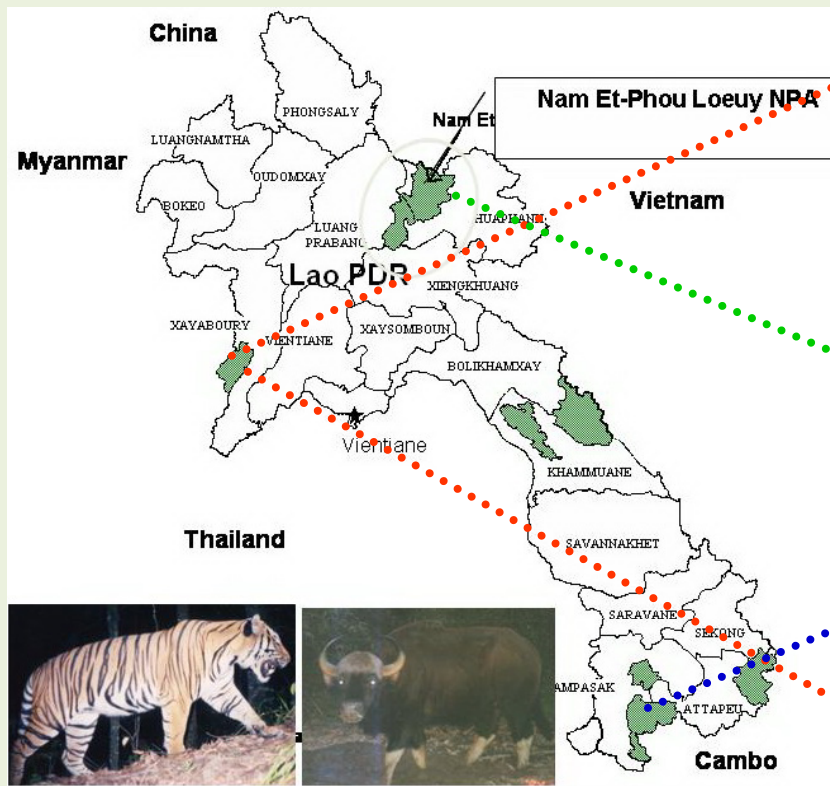
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES

Habitat management

1. Completed REDD feasibility study for NEPL NPA and Nam Poui NPA
2. Xe Pian – WWF continues support PA management with an investment of 100,000 USD

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INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES



3. MOU signed by WWF-Laos and Provincial PAFO for Nam Pouy phase II –

Controlling prey and tiger poaching

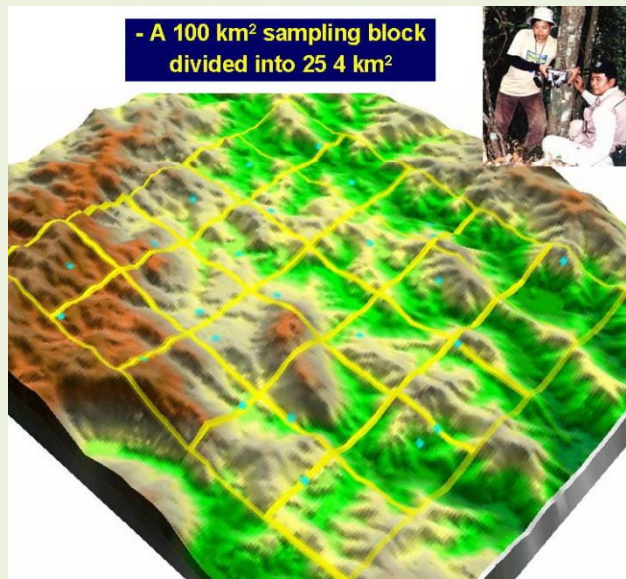
4. Conducted regular routine/responsive patrolling at NEPL

5. Xe Pian NPA (TCL Class I) conduct regular patrolling and law enforcement

6. Nam Pouy NPA (tigers known to be at this site), conduct regular patrolling and law enforcement

Implemented by August, 2011 (contd)

INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES



Financing, fundraising

7. Project concept note of full-size project proposal for funding from GEF 5 for wildlife conservation (PA management, key species to include tiger, wildlife trade control) prepared and submitted to GEF National Focal Point.

Scientific monitoring, surveys, research

8. NEPL teams conduct opportunistic camera trapping for tigers in NEPL core zone, and carnivore scat collection and sent scat samples to lab for genetic analysis to identify tiger individuals .

9. Xe Pian – Completed prey occupancy surveys by NPA teams.

Implemented by August, 2011 (contd)

INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES



10. Nam Pouy – started monitoring tiger presence using camera trap surveys

Controlling illegal trade & reducing demand

11. Organized investigations training of DoFI staff

12. Continue Vientiane Capital City Illegal Wildlife Trade Control project, confiscating wildlife illegally traded in the capital city

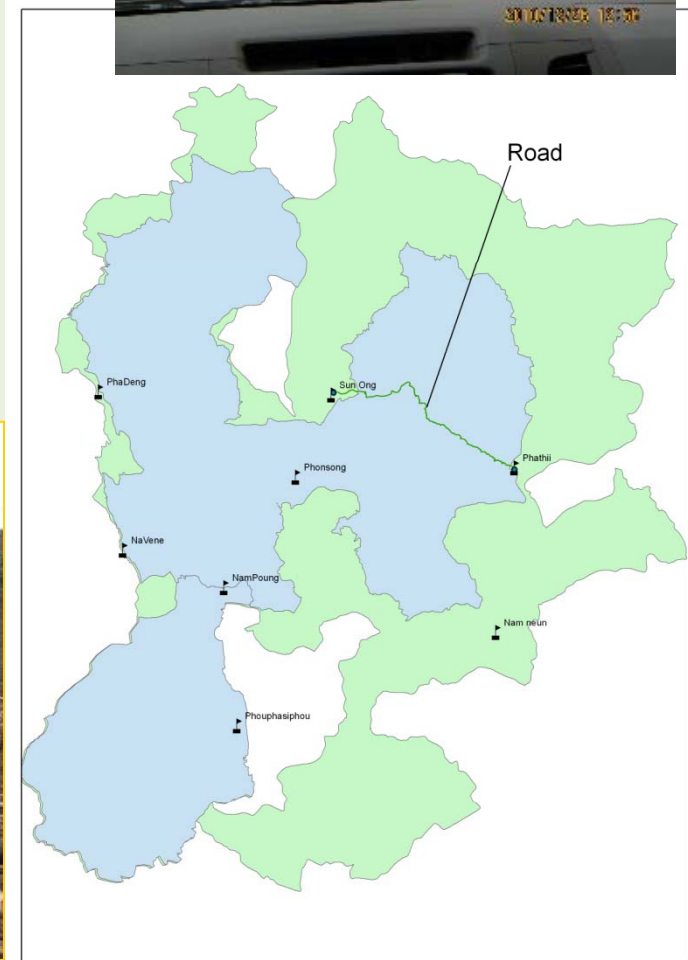


Getting Better?

- Law enforcement to control poaching tigers and prey is ongoing in Tiger Conservation Landscapes
- Monitoring of tigers and preys are undertaken in key TCL
- Standardized monitoring protocol for tiger and prey in TCLs across Lao PDR.
- The government pays more attention on biodiversity conservation. New Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment set up.
- Nothing changed yet.
- Financial support remains insufficient from the government
- Human capacity still needs to be improved in all TCLs.

Threats to Habitats / TCLs

- Practice shifting cultivation by rural communities in northern Lao PDR.
- Road improvement through the NPAs.
- Planned and being constructed Hydropower and mining projects inside NPAs.



Monitoring Self-Assessment

- Conduct opportunistic camera trapping and carnivore scat collection for DNA analysis to estimate minimum numbers of tigers in NEPL NPA core zone. Data analysis is ongoing.
- Conducted Small cell occupancy survey for tiger prey in Xe pian NPA in the south TCL.
- Reports of survey results is under preparation by NPA teams
- Results of field surveys used to guide management decision, e.g. patrolling and outreach strategies.

National Monitoring System

- Monitoring protocols already exist
- NPA staff are trained to conduct surveys
- Adequate funding will replicate and support implementation of a robust monitoring system in all TCLs

Thank you!

