

# **Vietnam**

Setting up GTRP Monitoring

Hanoi, Vietnam

August 2, 2011

# Priority Activities 2011

- **Policy & Institutional**

1. Develop the national tiger conservation program in details to submit to PM for approval
2. Develop and submit for approval of Endangered Species Criteria Decree and its management including tiger
3. Develop strategy and action plan for biodiversity conservation of which wildlife conservation is one of important components

- **Habitat Management**

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2. Carry out the basic feasible study on the potential tiger sources site in Son La province with WCS

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2. CITES AM of Vietnam and Custom General department has assigned staff to work with local custom at Nghe An, Quang Tri, Tay Ninh, Ca Mau province to check the law enforcement in the front line
3. Conduct a feasibility study on applying Smart Patrolling (MIST) to patrol habitats and monitor tiger and prey

- **Institutional Strengthening & Capacity Building**

1. Develop: (i) medium-size project proposal for funding from GEF 4 to strengthen direct conservation actions and capacity, policy, awareness attitude changes and (ii) National tiger conservation program in details for PM approval, (iii) State budget funded baseline studies on tiger landscape situation
2. Organized the Training of Trainers Course: CITES regulations and Identification of reptile species. (Jan. 2011)
3. Interagencies workshop was held in Quang Ninh to address the weakness of law enforcement between relevant authorities (Vietnam – WEN) (Mar. 2011)

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- **Controlling Illegal Trade & Reducing Demand**

1. Organize the interagency workshop on strengthening enforcement on cross-border tiger and wildlife crime (Vietnam –WEN)
2. Organize the ceremony of the international tiger day and awareness workshop to raise public awareness on tiger conservation to raising public awaress on tiger conservation and encouraging public participation in tiger conservation by reducing/ changing people attitude of using tiger products
3. Strengthening management of the pilot tiger breeding facilities: finished collecting samples of captive tigers for DNA analysis at the pilot facilities.
4. Strengthening National Committee on controlling the wildlife trade, specifically:
5. Interagencies workshop was held in Quang Ninh to address the weakless of law enforcement between relevant authorities
6. A Plan to improve the operation of National Committee on controlling the wildlife trade has disscussed amongts focal point
7. Representatives from CITES MA and custom participated in the 6th annual ASEAN-WEN meeting held in Manila - Philippines

- **Scientific Monitoring, Surveys, Research**

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2. Carry out the basic feasible study on the potential tiger sources site in Son La province with WCS

# Implemented by Aug. 2011

- **Habitat Management**

1. Tiger landscape survey at priority areas in the survey have been conducted in Muong Nhe Protected area (Dien Bien), Pu Mat National Park (Nghe An province), Chu Mom Ray National Park (Kon Tum). The survey was implemented by experts from Institute of Ecology and Biology resources

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# Getting Better?

- Implementation capacity slightly improved through training workshops
- We get additional support from NGO partners including both technical and financial support: WWF, TRAFFIC, WCS

# Threats to Habitats / TCLs

- The invasion of alien species is a big concern to PAs in Vietnam regard to species of Mimosaceae family
- High pressure of local people in buffer zone in Pas. Their local livelihood is base on forest products and agricultures
- The development of industry trees is also big challenge to Pas, due to the high income from coffe and rubber, the local community continue to slap and burn for land
- Forest fire in Vietnam is consider one of the biggest threat to PA, annually Vietnam lost about thousand ha of forest by fire.
- Deforestation also a big threat to PA, since beginning 2011 to july 2011 about 500 ha forest is destroyed

# Monitoring Self-Assessment

## 1. Methodology of monitoring of wild populations

- Monitoring the tiger's habitats, specially focus on the some protected area (Pu Mat, Vu Quang, Dakrong, Phong Dien, Tay Nam Hue, Song Thanh and Chu Mom Ray". Using ground photo to monitor the forest change.
- Monitoring tiger population using the pilot site and patrol track to count the indicators of the tiger in the key site above. Also, using GIS and MAP info. to monitor wild tiger and some tiger preys
- The monitored information have been documented at local levels (by National Parks and Protected Areas, stored in each protected area.
- Monitoring the prey populations using camera trap, petrolling but not on regular basis and systematic

# Monitoring Self-Assessment

**Transparency of these methods, obtained data, and results;**

- Some methodology is done with support of WWF.
- Reports peer reviewed published on national newspaper

**Effectiveness of PA management**

- In Vietnam we have tested several methods to evaluate the effectiveness of PA management such as RAPPAM (The Rapid Assessment and Prioritization of Protected Areas Management) with supporting from WWF. But this only in selected PAs.

# Monitoring Self-Assessment

1. Develop Biodiversity Monitoring Program by establish and operate online information system from field level to provincial and central level.
2. Conduct a feasibility study on applying Smart Patrolling (MIST) to patrol habitats and monitor tiger and prey in their landscapes.
3. Develop and operate monitoring program to monitor tiger and its preys in piloted priority PAs
4. Develop the plan to conduct joint feasibility study on establishing the joint monitoring systems at cross borders areas with neighboring countries

# National Monitoring System

- Indicators must be integrated into national biodiversity monitoring systems. MONRE is developing a set of indicators for monitoring and evaluating implementation of CBD and national strategic plans for biodiversity
- Monitoring mechanisms need to be established with participation of all relevant ministries/agencies

**THANK YOU**