
2017 Annual Report



WILDLIFE
ALLIANCE



Direct protection to
forests and wildlife.

Rainforest Protection

3,548
Patrols

143,500
Km² patrolled

151
Legal cases filed

21,589
Snares removed

302
Live animals rescued

The Cardamom Rainforest Landscape is a 10,000 km² reef-to-ridge protected area complex forming a critical part of the Indo-Burma global biodiversity hotspot. The Cardamoms are significant for biodiversity conservation supporting more than 50 IUCN threatened species of vertebrates. The landscape is also the most important watershed for southwest Cambodia, providing ecosystem services as the region's largest climate regulator and carbon sink.

Wildlife Alliance works with the Royal Government of Cambodia to protect the Cardamom Rainforest Landscape through robust on-the-ground law enforcement, patrolling, and judicial follow-up, with a focus on creating high performance law enforcement teams with Zero Tolerance for Corruption.

In 2017, Wildlife Alliance employed 92 rangers in 15 teams supervised by 15 Wildlife Alliance law enforcement professionals operating from 7 fully-equipped law enforcement stations and patrolling across 8,347 km² of the Cardamom Rainforest Landscape.



Southern Cardamom Rainforest Protection Program

Results by Ranger Station

Koh Pao

Area Patrolled: 970 km²
Snares Removed: 6,289
Chainsaws Seized: 7
Animals Rescued: 47

Veal Pi

Area Patrolled: 975 km²
Snares Removed: 2,562
Chainsaws Seized: 5
Animals Rescued: 31

Chhay Areang

Area Patrolled: 628 km²
Snares Removed: 2,740
Chainsaws Seized: 66
Animals Rescued: 83

Trapeang Rung

Area Patrolled: 764 km²
Snares Removed: 1,748
Chainsaws Seized: 6
Animals Rescued: 83

Stung Proat

Area Patrolled: 940 km²
Snares Removed: 3,381
Chainsaws Seized: 18
Animals Rescued: 18

Chambak

Area Patrolled: 888 km²
Snares Removed: 215
Chainsaws Seized: 195
Animals Rescued: 7

Sre Ambel

Area Patrolled: 922 km²
Snares Removed: 1,326
Chainsaws Seized: 140
Animals Rescued: 23



REDD+

Forest protection is critical to climate regulation and reducing the impact of climate change on the planet. In 2017, Wildlife Alliance finalized our long-held ambition to implement a REDD+ project for the Cardamom Rainforest Landscape when we signed an agreement with the Cambodian Ministry of Environment for the development of the Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project.

The project will sell carbon credits from 497,000 ha of forest, making it one of the largest REDD+ projects in Southeast Asia, providing financing for both Rainforest Protection and Expanded Community Engagement and Livelihoods for 10,550 people in 29 communities.

The Southern Cardamom REDD+ Project, with projected annual carbon savings of 2-3 million tons, is expected to be Verified and Validated under global gold standards by April 2018 ultimately aligning with Cambodian government climate change commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

This is a major step in the long-term sustainability of our uniquely effective forest protection work in the Cardamom Rainforest.



Captured: Raising Awareness of Snares

Indiscriminate traps such as snares are the biggest threat to wildlife in Southeast Asian forests. Hundreds of thousands of snares are set in Cambodia's forest annually which kill and maim thousands of animals. Snare traps are set to capture wildlife meat for the growing middle classes in Southeast Asia with wildlife traders organized criminals associated with the international wildlife trade.

Throughout 2017, Wildlife Alliance led a hard-hitting awareness campaign in Cambodia on the impact of snares on the country's wildlife – with the ultimate aim of highlighting the link between consumption of wildlife meat and the indiscriminate injuries and death suffered by snared animals. We are also working with the Ministry of Environment to increase penalties for carrying material to make snares in Protected Areas.

Wildlife Alliance held two major outreach events and raised awareness to >250,000 people in person, or through social media.

Wildlife Alliance also authored two major peer reviewed papers, with conservationists from across Asia, on the issue of snares in Protected Areas.



Combating the Illegal Wildlife Trade



5,055
live animals rescued

3,151
dead animals confiscated

>1,000
kg wildlife meat seized

3,337
animals released

116
traders apprehended

The Wildlife Rapid Rescue Team (WRRT) is a unique multi-agency unit which has operated 24/7 since 2001 to tackle illegal wildlife trade in Cambodia. The WRRT plays a significant role in reducing visible illegal wildlife trade in Cambodia and operates a unique holistic approach in which all live animals rescued are given world-class veterinary care. This care and rehabilitation of confiscated live animals is a critical, but often missing, aspect in approaches for disrupting the illegal wildlife trade. The importance of such a comprehensive approach is clear. Law enforcement without care or consideration for seized wildlife may be as irresponsible, dangerous and narrow-sighted as doing nothing.

In 2017, the WRRT conducted more than 800 operations across the country following up on 2,384 calls to our 24/7 wildlife crime hotline.

Care for Rescued Wildlife

1,696
rescued animals arrived at PTWRC

90
babies born to rescued parents

1,485
animals released into protected forest

Wildlife Alliance provides care for animals rescued from the illegal wildlife trade, rehabilitating them until they are ready to be released back into the wild. Every year thousands of animals are rescued from wildlife trafficking and Wildlife Alliance has created a safe haven for the victims until they are ready to return to the wild. Those that are unable are given permanent refuge at Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Center (PTWRC). Thousands of animals have returned to their natural habitat either in the 2,300 hectare Phnom Tamao Protected Forest area or at our Wildlife Release Station, located deep within the Cardamom Rainforest Landscape. Due to Wildlife Alliance's significant management and technical assistance at PTWRC, the center has been transformed into one of Southeast Asia's best wildlife refuges.

In 2017, 1,696 rescued animals arrived at the rescue center and 1,485 were released into protected forests while we continued providing care for over 1,200 permanent residents at the center who cannot be returned to the wild.



Photo by Jeremy Holden

Community-Based Ecotourism

340
families involved

1,018
Cambodian visitors

2,368
foreign visitors

36,000 USD
income for CBET Committee

145,000 USD
income for CBET service providers

In 2017, Wildlife Alliance, in partnership with communities and local government, expanded our award-winning model for inclusive Community-Based Ecotourism (CBET) into the Areng Valley. This remote corner of the Cardamom Rainforest Landscape supports some of Asia's rarest species, including Siamese crocodile and Asian elephant, but is highly threatened with eight forest dependent communities engaged in illegal logging and wildlife trade.

Based on our model of empowering communities to manage an ecotourism site through bottom-up training, the Stung Areng CBET began in 2017 and will formally open in early 2018. Through 138 local service providers and 9 community home-stays, we estimate 2,000 tourists will visit in 2018 and enjoy the >200 km of forest trails already developed.

65 km away in Chi Phat, our original CBET project, now in its 10th year, continues to flourish with 3,400 Cambodian and foreign tourists visiting in 2017 and incomes directly benefiting 51% of the families in the village. The days when Chi Phat was the hotspot for wildlife crime in the Cardamoms are long gone as a direct result of the project.



Cardamom Tented Camp

Given the pressures on Asian biodiversity, new and innovative models for conservation are required. Between 2001 and 2014, Cambodia had the fastest accelerating rate of deforestation globally largely driven by large Economic Land Concessions being allocated to companies for industrial agriculture. Whilst Wildlife Alliance prevented 40 Economic Land Concessions being allocated across the Cardamom Rainforest Landscape, due to a combination of political advocacy and hard science, Economic Land Concessions within Botum Sakor National Park threatened the connectivity of the South West Elephant Corridor.

In 2009, Wildlife Alliance and partners obtained 50-year management rights for 180 km² of forest in Botum Sakor for an Ecotourism Conservation Concession – a unique model for forest conservation in Cambodia. Through this Ecotourism Conservation Concession, we aim to ensure connectivity between the core of Botum Sakor National Park and the rest of the Cardamom Rainforest Landscape and to demonstrate to the Royal Government of Cambodia the positive economic value of intact forest.

Protected by four ranger teams, patrolling from two stations, the concession's forest supports a rich variety of biodiversity, offering shelter to Cambodia's endangered mammals, such as the clouded leopard, Asiatic black bear, pileated gibbon, Asian elephant, and sun bear.

In November 2017, the Cardamom Tented Camp – a unique ecotourism venture designed to generate financing for protection of the site – officially opened. The camp is a three-way initiative between Wildlife Alliance, The Minor Group, and YAANA Ventures.

Environmental Education

5,699 students received environmental lessons
2,042 rural Cambodians reached
46 schools and NGOs visited

Originally created in 2005 to address the widespread lack of environmental awareness in Cambodia, the Kouprey Express' core program has transformed to confront the complete absence of environmental education in Cambodia's curriculum and has since expended to eastern Thailand. Consisting of a school-based curriculum that builds capacities of both students and teachers, a national awareness campaign, and whole community engagement, the Kouprey Express highlights the many factors which threaten Southeast Asia's wildlife: habitat loss, forest degradation and fragmentation, poaching, and the illegal wildlife trade.

As a result of the Kouprey Express' efforts, we have been recognized by other conservation NGOs, as well as the Cambodian government, as the leader in environmental education, and we are regularly called upon to conduct education and outreach in their respective project areas. The Kouprey Express has been instrumental in ensuring the long-term success of our conservation efforts, equipping tomorrow's leaders with the tools to safeguard our natural heritage.

In 2017, the Kouprey Express provided wildlife and environmental lessons to a total of 5,699 students at 36 schools and 10 NGOs throughout Cambodia and Eastern Thailand.



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Our considerable advances in conservation are a direct result of the organizations and individuals who share our values. Significant contributions received in 2017.

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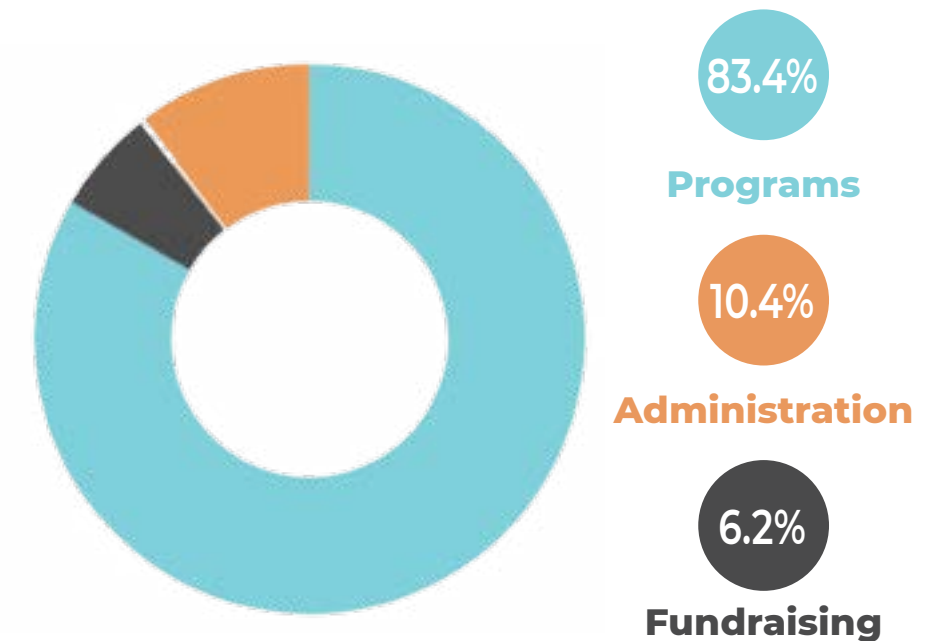
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