



WildAct



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REPORT
21-22**

ABOUT WILDACT

We are a local conservation not-for profit organisation based in Vietnam, established in 2015. Our mission is to inspire, motivate and empower society and individuals to engage in the science-based conservation of threatened species and ecosystem.

We believe benevolence resides in every one of us. We believe 100 million acts of benevolence ensure a safe future for Vietnam's wildlife. To that end, we need to find heroes for our wildlife. We believe the heroes lie in all of us who are taking every small action to treasure and protect what the earth has endowed us. A harmonious and equitable planet for humans and nature is all of our quests.

Our core values are:

- **Inclusive environment:** We create opportunities for individuals and communities to be actively involved in the management of natural resources.
- **Innovative perspective:** We are constantly learning and seeking innovations and initiatives to address conservation challenges.
- **Interdisciplinary approach:** We cooperate with other conservation NGOs and stakeholders to tackle conservation issues, the root causes of which are: poverty, lack of education, and gender equality.
- **Impactful practices:** Our conservation practices are strictly monitored and evaluated to ensure effectiveness, address the weakness, and/or improve project impacts.
- **Integrity leadership:** We act with integrity and transparency. We act with integrity and transparency. Our conservation practices are based on scientific evidence to ensure accuracy and efficiency.



WHERE WE WORK

Hà Giang Province
Ninh Bình Province
Hà Nội City
Nghệ An Province
Quảng Bình Province
Thừa Thiên Huế Province
Đắk Lắk Province



A lush, misty forest scene with tall trees and dense ferns. The background shows tall, thin trees with light-colored bark, possibly eucalyptus, rising into a hazy sky. The foreground and middle ground are filled with dense, vibrant green ferns and other foliage, creating a rich, textured environment. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

2021 - 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Followings are our achievements during 2021-2022, which serves to illustrate how specific activities have contributed to organisational objectives.

NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

THE SHORT COURSES

Despite Covid19 challenges, we were able to adapt and with the enormous support from our beloved guest-speakers, 03 online courses and 01 fieldwork were successfully organised.

45% external students secured a full-time job in wildlife conservation sector in Vietnam and/or continuing further study in this subject

2021 - 2022

- 03 courses organised successfully;
- 47 students and early-career conservationists participated;
- 31 guest-speakers from 20 organisations and institutions joined;
- 03 workshops hosted for students and early career wildlife conservationists on career opportunities in conservation sector.



Students prepare feeding enrichment for small carnivores at Save Vietnam's Wildlife rescue centre

NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

STUDENT CONFERENCE ON NATURE CONSERVATION

The Vietnamese Student Conference on Nature Conservation (SCNC) 2022 was organized by WildAct, in collaboration with Law school, Hanoi National University, sponsored by US Fish and Wildlife Services and Rufford Small Grant Foundation.

For the first-time ever, a conference on biodiversity conservation was hosted for students and early career conservationists in Vietnam!!!

April 2022

76 participants from 10 different provinces;

- 02 keynote speakers;
- 06 awards given for best posters and presenters;
- 02 awards given for most voted poster and presenter;
- 08 NGOs participated in our networking event;
- 02 talkshows successfully hosted.



Participants of the first-ever Student Conference on Nature Conservation

CASE STUDIES



"Completing the course help me proved to the employers that I am seriously investing in pursuing conservation career".

Mai Chi is one of the rare students that completed both our courses on Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade and Captive Animal Welfare.

She was the first students in 2021 to receive a full-time job offer at an international conservation organisation. Currently, Mai Chi is working at Animals Asia Foundation as an Animal Welfare Assistant.

"Knowledge from the course, such as report writing, survey research technique... can be applied directly to your work".

Wanting to change her career path, Hue applied to our CWT course. She received a small research grant from us and conducted a survey on illegal seahorse trade. Hue successfully presented her research at the SCNC22 and received the best presentation award at the conference.

Hue is now working as a full-time intern for Fauna and Flora International - Vietnam program.



NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

EMPOWERING WOMEN IN CONSERVATION

Workplace gender inequality undermines conservation's ability to achieve its key goals of biodiversity protection and ecological stewardship, and this challenge in Vietnam may prove career-limiting: research demonstrates that female scientists are more likely to resign than women in other professions, especially when they are having to work in unfair, unsafe working environments due to gender-based violence (GBV) issues such as sexual harassment.

This project's long-term goal is to empower local women, leaders, organizations and society to address challenges of gender inequality, harassment and unsafe working environments that women face in wildlife conservation and other research sectors.

2021 - 2022

- **291** people working in wildlife conservation sector were trained to identify, response and prevent sexual harassment (SH);
- **4399** interactions on our podcast raising awareness on SH at work;
- **208** people participate in our newly created "Conservationists for a better world of work network".
- **27** Focal Contact Points created to provide support for survival of SH at **18** NGOs



Participants at our first training workshop on Gender-based violence in wildlife conservation sector.

CASE STUDIES

Cat Ba National Park is one of our active members in the project. Not only the park has established 02 Focal Contact Points (FCP - One person in the agency who wish to provide support for his/her colleagues to respond and prevent SH at their own workplace); they also piloted our Safeguarding guidelines and provided constructive feedback to improve the guidelines prior to publication.

In June 22, the park partnering with WildAct to host an intensive training workshop for 33 rangers and park's officer to update Vietnam's law and policy regarding GBV and SH at workplace, discussing challenges and solutions to resolve gender issues in their own working environment.



Animals Asia Foundation is one of the most eager wildlife conservation organisation in Vietnam to tackle gender issues in Vietnam. Not only AAF employees and managers participate in all workshop, training and conference hosted by WildAct, established 02 FCP, piloted our Safeguarding Guideline but they have created a Women in Leadership Program and Gender Diversity group - lead by their own employees within the organisation. Since established, employees satisfaction with the organisation increased, women caretakers more confident with their job, and overall, effectively and efficiently contributed to conservation goals.

NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

INCREASE ENFORCEMENT

The UN Sustainable Development Goal 15 aims to protect the ecosystems that are home to over 80% of animals on land. We also know that a healthy ecosystem provides free services for all living species, including humans, such as food security, clean water and air, natural heritage etc. However, none of these could be protected, without wildlife rangers.

We aim to support rangers through various activities: increasing capacity, enhancing welfare and advocacy for policy improvement.

2021 - 2022

- **323** mist-nets with total length of upto **50km** removed in Kim Son district;
- **75** birds were rescued;
- **33** rangers received training on first-aid rescue, SMART application and safety procedure while patrolling in Pu Mat National Park, Nghe An province;
- **100km** square surveyed in collaboration with Chu Yang Sin National Park to support the park identified **02** snare hotspots.



Forest Protection Department in Ninh Binh removing mist nets, with support from WildAct.

CASE STUDIES

With support from WildAct, Chu Yang Sin National Park's rangers were able to conduct a 14 days intensive threat survey to reveal the density of snare traps within 100km² of the park.

Two snaring hotspots were identified and the data collected were used to better manage park's patrolling schedule and areas.

A crimescript development approach was also applied to identify the illegal poaching and trading activities of large mammals within the park.



33 rangers and community members received an intensive 3-day training at Pu Mat National Park, Nghe An province.

The training session includes: i) first-aid rescue for wild animals; ii) first-aid support for injured rangers and iii) SMART application for effective patrolling.

The training was well received and participants expressed that they wish to receive this type of training annually to refresh and improve safety at work, as well as to deliver effective conservation activities.

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Conservation efforts would not be effective without the support from local communities and local people who are depending on the forest for their daily lives.

Currently, we are working with Catholic community in Ninh Binh province to protect the endangered migratory birds; the indigenous communities in Dak Lak province to protect the endemic species and habitats of the Annamites mountain in Chu Yang Sin National Park.

Our program aims to inspire and empower the local people to actively form a Community Conservation Committee (CCC) and Community Conservation Team (CCT) to participating in planning, managing and implementing conservation project in their areas

2021 - 2022

- 222 local people participated in our workshop/training and contribute to the local action plan;
- 17 rangers and community members trained for effective patrolling;
- 1,621km patrolled;
- 645 snares and wildlife traps removed;
- 15 hiking boots distributed to community members to support patrolling efforts.
- 2 radio stations spreading birds conservation messages **every week** in 3 migration months.



Community members patrolling Chu Yang Sin National Park with park's rangers & WildAct officers.

CASE STUDIES

The Catholic communities in Ninh Binh Province actively participate in our migratory bird conservation activities on the ground. We created a workshop with members of the Women Union, the Elder Union, Youth Union and Farmer Union to discuss challenges and solutions for migratory birds in the areas. The participants then ranked each threats as well as solutions and created an Action Plan that they can work together to support the Forest Protection Department in their own communes.



The Ede and M'Nong communities were empowered to participate with the rangers' of Chu Yang Sin National Park to patrolling the forest and removing illegal camps erected by poachers, as well as snare traps.

The communities also supported us to conduct social surveys with hunters from different ethnics group, resulted in a comprehensive report on the enomous challenges that rangers in CYSNP are facing, as well as the huge pressure that the endemic species and habitats in the Annamites region are under.

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

WILD LIBRARY

We create a network of libraries near National Parks and Nature Reserves in Vietnam, aiming to build reading habits to local students and empower teachers to organise outdoor events related to nature conservation and environment protection.

Our Wild Library Project not only bringing books and education materials for school children, but also provide a platform for local teachers and children to create their own activities related to conservation on the ground

2021 - 2022

- **3,187** school children participate in our workshops and outdoor events;
- **1,154** books and education materials distributed to school children;
- **28** public engagement workshop for children hosted to raise awareness on climate change & biodiversity;
- **01** card-game created by Education Team for children in Vietnam.



Students from Nguyen Thi Minh Khai primary school enjoying a day out observing wild elephants in Yok Don National Park

CASE STUDIES

School children in Luc Da secondary school participating in an outdoor day, where they plant vegetables in their own school garden.

The activity was supported by the school teachers, aiming to encourage students to consume more healthy food, as well as create opportunity for them to learn about the ecosystem services that nature provides us.



"Readers of the month" is an activity created by WildAct to encourage students from our Wild Library Network to read more books, especially those in the nature conservation and wildlife conservation field.

The activity was supported by all school members in the network. Every month, 3 readers of the month award were given to students in each school. The award is a book of their choice!!!

OTHER ACTIVITIES

FILM FESTIVAL

After decades of alarming scientific pieces of evidence about the collapse of ecological limits and with the conviction that we must act in this critical decade, “#It’s Time To Act - A Nature Film Festival in Vietnam” is the first environmental film showcase featuring international and local environmentally themed films and conversations on sustainability and harmony with Nature in Vietnam.

“#It’s Time To Act - A Nature Film Festival in Vietnam” intends to help framing discussions around what a sustainable future looks like, in collaboration with institutions, civil society, individuals, and the environmental community.

2021 - 2022

- **Over 2000** citizens in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh city participate in the Film Festival Week;
- **10** documentaries from **14** different countries;
- **10** documentary screening locations;
- **11** green partners;
- **01** round table discussion on biodiversity conservation policy;
- **108** environmentally friendly gifts were given to winner of **06** minigames hosted during the Festival.



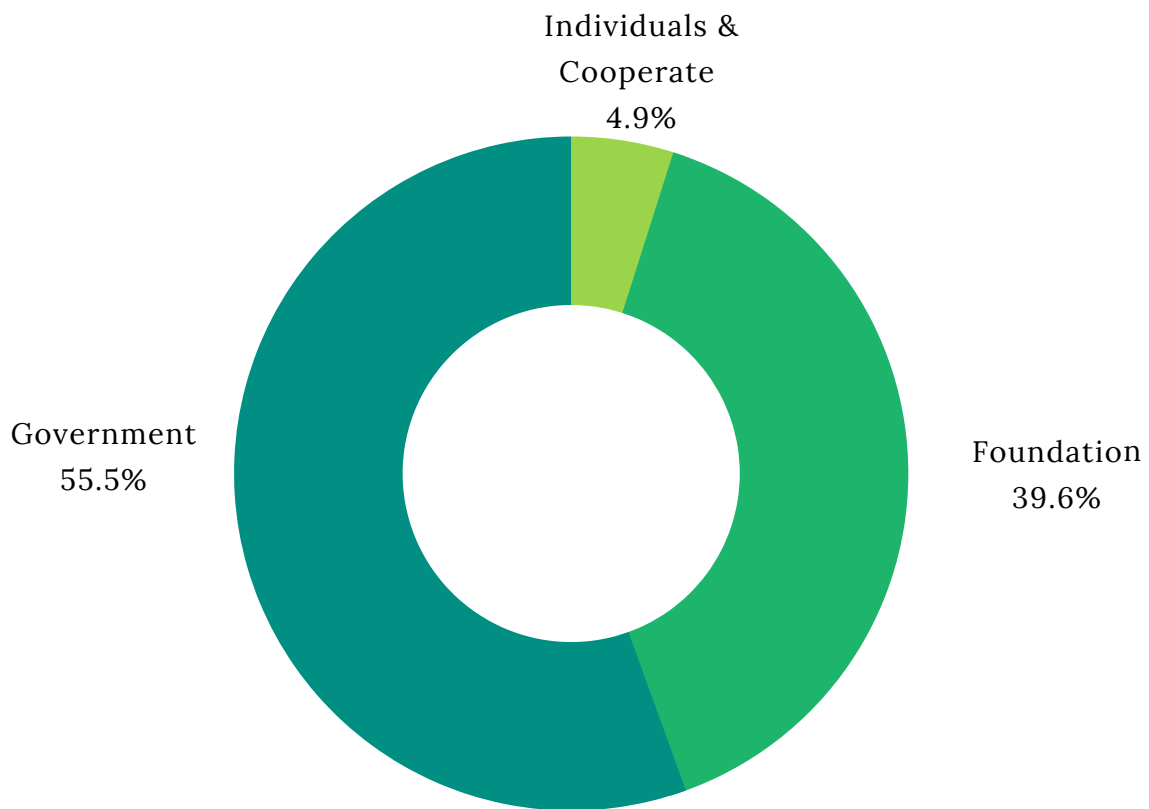
A person wearing a bright green jacket and a camouflage bucket hat is seen from behind, walking through a dense, lush tropical forest. The scene is filled with various types of green foliage, including large ferns and thick tree trunks. The lighting is soft and natural, suggesting a shaded forest environment. A semi-transparent grey rectangular box is overlaid on the lower-left portion of the image, containing the text 'FINANCIAL REVIEW' in white, serif, all-caps font.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

OVERALL POSITION

The chart below illustrates our 2021 - 2022 incomes. The major funding comes from governments, trusts and foundations. These are restricted funding.

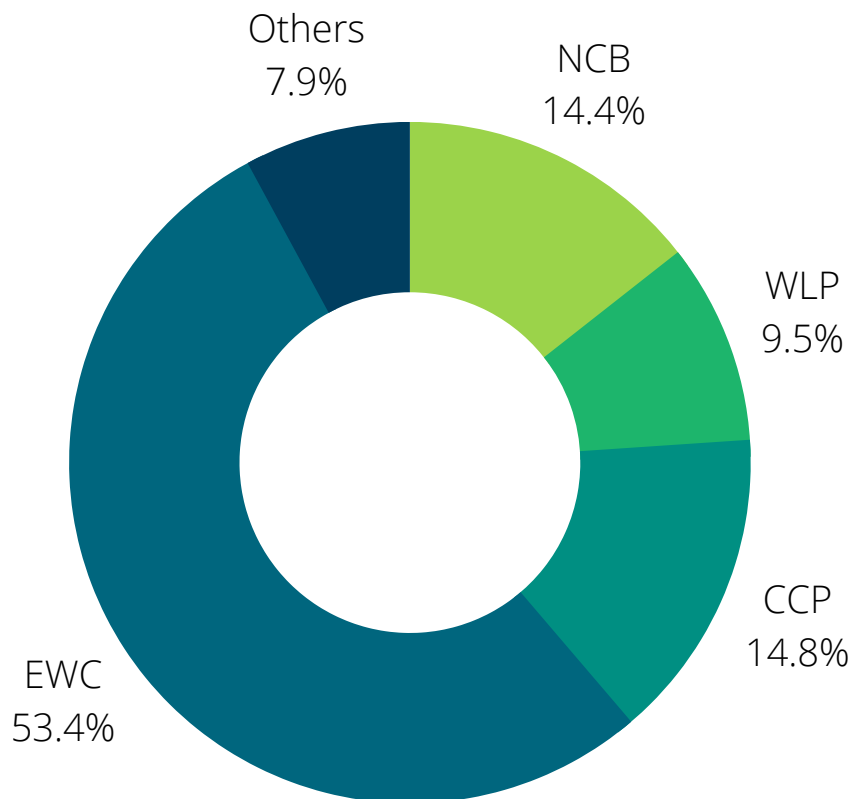
Our unrestricted funding currently only accounted for 4.9% of the income, arriving from individual donations and corporates. The total income for the 2-year period from 2021 - 2022 was 17,225,019,672.00 VND, an equivalent of 729,623.00 USD.



EXPENDITURE

The chart below illustrates our 2021 - 2022 expenditure. Our Empowering Women in Conservation Project took up to 53% of the expenditure, followed by Community Conservation and National Capacity Projects. Other activities, such as the Film Festival and Fund Raising events accounted up to almost 8% of the expenditure.

The total expenditure for 2 years period from 2021 - 2022 were 2,178,000,000.00 VND.



SUPPORTING US

If you wish to supporting us, please contact us at info@wildact-vn.org.

You can support us by voluntary with us, providing your expertise to support our projects and activities, or donate to us.

You can also purchase our books to give as gift, to fund raise and also sharing our conservation messages.





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