

WildAct

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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 environmen**t: 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.





2023 - 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

A look at what we've achieved, the change we've helped create, and how our work is bringing us closer to a world where people and wildlife thrive together.

NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

THE SHORT COURSES

In 2023–2024, alongside delivering short courses in biodiversity conservation for students, we also organised targeted training to strengthen the skills and capacity of women working in conservation, supporting their professional development and career advancement.

Five years after the course was first launched, we're surveying students and alumni to better understand its long-term impact.

2023 - 2024

- Merging Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade & Captive Animal Welfare course into ONE;
- **70** students and early-career conservationists graduated;
- **33** guest-speakers from 20 organisations and institutions joined;
- **05** workshops specically designed to support women in conservation hosted.



Students designing rescued closure as part of their practical assignment.

NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

STUDENT CONFERENCE ON NATURE CONSERVATION

The Student Conference on Nature Conservation (SCNC) was held annually in Hanoi in 2023 and Da Nang in 2024. Partners have agreed to rotate the conference's host city among Hanoi, Da Nang, and Ho Chi Minh City in subsequent years.

The conference became a highly anticipated event for students and early-career conservationists, providing a platform to showcase their work, exchange knowledge, and build professional networks.

SCNC 23-24

217 participants from 16 different provinces;

- **05** keynote speakers;
- **12** awards given for best posters and presenters;
- **04** awards given for most voted poster and presenter;
- **07** NGOs participated in our networking event;
- **04** talkshows successfully hosted.



Participants of the first Student Conference on Nature Conservation hosted in Da Nang, 2024.

CASE STUDIES



FROM LAW STUDENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY RESEARCHER

Hải Trang, a law student and participant in SCNC's third season, found that the conference offered skills she could take beyond the classroom. Through her participation, she strengthened her research and analytical skills, which she later applied to her work on environmental policy and legislation.

Her experience highlights how SCNC helps young people from different academic backgrounds contribute to nature conservation, including through research, law and policy.

FROM CONSERVATION TRAINING TO HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

After joining WildAct's 2024 short course on combating illegal wildlife trade, Hà Phương took the next step by volunteering with WildAct's education team.

The experience helped her strengthen her conservation knowledge and understand how different stakeholders work together to deliver conservation projects. Her journey shows how WildAct's short course can serve as a starting point for young people to gain practical experience and explore opportunities in the conservation sector.



FROM THE FIELD

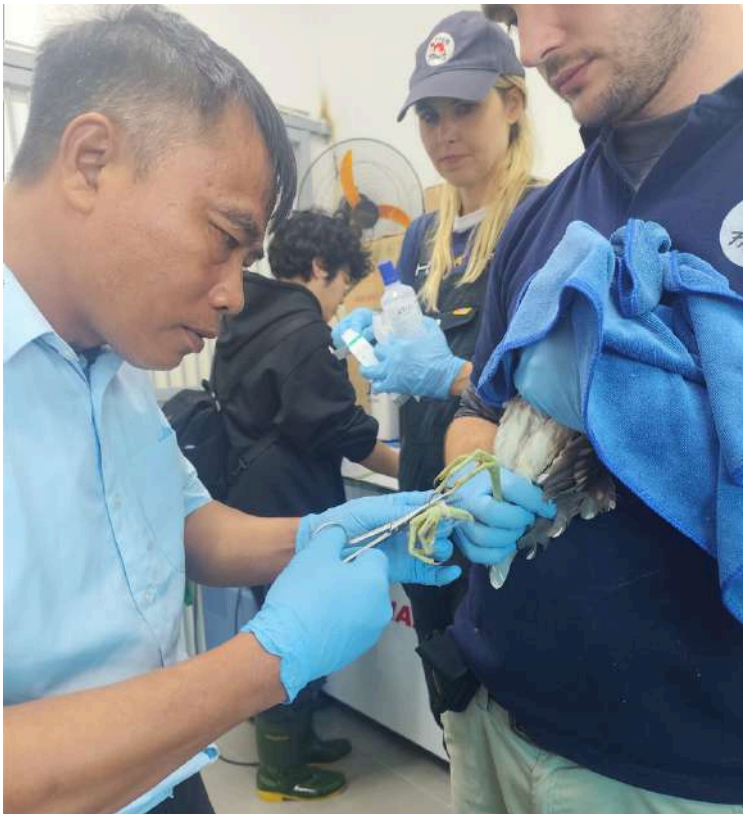
INCREASE ENFORCEMENT

WildAct supports frontline rangers, from the Red River Delta Biosphere Reserve to Chu Yang Sin National Park in Dak Lak, by strengthening their capacity and providing the skills and resources needed to protect wildlife and their habitats.

We stand alongside wildlife rangers by strengthening their skills, improving their wellbeing, and equipping them with the support they need to protect nature.

The Red River Delta Biosphere

- **4,787 mist nets** detected and removed through collaboration between WildAct and the Provincials Forest Protection Department.
- **215 birds rescued** from illegal trapping.
- **14 rangers trained** in injury assessment and first aid to improve the survival chances of injured birds.



Rangers from Ninh Binh, Thai Binh and Nam Dinh provinces received training on injury assessment.

FROM THE FIELD

CHU YANG SIN NATIONAL PARK

- **01 H'Mong Community Conservation Team established** to support forest patrols and wildlife protection.
- **3,365 animal traps** detected and removed in collaboration with Chu Yang Sin National Park.
- **34 rangers from 10 ranger stations** trained in handheld GPS, the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART), and first aid.





- **Established Guardians of Chu Yang Sin Award** to celebrate ranger's achievement.
- **105 million VND** raised and provided to Ngo Duc Lien - a ranger who was shot by poacher.
- **Created 01 fanpage** and communication trainings provided for officers of Chu Yang Sin to manage and raised awareness to the public of their works and increase reputation

CASE STUDIES

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE WHO PROTECT OUR FORESTS

Ngo Duc Lien, a ranger at Chu Yang Sin National Park was shot by poachers while leading a forest patrol. 17 bullets fragments lodged in his body, leaving lasting effects on his health.

Recognising the risks faced by frontline rangers, WildAct mobilised public support and successfully raised VND 105 million to provide financial assistance to Lien. This demonstrated the power of public solidarity and the importance of recognising those who risk their lives to protect wildlife.





FROM HUNTERS TO FOREST GUARDIANS

Through our H'Mong Community Conservation Team (CCT), former hunters are now trained and paid to patrol the forest alongside rangers, locate and remove wildlife snares, and report illegal activities. Their intimate knowledge of the forest has become a valuable asset in conservation. This transformation shows how creating alternative livelihoods and trusting local communities can help protect wildlife for the long term.

EDUCATION & AWARENESS RAISING

WildAct engages students and local communities in the buffer zones of our project sites through conservation education and awareness-raising activities.

We inspire people to understand the value of biodiversity, reduce threats to wildlife, and take an active role in protecting nature.

- **2,404 students** engaged in conservation education programmes.
- **5 outdoor trips** organised for students and teachers to observe wild birds and explore nature.
- **12 school and community events** held to inspire greater appreciation for wildlife.
- **3 workshops** supporting women in developing their own conservation ideas into action.
- **5 awards** presented to students and community members to recognise their achievements.



Students at Ninh Binh province in their plays to raise awareness on bird's conservation.

CASE STUDIES

TURNING COMMUNITY AWARENESS INTO ACTION

In Ninh Binh, WildAct used research to better understand local bird hunting practices, finding that 83.5% of surveyed bird hunters identified as Catholic. Working with Father Trần Phàn, we integrated messages about environmental protection and migratory bird conservation into a special Mass, reaching more than 1,000 people. Follow-up community events encouraged nearly 100 residents to pledge not to hunt or trade wild birds, demonstrating how working with trusted community leaders can inspire local action for wildlife conservation.





BRINGING MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION TO LIFE THROUGH THEATRE

WildAct partnered with the Yen Mo District Department of Education and Training to organise a migratory bird conservation drama competition across 18 primary schools in Ninh Binh. More than 1,000 students and teachers took part, with seven plays selected for the final performance. Through storytelling and theatre, students explored the threats facing migratory birds and shared conservation messages with their communities.

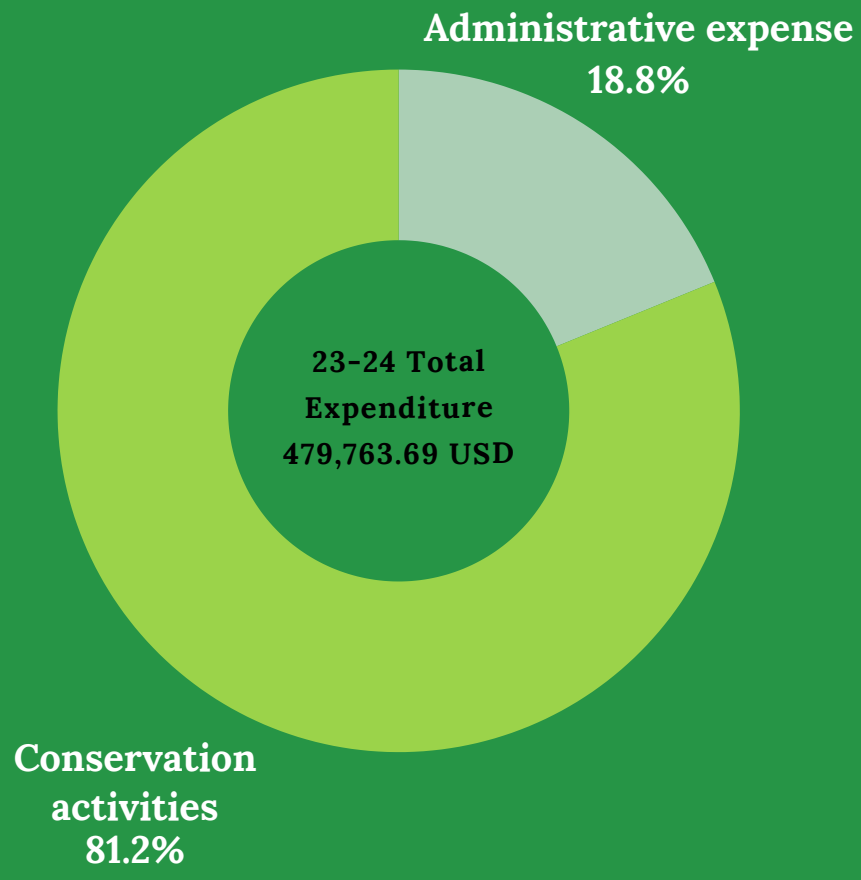


HOW WE SPENT YOUR DONATION

EXPENDITURE

At WildAct, we are committed to creating lasting impact for wildlife, people and nature. 81.17% of our expenditure went directly to charitable activities, supporting conservation action on the ground and empowering communities to protect wildlife. The remaining 18.83% supported staff salaries and administrative costs — an essential investment in the people behind our work.

Effective conservation takes more than passion. It requires skilled, committed people who have the resources, fair compensation and welfare they need to do their jobs well. By investing in our team, we strengthen our ability to deliver high-quality conservation programmes, build lasting relationships with local communities and achieve meaningful, long-term impact. Supporting our people is part of protecting nature.



SUPPORTING US

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