

Announcement

New Wildlife Action Partnership Grants will support efforts to protect endangered species

Hanoi, December 3, 2012 – Education for Nature - Vietnam (ENV) officially launched the new Wildlife Action Partnership Grant (WAPG) initiative today, to fund concrete actions that will strengthen enforcement and reduce demand for and consumption of wildlife in Vietnam.

The WAPG initiative is a small grant program that is administered by ENV in partnership with the Humane Society International (HSI). Under the program, small grants ranging from 500 to 3000 USD are made available through a simple application process for projects that are considered likely to have a direct impact on wildlife protection in Vietnam.

The program is designed to encourage individuals and organizations to take the opportunity to work on projects that target priority focus areas. These include:

- Anti-poaching enforcement campaigns in protected areas
- Strengthening legislation and policy
- Awareness activities and campaigns focused on demand reduction
- Mobilizing public action and support for wildlife protection
- Working with the media to promote critical wildlife protection issues
- Strengthening the capacity of law enforcement
- Investigations and research on wildlife crime

In addition, projects focusing on endangered species groups including tigers, bears, rhinos, marine turtles, elephants, pangolins, and endangered primates, will be given special consideration for support.

ENV will accept applications from any individual or organization; however, preference will be given to initiatives led by Vietnamese nationals. Grant applications will also be accepted at any time.

“Wildlife Action Partnership Grants will provide an opportunity for active individuals and groups to have a positive impact on wildlife protection in Vietnam,” says Ms. Nguyen Thi Phuong Dung, Operations Director of ENV. *“We hope this program inspires some fresh and creative solutions and we look forward to establishing a variety of active working partnerships with others who share our interest and commitment to wildlife protection.”*

Successful applicants must complete their projects within one year from the date of approval. Where applicable, ENV will participate in project activities to strengthen future partnerships, provide assistance and support where needed, and evaluate project impacts.

Applications may be downloaded here in [Vietnamese](#) or [English](#), or requested by contacting grant.env@gmail.com.

ENV wishes to thank the Humane Society International (HSI) for their partnership and support in establishing and administering this program.

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Education for Nature-Vietnam (ENV) was established in 2000 as Vietnam's first non-governmental organization focused on conservation of nature and the environment. Our mission is to foster greater understanding amongst the Vietnamese public about environmental issues of local, national and global significance, ranging from protection of wildlife and natural ecosystems to climate change. We employ creative and innovative strategies to influence attitudes and mobilize Vietnamese citizens to live in balance with the natural world and to take action to protect Vietnam's precious environment.