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## Call for Nominations Outstanding Achievement Awards for Wildlife Protection

In 2015, Education for Nature – Vietnam (ENV) will host the second annual awards ceremony, recognizing the outstanding achievements and contributions by members of society in the protection of wildlife. The awards event will be carried out in partnership with the Biodiversity Conservation Agency (Vietnam Environment Administration), Freeland Foundation, TRAFFIC Southeast Asia – Greater Mekong Programme, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS Vietnam), IUCN Vietnam, and People and Nature Reconciliation (Pan Nature) and is supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-supported Asia's Regional Response to Endangered Species Trafficking (ARREST) Program.

*“After the resounding success of the first National Awards organized in 2013, we continue to recognize people who stand out as having a strong positive impact on protecting wildlife which is threatened by illegal hunting and trade,”* says Vu Thi Quyen – Executive Director of ENV. *“ENV and our partners strongly appreciate the excellent contributions by law enforcement and the media towards the protection of wildlife.”*

Amongst those recognized for their achievements will be five representatives from key government agencies responsible for enforcing wildlife protection laws, as well as two outstanding journalists.

### Award Categories:

- 1. Outstanding Enforcement Officer Award:** Up to five awards will be given to professionals directly involve in the enforcement of wildlife protection. Suggested nominees may include environmental police officers, forest rangers from provincial and protected area enforcement teams, customs officers, border police, fisheries officers, and other members of the law enforcement community with a proven track record in protecting wildlife.
- 2. Excellence in Journalism Award:** Two awards will be given to two journalists whose work has had a major impact on raising public awareness about wildlife protection and exposing wildlife trade networks in Vietnam.

### Call for nominations

The nomination process will **open on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 and close on February 28<sup>th</sup> 2015**

Nominations may be submitted by anyone except the nominee. The process for submitting a nomination is as follows:

- **Step 1:** Review the criteria at the end of this document
- **Step 2:** Complete the application form
- **Step 3:** Submit the nomination by post or email

A copy of the nomination form and criteria is attached to this announcement and is also available online at: [http://bit.ly/NA\\_application\\_form](http://bit.ly/NA_application_form)

Completed nominations should be sent directly by email or post to

Education for Nature - Vietnam  
Outstanding Achievement Awards for Wildlife Protection  
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Hanoi, Vietnam  
Email: [giaithuongdvhd@gmail.com](mailto:giaithuongdvhd@gmail.com)

**Nomination deadline:** The deadline for nominations is February 28<sup>th</sup> 2015, after which no new nominations will be accepted.

**Announcement of awards:** An awards ceremony will be hosted in Hanoi in late 2015. Award winners will be notified by ENV in June 2015. The exact date and location of the awards ceremony will also be announced in late August, 2015.

#### **Nomination review process**

Nominations will be subject to the following assessment process:

- **Initial screening**  
ENV and the panel of judges will conduct a review of all nominations and produce a short-list comprised of candidates who meet the required criteria, detailed below and which is based on high standards of performance for and commitment to wildlife protection.
- **Review by panel of judges**  
A panel of judges will review each short-listed nomination and any associated materials and select winners based on a majority vote for each category.

#### **Panel of judges**

The panel of judges includes representatives from the following institutions:

- Education for Nature – Vietnam (ENV)
- Biodiversity Conservation Agency (Vietnam Environment Administration)
- Freeland Foundation
- TRAFFIC Southeast Asia – Greater Mekong Programme
- Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS Vietnam)
- IUCN Vietnam
- People and Nature Reconciliation (PanNature)

#### **Award winners**

The award winners will be notified by phone and written announcement in early June 2015. They will be formally invited to the awards ceremony which will take place in late 2015 in Hanoi. Award winners will be expected to work closely with ENV to collect photos or video footage and other supplementary materials required for the award ceremony.

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## Nomination Criteria

### General conditions

Must be a Vietnamese national and reside in Vietnam.

### Notes

For the purpose of these awards, wildlife protection is defined as efforts directly relating to stopping illegal hunting and trade of wildlife.

### Category 1: Outstanding Enforcement Officer Award

Applicable: Environmental police officer, forest ranger, customs officer, border police, fisheries officer and other members of the law enforcement community.

Through his/her work, the candidate has greatly contributed to efforts to combat wildlife crime in **one or more** of the following ways:

- Protect wildlife in its habitat: The candidate has played an active role in the protection of wildlife within its habitat.
- Investigation: The candidate has led or played an active role in an in-depth investigation focusing on major criminal aspects of the wildlife trade (police only).
- Enforcement: The candidate has demonstrated excellence in his/her work, and commitment within their agency to combat illegal wildlife trade. Such commitment includes making arrests, interdicting smuggling and trade operations, efforts to address consumer demand, monitoring and management of wildlife farms, preventing transnational wildlife crime, etc.

### Category 2: Outstanding Journalist Award

Applicable: Vietnamese language television, radio, print, or online journalists.

Published/aired one or more outstanding piece(s) on a wildlife protection issue(s) that has greatly contributed to combating the illegal trade of wildlife in **one or more** of the following ways:

- Outstanding journalism: The candidate produced one or more quality, in-depth piece(s) on a wildlife protection issue of importance and significantly contributed to raising public awareness and knowledge of the issue.
- Exposé journalism: The candidate's coverage on a specific aspect of wildlife protection was instrumental in exposing a critical issue and ultimately contributed to subsequent decisions or enforcement action by authorities to address the issue.
- Commitment through journalism: The candidate consistently and regularly reports on wildlife protection issues of substance, resulting in increased public awareness.



## Outstanding Achievement Awards for Wildlife Protection

### Application Form

The National Wildlife Protection Award is to mobilize and motivate active participation by a range of individuals in wildlife protection efforts. The most active individuals are recognized and awarded for their positive contributions to stopping illegal wildlife trade.

#### Nominations

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NOMINATOR			
Full name		Employer	
Title		Email	
Mobile Phone		Work Phone	
NOMINEE			
Full name		Age	
Gender		Employer	
Title		Email	
Mobile Phone		Work Phone	
Address			

I hereby nominate Mr. /Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ for the National Wildlife Protection Award in:

(You tick only one category)

- Outstanding Enforcement Officer Award
- Excellence in Journalism Award

List reasons why you think the candidate should receive the selected award

List recent achievements of the candidate

List any awards or recognitions recently received by the candidate

Additional statements to further explain why you would like to nominate the above person for the selected award (no more than 500 words)

List of supporting documents (optional)

Submission: You can submit your nomination by post or email

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