

## Combating Wildlife and Forest Products Trafficking

### WildAid

GDA and EAPEI funds in a 12 month 2004-2005 grant are helping WildAid conduct the following activities:

1. counter wildlife trafficking in Cambodia through a public hotline, wildlife rescues and care of confiscated wildlife;
2. strengthen of national park protection in Thailand and Cambodia through development of training curriculums and manuals and capacity building of trainers;
3. conduct awareness campaigns in both Thailand and Cambodia through television ads and billboards.

We are now 6 months into the grant, we are preparing a 6 month activity report, but we do not have all the data yet.

## Results

### 1. Wilderness Protection Mobile Unit (WPMU)

Special law enforcement team that stops illegal wildlife traders all over the country (inspections in restaurants, markets, traditional medicine shops, on roads and national borders). When WildAid arrived in Cambodia in 2000, eating wildlife was a way of life: displaying tigers in one's living room, eating bear paws after golf tournaments went hand in hand with owning a Rollex watch and driving a Mercedes. Wildlife was sold everywhere: on markets, in restaurants, on sidewalks. Through WPMU's enforcement work and WildAid's ACAP (Active Awareness Conservation Program) program, consumption of wildlife in restaurants was reduced by 75% by December 2001 and 95% by December 2003. However, tens of thousands of live wildlife and tons of animal parts still leave the country every month to feed wildlife consumers in China. Launched on July 2, 2001 by WildAid and the Department of Forestry, WPMU has apprehended 777 traders, rescued 19, 881 live wildlife (data from July 2, 2001-December 2004), confiscated 7,204 dead animals, 5 tons of wildlife meat and 26 tons of parts. **Results for FY04 are summarized in the chart below.**

Description	Jan-Jul 2004	4-Aug	4-Sep	4-Oct	4-Nov	4-Dec	Grand Total 2004
<b>Live Wildlife Seizures:</b>	2,937	462	184	539	567	354	<b>5,043</b>
<b>Dead Animals:</b>	1,849	148	401	696	42	837	<b>3,973</b>
<b>Wildlife Meat (kg):</b>	338.8	131.05	38.8	0	109.1	199.2	<b>817</b>
<b>Wildlife Specimens:</b>	641 & 225.3 kg	75	15 & 20.2 kg	25 & 79 kg	9	30 & 16.7 kg	<b>795 &amp; 341.2 kg</b>
<b>Fines Collected:</b>	\$ 148.75	\$ 1,235.10	\$ 252.38	\$ 220.75	\$ 111.63	\$ 2,922.13	<b>\$ 4,890.74</b>
<b>Traders Apprehended:</b>	166	48	37	33	26	25	<b>335</b>



Bear paw confiscated in Kampong Speu



Malayan Sun Bear rescued from a trader in Mondulkiri



Elephant tusks seized in Phnom Penh



**Two eight-month old tigers seized from a trader in Poipet**



**Blossom-headed parakeets rescued from a trader in Battambang**



**Baby Pileated Gibbon seized from a trader in Phnom Penh**

## **2. Care for Confiscated Wildlife**

WildAid provides care for the live wildlife confiscated from traffickers with a team of veterinarians and wildlife husbandry and rehabilitation specialists. When animals cannot be released back into the wild, they are cared for in the government's Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Center (PTWRC), co-managed by the Forestry Administration and WildAid. These animals include young, sick and wounded, birds with clipped wings and individuals that have been habituated to humans. WildAid assures humane transportation of wildlife after confiscations (transfer to comfortable crates, first aid care, water and food), and raises funds to construct habitat-like enclosures and design rehabilitation programs.

In FY04 new arrivals were 184 endangered and threatened mammals (Asiatic black bears, Malaysian sunbears, pileated gibbons, smooth coated otters, southern serows, slow lorries, silver langurs), 798 birds (Sarus cranes, greater and lesser adjutant storks, spot billed pelicans etc.) and 63 reptiles (Siamese crocodiles, Burmese and reticulated pythons, various endangered turtles and tortoises). A total of 74 species are cared for in PTWRC.



**Wildlife husbandry specialist assuring humane transportation of seized bear**



**Traders in Modulkiri kept baby elephant 2 weeks without milk after killing mother. Calf dies 5 hours after WildAid rescue team arrives.**



**WPMU releases flock of egrets into Bokor National Park**

### 3. Protected Areas Management

WildAid's development of ranger training manuals and curriculums focuses on stopping illegal logging, forest clearing, and wildlife poaching on the ground. The training includes both law enforcement and community outreach components.



Curriculum development and training ranger trainers in Bokor National Ranger Training Center

### 4. Raising Awareness and Reducing Demand

In Thailand, WildAid, supported by J. Walter Thompson advertising agency, conducted an add campaign during the CITES 2 week annual conference in Bangkok (television adds, sky train advertisements).



WildAid's ACAP program in Cambodia (billboard on A6 National Road to restaurant district)



Famous Cambodian Kick-boxer E Puthang advocating for stopping consumption of bear parts (television ad)



WildAid television series with Khmer actors: "When the buying stops, the killing can too."