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Mr. Barry Spergel, WWF US, paid a visit to Vietnam from 22 to 29 October. He is a specialist on trust funds/sustainable sources of funding for protected areas. During his stay in Hanoi, he had a meeting with WWF senior staff to discuss trust funds for protected areas.

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Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) project (funded by IDRC, Oxfam America and WWF-US)

Under the project, a workshop was held in November for 50 participants in Ratanakiri province. This training workshop continued to build the case study analysis and writing skills initially presented in a workshop earlier in 2001. Many new participants from Ratanakiri province and other areas of the country attended. Case study fieldwork and group discussions facilitated a process of “lessons learned” from the many community forestry, community fisheries and participatory land-use planning projects in Ratanakiri. Contact: Dale Withington drwithing@bigpond.com.kh - WWF Cambodia Office.

Large Rivers Symposium for Fisheries (LARS 2)

The Mekong River Commission (MRC) and the Royal Government of Cambodia have invited FAO and WWF as collaborators to organize LARS 2, which is to be held in Phnom Penh 11-14 February 2003. Marc Goichot, WWF’s Mekong Coordinator, is sitting on both the steering committee and the scientific committee for LARS 2. He is also a member of WWF’s global freshwater team.

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Elephant Program Field Surveys Completed

The Elephant Programme completed three field surveys in and around Phnom Prich Wildlife Sanctuary. Some camera traps were set, and the film will be obtained and developed in January. The elephant team also provided training in field survey methods to rangers of the sanctuary and staff of the provincial Department of Forestry and Wildlife.

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COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

From 15 to 18 October and from 10 to 14 November, the Communications Unit of WWF Indochina conducted two training courses for communications and administration people working for NGOs such as PLAN, FADO, the Ford Foundation, IMA, NAV, CIDSE, etc. The training aimed to provide participants with basic communications skills in working with local communities, the press, etc. The participants also learnt about campaigning, online communications, internal communications, and elements of a communications strategy. Contact: Nguyen Diep Hoa hoa@wwfvn.org.vn or Nguyen Hong Nhung nhung@cidse.org.vn.
EDUCATION NEWS

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

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- The LINC project continues to support the forest guards in monitoring the human impact of the national park. Yet many villagers met in the forest have already signed agreements that they will not exploit forest products in the park any more. **Contact: Marianne Meijboom wwflinc@hn.vnn.vn - LINC Project Office.**

**Other news**

Mr. Barry Spergel, WWF US, paid a visit to Vietnam from 22 to 29 October. He is a specialist on trust funds/sustainable sources of funding for protected areas. During his stay in Hanoi, he had a meeting with WWF senior staff to discuss trust funds for protected areas. **Contact: Martin Geiger martin@wwfvn.org.vn - WWF Indochina Programme.**

**CAMBODIA NEWS**

**Ecoregional Programme**

- The ecoregion programme (EP) is focusing on developing a programme and work plan for 2002 for the Ecoregion Action Programme funded by WWF US and on development of a GEF medium-sized project
proposals. The latter activity included a field visit to Mondulkiri province by Dale Withington and Seng Teak in early November. Under the EP, a logframe development workshop in Phnom Penh was held in November, and a stakeholder workshop in Mondulkiri province was held in early December. The first draft of the proposal has been completed.

- WWF Cambodia continues to collaborate with government and non-government organizations on the development of a Community Forestry Sub-Decree. The WWF Cambodia Conservation Programme also began to develop plans to financially and technically support the development of a Protected Areas Law for Cambodia. Seng Teak is part of the task force for the development of this law, and Martin Geiger, Forestry Coordinator, is providing technical input. Contact: Dale Withington dwriting@bigpond.com.kh - WWF Cambodia Office.

Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) project (funded by IDRC, Oxfam America and WWF-US)
Under the project, a workshop was held in November for 50 participants in Ratanakiri province. This training workshop continued to build the case study analysis and writing skills initially presented in a workshop earlier in 2001. Many new participants from Ratanakiri province and other areas of the country attended. Case study fieldwork and group discussions facilitated a process of “lessons learned” from the many community forestry, community fisheries and participatory land-use planning projects in Ratanakiri. Contact: Dale Withington dwriting@bigpond.com.kh - WWF Cambodia Office.

WWF and IUCN collaboration on Mekong
WWF has just signed a five-year MOU with IUCN for specific collaboration on “Conservation of the Mekong River Basin Freshwater Ecosystems”. The MOU applies to activities in all four lower Mekong River Basin countries and supports the UNDP/GEF project “Mekong River Basin Wetland Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Programme” and WWF’s “Living Mekong Programme”. The initial areas of collaboration include integrated planning and natural resource management, policy framework development, capacity building of the main partners with whom both organizations work (in particular, the four governments, the Mekong River Commission, and local universities and training centers), follow-up of the findings of the World Commission on Dams with respect to the Mekong River, and preparation for the Third World Water Forum. Contact: Marc Goichot marc@bigpond.com.kh - WWF Cambodia Office.

Large Rivers Symposium for Fisheries (LARS 2)
The Mekong River Commission (MRC) and the Royal Government of Cambodia have invited FAO and WWF as collaborators to organize LARS 2, which is to be held in Phnom Penh 11-14 February 2003. Marc Goichot, WWF’s Mekong Coordinator, is sitting on both the steering committee and the scientific committee for LARS 2. He is also a member of WWF’s global freshwater team. Contact: Marc Goichot marc@bigpond.com.kh - WWF Cambodia Office.

Elephant Program Field Surveys Completed
The Elephant Programme completed three field surveys in and around Phnom Prich Wildlife Sanctuary. Some camera traps were set, and the film will be obtained and developed in January. The elephant team also provided training in field survey methods to rangers of the sanctuary and staff of the provincial Department of Forestry and Wildlife. Contact: Dale Withington dwriting@bigpond.com.kh - WWF Cambodia Office.

COMMUNICATIONS NEWS
From 15 to 18 October and from 10 to 14 November, the Communications Unit of WWF Indochina conducted two training courses for communications and administration people working for NGOs such as PLAN, FADO, the Ford Foundation, IMA, NAV, CIDSE, etc. The training aimed to provide participants with basic communications skills in working with local communities, the press, etc. The participants also learnt about campaigning, online communications, internal communications, and elements of a communications strategy. Contact: Nguyen Diep Hoa hoa@wwfvn.org.vn or Nguyen Hong Nhng nhung@cidse.org.vn.

EDUCATION NEWS
- Under the project Zoo Education and Public Awareness of Biodiversity Conservation, on 29 December, a seminar on threatened habitats and endangered species was conducted by the WWF Environmental Education Unit and the Hanoi Zoo in the Hanoi Zoo. About 70 students of the University of Natural Science (the Faculties of Biological Science and Environmental Science) and the Hanoi Pedagogic University (the Biological Faculty) attended the seminar. The participants welcomed the seminar and hoped that similar seminars would be organized by WWF and the Hanoi Zoo.
- Also, under the same project, a drama titled “My Son is a Tiger” written by Mike Matarasso was performed in the Youth Theatre in Hanoi. The drama was shown for the first time on national
television (VTV2) on 31 December 2001. The drama aims to educate both adults and children to love nature through a story about a hunter’s child who was captured while going hunting and brought up by a mother tiger and her warm family. Several copies of this drama (on Betacam and VHS) have been produced for environmental education purposes.

**WWF INDOCHINA PEOPLE**

- Ms. Do Thi Thanh Huyen, Environmental Education Officer, started working for WWF Indochina from 1 December 2001.
- Ms. Le Xuan Quynh started working for the Marine and Coastal Programme, WWF ICP, from 24 December as a Marine Conservation Officer.
- Mrs. Tham Ngoc Diep, Marine Conservation Officer, is leaving in early 2002 after more than two years with WWF.
- Ms. Nguyen Hong Nhung has applied successfully for the position of finance assistant. She started working for WWF from 12 December 2001.
- Ms. Hoang Phuong Thao, Policy Officer, has left WWF ICP to work as a Policy Officer for ActionAid. WWF wishes her continued success in her new position.
- On November 30, Kit Howden, a Voluntary Services Abroad staff at the Cat Tien National Park Conservation Project, left Vietnam to return to his family in New Zealand.

**NEW PUBLICATIONS**

- “The Importance of Phnom Prich Wildlife Sanctuaries for the Conservation of Tigers and Other Key Species,” based on a field survey by Robert Timmins and Ou Rattanak, has been published. A summary document about the survey was printed, and the full report was placed onto a CD ROM.
- Funded by the WWF-US Species Conservation Programme through WWF Indochina, “Surveys of Tigers and Other Large Mammals in Virachey National Park 2000–2001”, prepared by Seng Teak, has been printed. The document is a collection of all the results of the surveys on large mammals which were conducted in and around Virachey National Park (Cambodia) during 2000-2001. The document also describes key threats and gives some recommendations for short-term and long-term conservation actions. Contact: Seng Teak  teaks@bigpond.com.kh  WWF Cambodia Office.