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Natural Resource Conservation Programs in the Lower Mekong

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Biodiversity Conservation in Tropical Forests of the Greater
Mekong Sub-region

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Asia's Regional Response to Endangered Species Trafficking (ARREST)



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Trend

2007-2014

RHINO POACHING INCREASES >9,300%



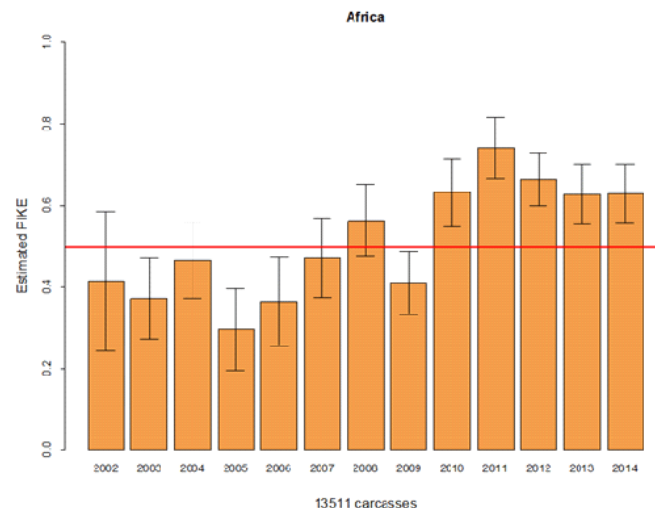
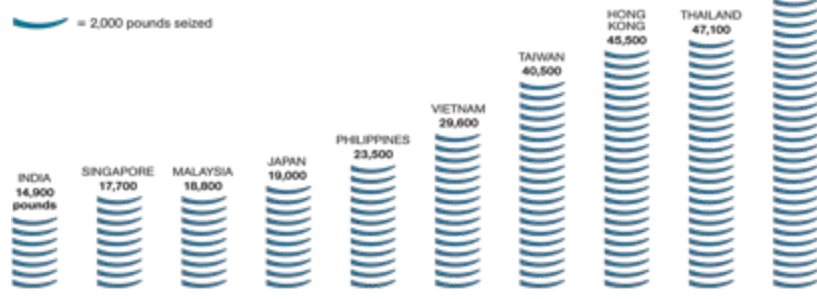
NUMBER OF RHINOS POACHED IN SOUTH AFRICA



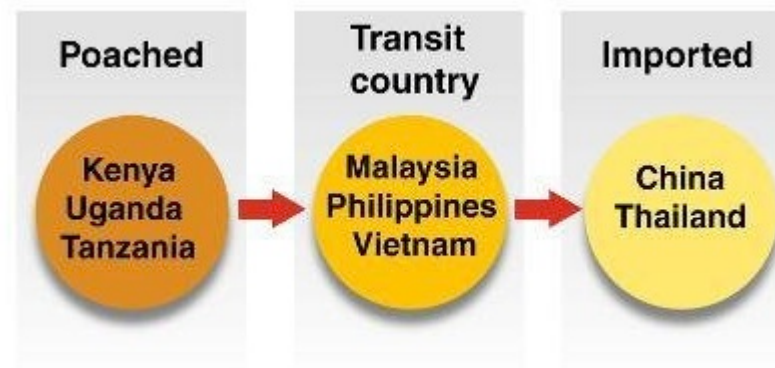
TEN ASIAN COUNTRIES WITH THE MOST IVORY SEIZED, 1989-2011

Total weight of seizures in pounds by country or region (Hong Kong and Taiwan data collected separately from China's)

— = 2,000 pounds seized



Ivory – 100,000 poached in last 3 years



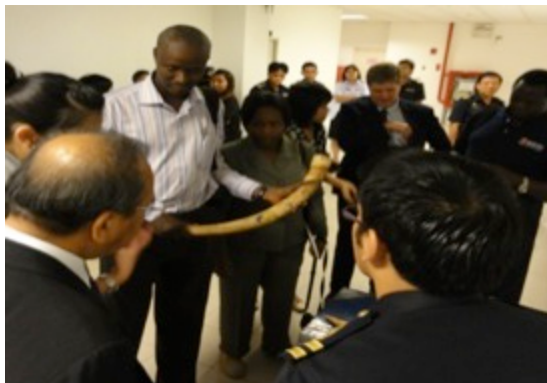


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Before ARREST

- Counter Wildlife Trafficking cooperation starting across ASEAN.
- Bridge developing to Africa.
- Wildlife Enforcement Networks (WENs) and NGOs operating separately





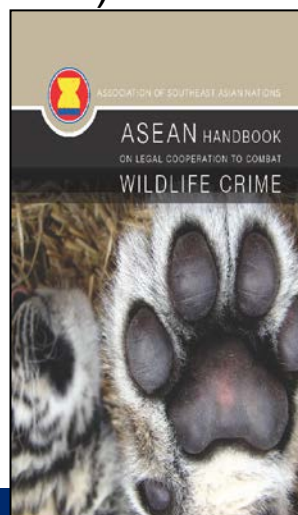
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ARREST Outputs

Strengthening Law Enforcement

- Counter-poaching training program developed and accredited (PROTECT)
- WEN Counter-trafficking training program developed and nearly accredited (DETECT)
- WEN Species ID tool developed and activated
- Air Traffic Training (Wildlife Friendly Skies)
- ASEAN legal handbook
- ASEAN Parliamentarians Engaged





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ARREST Outputs

Behavior Change

- Behavior Change Campaigned and Developed in China, Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam
- Global TV Series on wildlife
- Online Trade Campaign and Manual
- Regional Behavior Change Working Group
- Strengthening, Sustaining and Expanding Networks (COBRA I, II and III)



PSA Impact Evaluation on Ivory Trade in China

PSA: "Mom, I have teeth"



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ABOUT THE SHOW

Follow an international task force of cops and environmental activists from the U.S., Thailand and Australia on their mission to investigate and bust the illegal animal trade. Southeast Asia is a real hot spot for wildlife trafficking. Its at the center of a perfect storm of pervasive corruption and huge demand for ivory, prized animal parts and pets. Join this united task force, as agents from around the world go undercover to hunt down leaders of violent criminal syndicates that traffic in endangered animals.

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LEAD Activity

Mangrove and flooded forest C assessments



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USAID LEAD & USFS: Mangrove C assessments

- Strengthen national GHG inventories; inform forest inventories
- 2 trainings: 70 Cambodians proficient in mangrove C assessment
- E-book for measuring C in mangroves http://www.lowemissionsasia.org/media/ebooks/mangrove_protocol.swf
- Robust estimate of C stocks in Cambodia's mangroves → adds to rationale for conservation, management and restoration





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LEAF Activity

**Emissions reduction focus; biodiversity
conservation co-benefits**



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LEAF Results

- Increased commitment for forest protection in 3 priority landscapes
- Lam Dong: 1st PRAP
- Houaphan: improved forest management, land use planning, & livelihoods
- Mae Sa – Kog Ma

Mae Sa – Kog Ma Biosphere Reserve, Thailand



Capacity Building



Mae Sa-Kog Ma Management Plan



Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)





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- **Provincial REDD+ Action Plan, Lam Dong, Vietnam → balance forest protection and economic development** <http://www.leafasia.org/lam-dong-infographic>
- **Strengthened management plan for Biosphere Reserve & PES in Chiang Mai** <http://www.leafasia.org/sites/default/files/public/resources/MSKM-EN-DigitalDownload.pdf>
- **Improved forest management, land use planning, and livelihoods in Laos** <http://www.leafasia.org/sites/default/files/public/resources/Laos-Eng-web.pdf>

Extra info

- Regional climate change curriculum developed with regional universities <http://www.leafasia.org/curriculum>
- 24 gender champions in region improved gender considerations in forestry and climate change <http://www.leafasia.org/asia-pacific-leadership-initiative-gender-and-climate-change-infographic>