

The Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund



IWT Case Study Webinar


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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- **Case Study 1** – IWT057
- Questions
- **Case Study 2** – IWT035
- Questions
- Final Questions

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Objectives

- To provide a lesson learning opportunity for key personnel from new and previously funded IWT Challenge Fund projects
- An opportunity for past project leaders to share their experiences and tips

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Welcome & Congratulations!

IWT Challenge Fund Round 6:

- 122 IWT applications received at Stage 1
- 26 IWT applications invited to Stage 2
- 10 new IWT projects funded

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Poll

What is your role on your project?

- Project Leader/Co-Leader
- Technical
- Admin/Finance
- Other

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Poll

Is your project new or from a previous funding Round?

- New Project (Round 6)
- Existing Project
- I currently don't work on any IWT projects

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Case Study 1

Project Reference:	IWT057
Project Title:	Building capacity to reduce illegal trade of shark products in Indonesia
Lead Organisation:	Cefas
Project Duration:	July 2018 – June 2021 (3 years)
Country(ies):	Indonesia

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Building capacity to reduce illegal trade of shark products in Indonesia

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Cefas

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Why Indonesia

World's **largest** shark fishing nation

112

known shark species

83

threatened with extinction



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Why Indonesia

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The partnership

Highly engaged project team

Formal collaboration agreement

Regular and diverse communication

Learning
Start up time!

Funded by UK Government

Centre for Environment Fisheries & Aquaculture Science

WCS

University of Salford MANCHESTER

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What we set out to do

Indonesia has capacity to effectively trace, monitor and control trade in sharks and rays to support CITES legislation and provide a risk-based approach to legal and sustainable resource use.

<p>Output 1.</p> <p>Understanding of the political and operational landscape of elasmobranch trade including the identification of all key stakeholders.</p>	<p>Output 2.</p> <p>Improved capacity of MMAF to deliver advanced, on-going training to effectively identify and monitor the trade of CITES-protected elasmobranch species.</p>	<p>Output 3.</p> <p>Improved capacity for law enforcement agencies to effectively respond to incidences of illegal trade using evidence-based approaches creates stronger disincentives for illegal trade of elasmobranch products.</p>	<p>Output 4.</p> <p>MMAF have increased capacity to utilise their improved scientific evidence to better inform national policies on elasmobranch trade management and CITES compliance.</p>
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What we set out to do

2018	2019	2020	2021
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Award of funding and start of the project in July 2018. 2. Two-day project inception workshop in Jakarta November 2018. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional workshops at BPSPL offices to complete questionnaires (Jan 19 – March 19). 2. Production of consultation document summarises information collated from project inception workshop and BPSPL visits. 3. Training programme and curriculum designed for verifiers and expert verifiers as well as the training team. 4. Train the trainer workshops using newly designed modules in Nov 19. 5. WCS-led training of customs officials. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remaining BPSPL staff are trained under the new training modules. 2. Assessments on the accuracy of the new training programme are conducted. 3. MMAF staff to visit the UK for workshop on science-based policy. 4. Three regional workshops delivered in Jakarta, Semarang and Surabaya to communicate the improved trade procedures of MMAF to detect illegal wildlife trade. 5. One-day conference with core stakeholders from 1.6 to share project outcomes and knowledge sharing. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Five-year plan summarising results from the project, lessons learned and future directions for improvements to elasmobranch trade management. 2. Project completion (March 2021).

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What we've achieved so far

Output 1.

Communication of the project

Project blog
<https://marinescience.blog.gov.uk>

Twitter

Project 'corkboard' newsletters



Large, multi-day Project Inception workshop in Jakarta.

Regional focus groups at all six trade hubs (3 planned)

Priority interventions identified

Project announced at 'Our Oceans' in Bali




Learning
Start up time
- recruitment

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What we've achieved so far

Output 2 & 3

20 participants attended the finalised five-day **'train the trainer'** workshop

National and international experts designed modules on visual identification, DNA-based tools, ecology and biology and regulation.

20% improvement in knowledge following training (66% correct answers in pre-test, 86% correct answers in post-test)



Learning
Engage the right experts
and use existing resources

WCS's Indonesia Program collaborated with Indonesian Customs offices to provide training on identification of wildlife that is commonly traded in Indonesia to 37 participants attended from **customs staff** representative from many harbours and airports

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Next steps...

Output 4

Challenges due to Covid

Most of the activities scheduled for the final year of our project involve international and national travel and medium to large workshops.

PhD student's sample analysis in the Salford University's genetics lab has paused and is now at least 3 months behind schedule.

We requested a 6 month extension via a change request form

Opportunities

Collation and analysis of trade data

PhD student is finalising first peer-reviewed publication which is desk-based in addition to pursuing online learning (e.g. Bayesian statistics courses)

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Challenges and learning

BUDGET:

Be clear about the financial reporting requirements from the offset: part of the CA

Ensure you have enough resource allocated to project management in each partner organisation – providing evidence for financial claims takes time!

REPORTING:

Start the report early and build your evidence and supplementary information as you go along.

Invest time in a communication plan which raises the profile of the work you are doing across numerous platforms and provides evidence of the impact you are having

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Challenges and learning

COMMUNICATION:

Be flexible with how you communicate with project partners. Whats'app messages and calls allow our project team to communicate quickly and regularly.

Talk to others (organisations and experts) working on similar projects/issues to ensure you don't reinvent the wheel and that you contribute to the bigger picture.

Pick up the phone to LTS

OTHER:

Refer back to your original application, logframe and activities regularly – not just when it comes to reporting, and with your project partners too.

Keep focused on your logframe, don't get overwhelmed by the many other priorities which arise throughout

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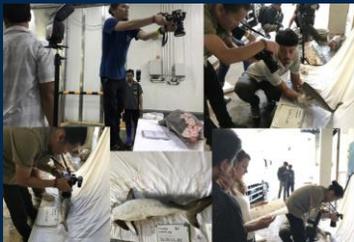
Achievements

Our project was included in the list of UK commitments that were announced at the Our Oceans global summit in Bali, October 2018.



Additional funding to support the development of the first shark trunk visual identification guide for CITES-listed species.

Funding was also secured for additional support for visual identification training for species listed at CITES CoP18 (August 2019) and which were not included in the original project proposal.



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Any Questions?



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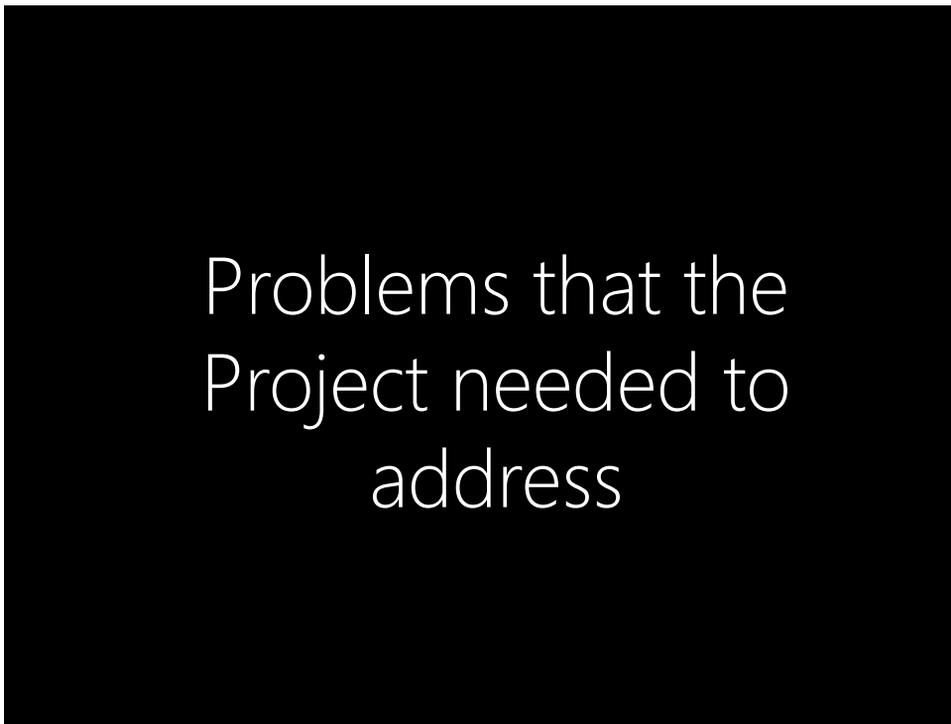
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Project Reference:	IWT035
Project Title:	Sustainability through ecotourism: improving livelihoods and disrupting wildlife trade, Cambodia
Lead Organisation:	Wildlife Alliance
Project Duration:	May 2017 – March 2020 (3 years)
Country(ies):	Cambodia

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IWT: rampant poaching and trafficking

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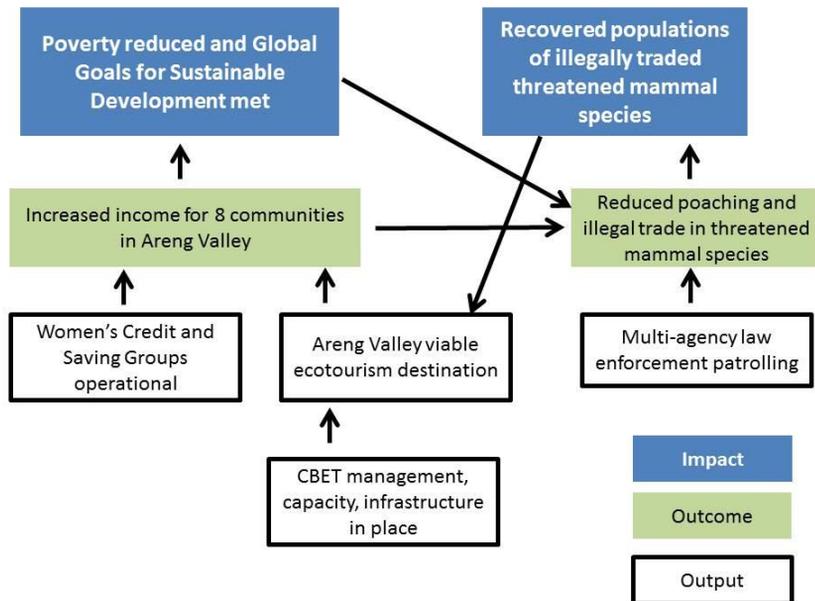


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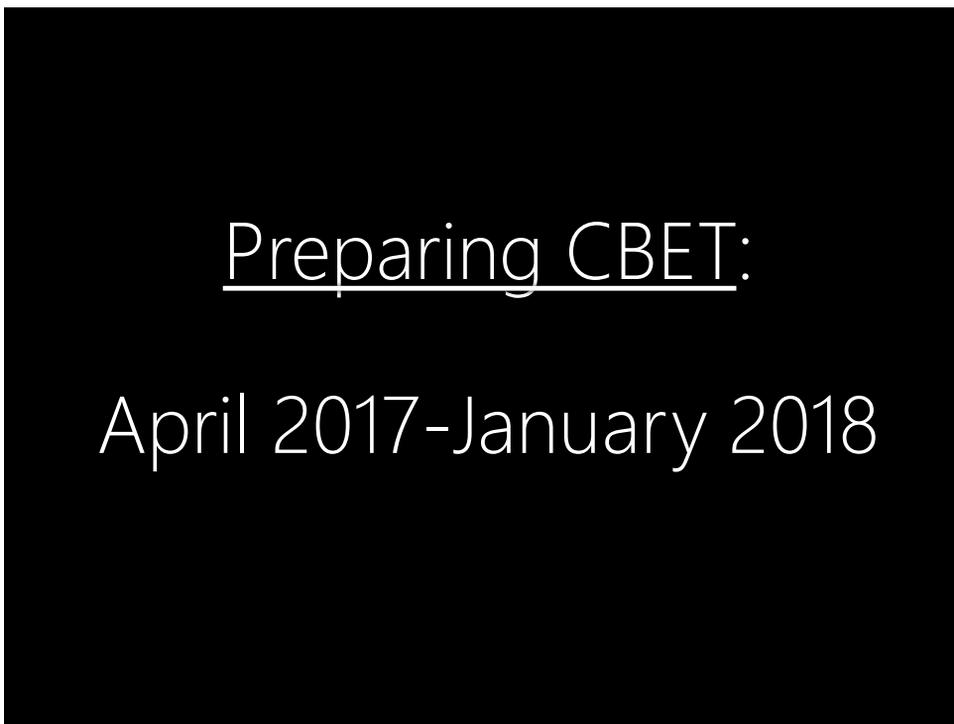
Wildlife Alliance Theory of Change



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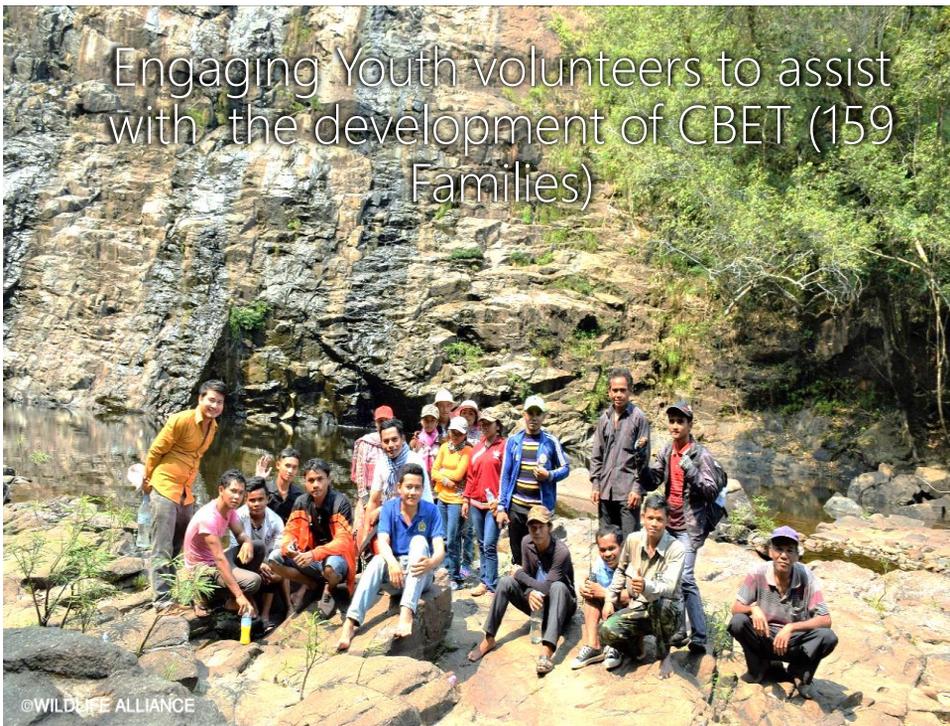
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Creating Women's Credit and Savings Group:
71 families

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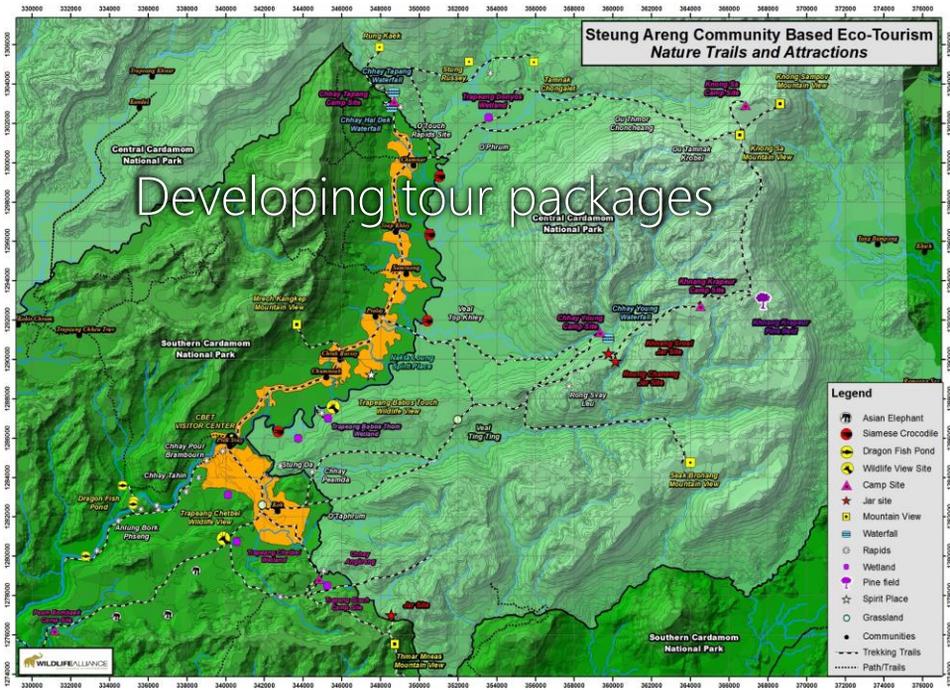
Engaging Youth volunteers to assist
with the development of CBET (159
Families)

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Transfer of professional skills,
financial literacy and computer
literacy

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Preserving cultural diversity:
Training local people to learn the Ploy

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Preparing election policies,
electing CBET management
team, writing by-laws

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Wildlife Alliance Community
Development Team and CBET
Working Group

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Ranger Results 1st April 2017 – 31st March, 2020

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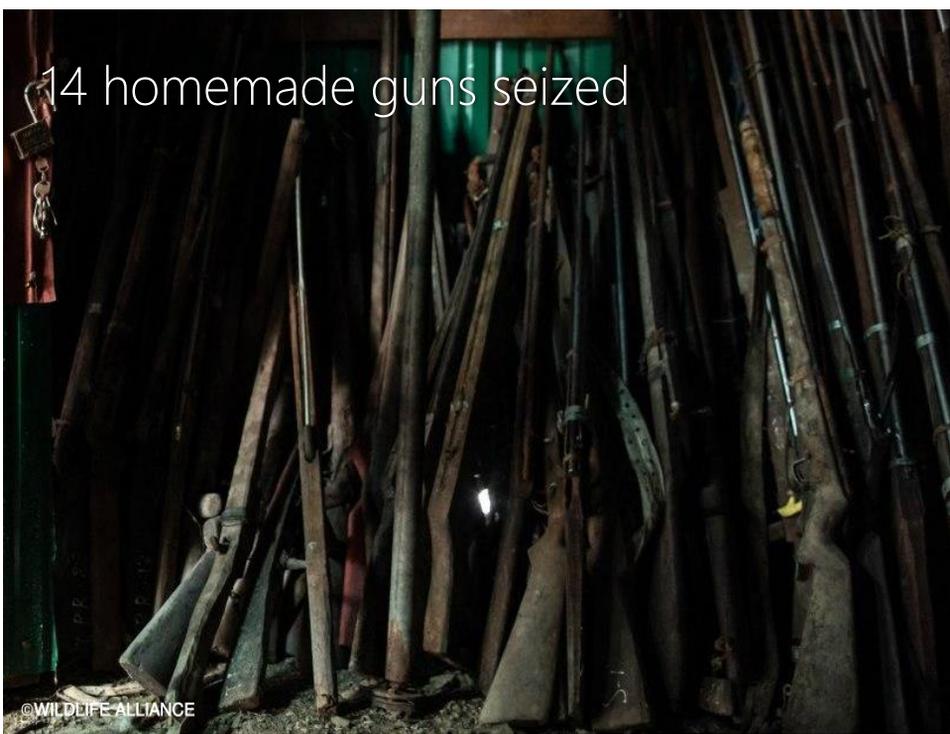
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223 chainsaws confiscated

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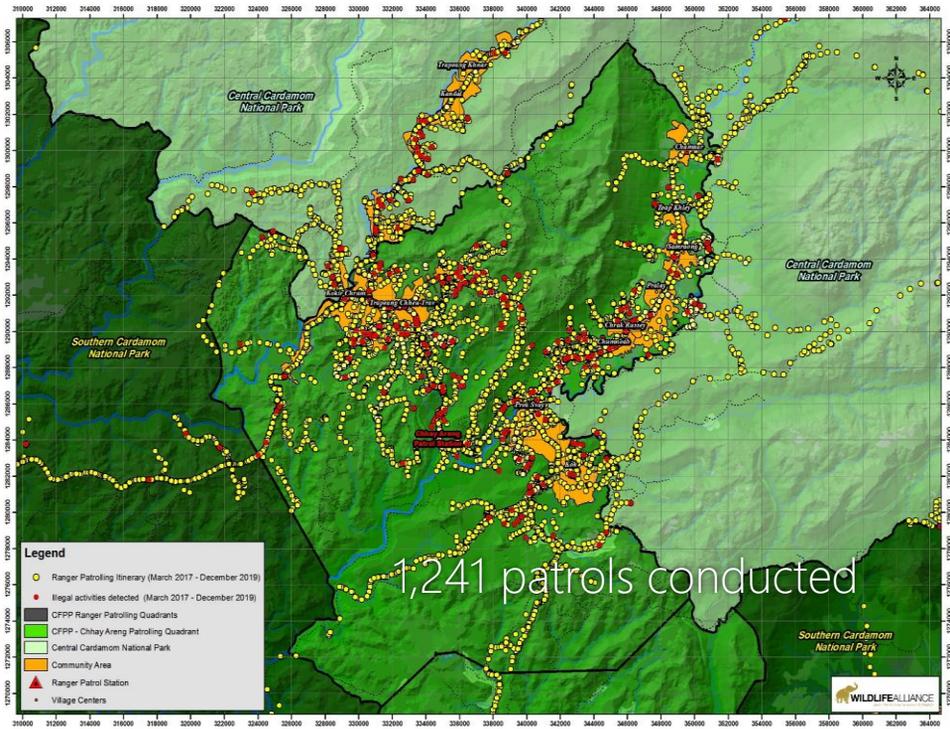
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14 homemade guns seized

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Thanks for listening!



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