

The Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund



IWT Case Study Webinar



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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- **Case Study 1** – IWT044
- Questions
- **Case Study 2** – IWT046
- Questions
- Final Questions

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

Welcome & Congratulations!

IWT Challenge Fund Round 5:

- 98 IWT applications received at Stage 1
- 35 IWT applications invited to Stage 2
- 14 new IWT projects funded

Poll

What is your role on your project?

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

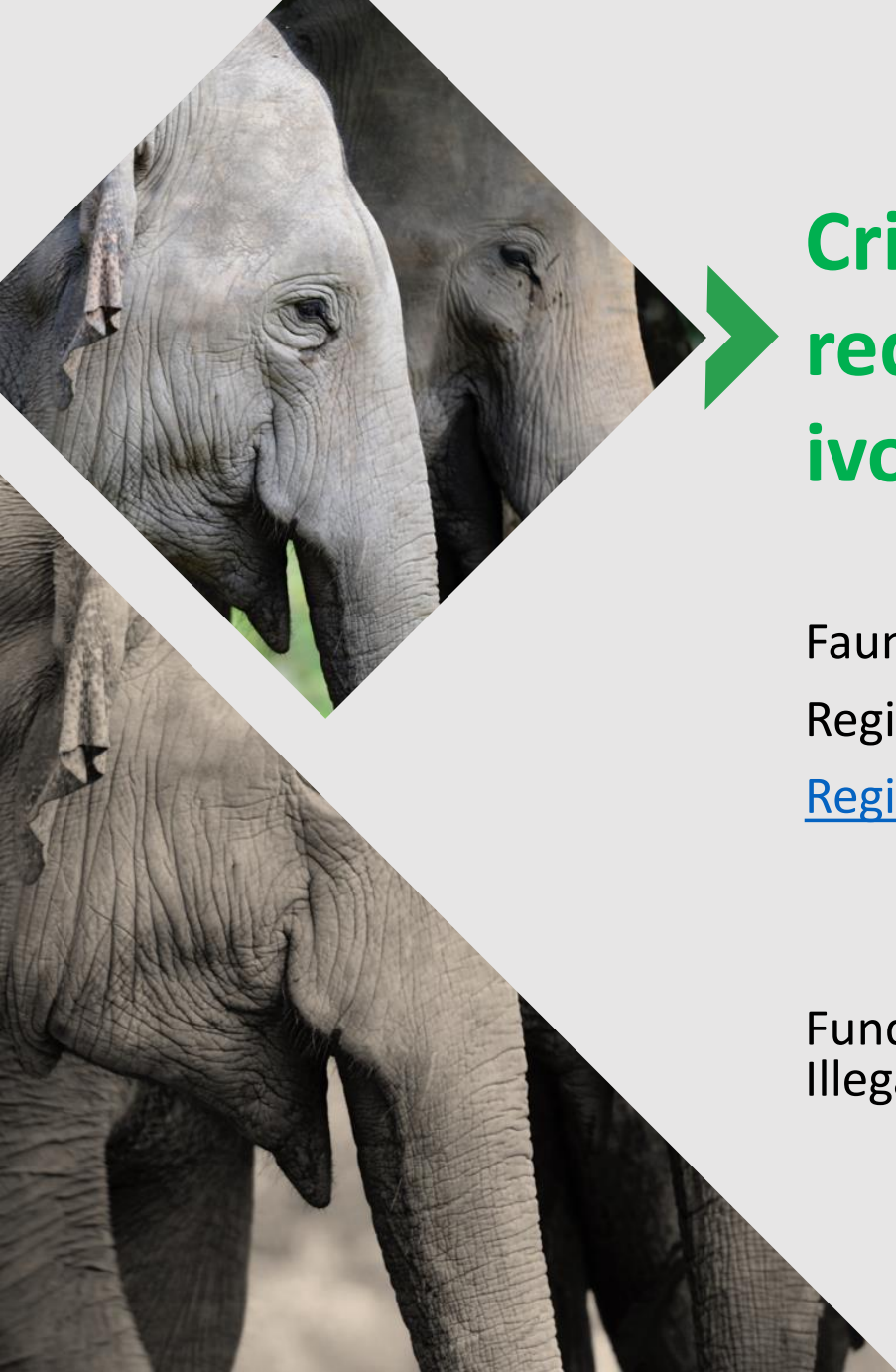
Poll

Is your project new or from a previous funding Round?

- New Project (Round 5)
- Existing Project
- I currently don't work on any IWT projects

Case Study 1

Project Reference:	IWT044
Project Title:	Critical evidence to drive a reduction in Cambodia's ivory trade
Lead Organisation:	Fauna & Flora International
Project Duration:	April 2017 – March 2021 (4 years)
Country(ies):	Cambodia



Critical evidence to drive a reduction in Cambodia's ivory trade

Fauna & Flora International
Regine Weckauf – August 2019

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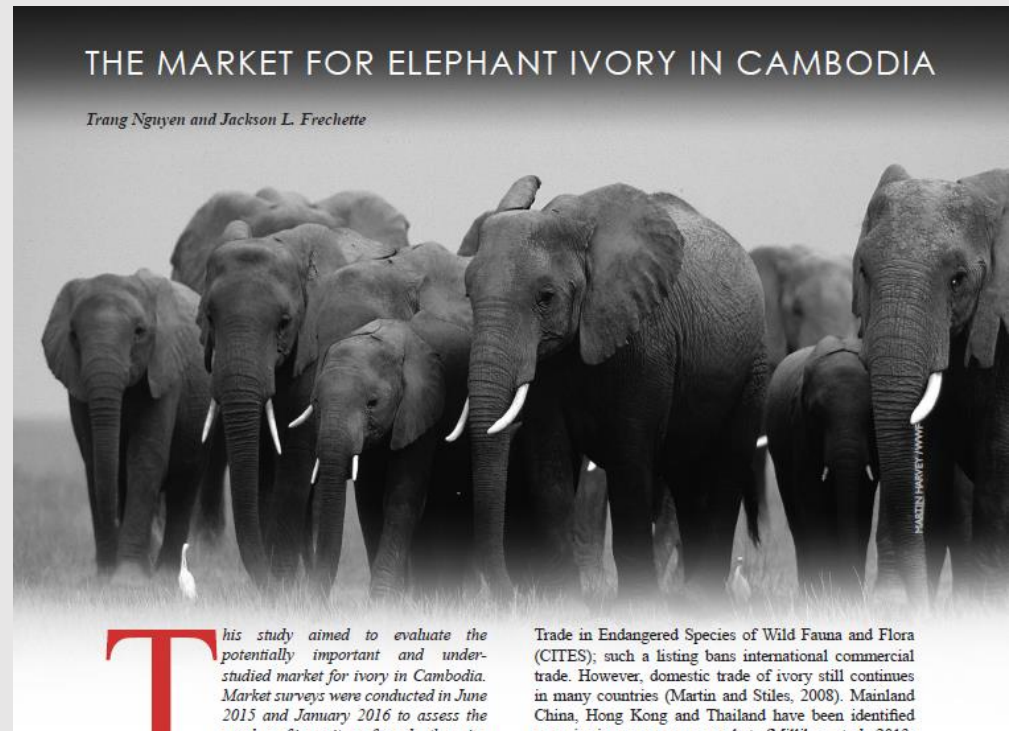
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Why Cambodia?

- Cambodia a “transit country”?
- Potentially important but understudied market for ivory



In 2015, 15 shops sold elephant ivory (800 carved items)

Within 6 months, this increased to 25 shops (1100 items)

1. **Cambodian ivory markets** and trading **networks**
2. **National capacity for genetic analysis of ivory** and **regional collaboration**
3. **National legislation** regarding ivory in place and effectively enforced



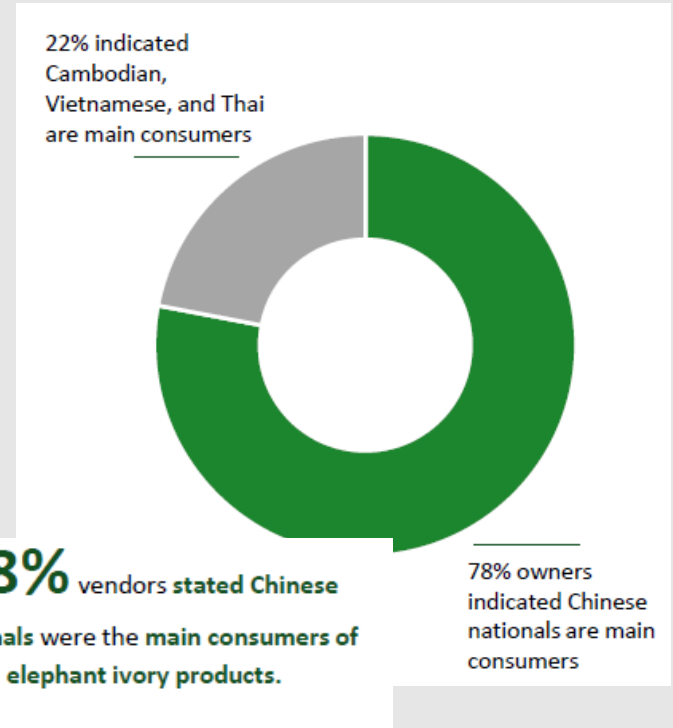
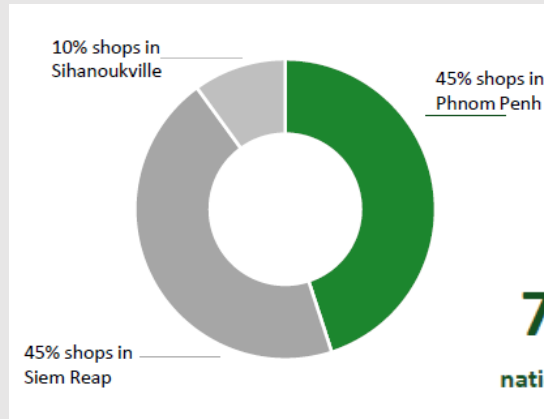
1. Collecting evidence of **Cambodian ivory markets** and trading networks

- *Annual market surveys*
- *Undercover surveys*
- *Online surveys*
- *Media surveys*

2019

- 67 vendors
- 3840 ivory products
- worth US\$910,000

**4-fold amount of shops and total value
8 times higher than 2015**

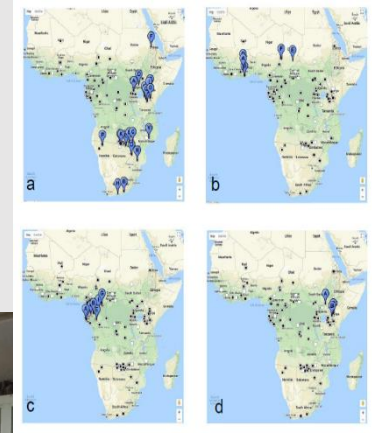


Learning along the way

- *Flexibility in activities*
- *Bringing in outside help*
- *Communication with LTS/DEFRA*

2. Building national capacity for **genetic analysis of ivory** and regional collaboration

The first Conservation Genetics lab in Cambodia



At **Royal University of Phnom Penh** with support from **Royal Zoological Society of Scotland**.

- **9 Ivory samples** identified as **African Elephants**
- **2 Ivory samples** identified as **Asian Elephants**
- **2 samples** identified as **Woolly mammoths**

Learning along the way

- *Actively engage partners and drive processes*
- *Using experienced staff and trusted partnerships*



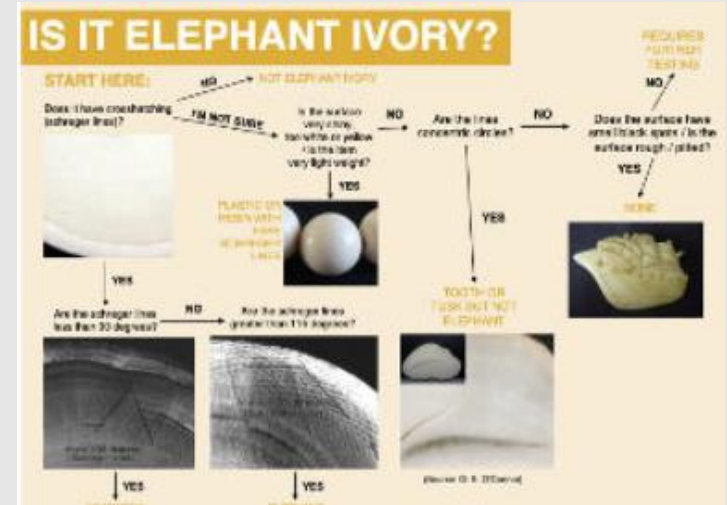
3. Supporting **national legislation** regarding ivory is in place and effectively enforced

Leveraging governmental commitment to strengthen national legislation and law enforcement

- Sharing of evidence ensuring actionable enforcement
- Training and support of governmental commitments

Learning along the way

- *Engage all ministries*
- *Report to highest level of government*





Learning

Partners

- Close monitoring of partners (have alternatives)
- Communication and monthly meetings between partners
- Build more upfront managerial and oversight time in projects that require governmental support to initiate

Budget

- Spend your money, especially if you have started late
- Communicate budget requirements to partners, develop financial templates if necessary



Learning

Reporting

- Long report but good opportunity to get feedback and re-evaluate
- Build report during the year, i.e. start your next annual report the day after you hand in
- Report to logframe
- Get partner input to reports early, and expect to support partners in reporting

Personal

- Read the grant agreement a few times over the first year
- Reach out to LTS and keep the bigger picture in mind
- Find a friend or colleague that has a IWTCF grant



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Any Questions?



Case Study 2

Project Reference:	IWT046
Project Title:	Enhancing enforcement to end tiger trade in South East Asia
Lead Organisation:	Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) Limited
Project Duration:	June 2017 – May 2019 (2 years)
Country(ies):	Lao PDR, Vietnam, Thailand, China



Enhancing Enforcement to End Tiger Trade in South East Asia

Debbie Banks, Tigers & Wildlife Crime Campaign Leader

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Project Summary

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Tigers Threatened by Trade



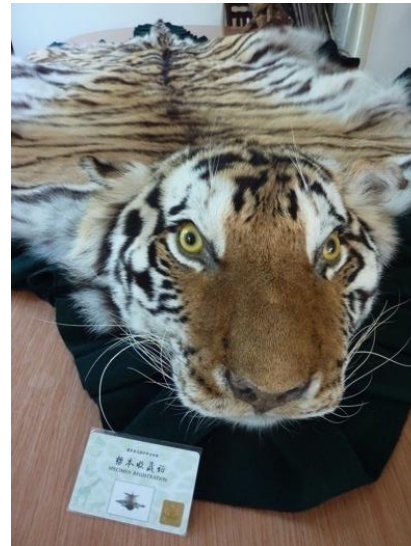
There are around 4000 wild tigers remaining across their Asian range

Tip of the iceberg: minimum of 2,084 tigers seized from trade since 2000

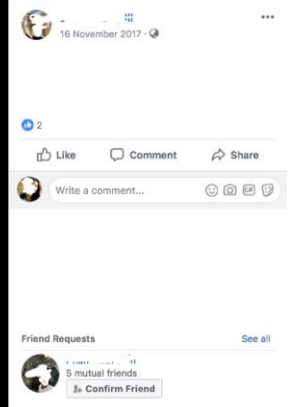
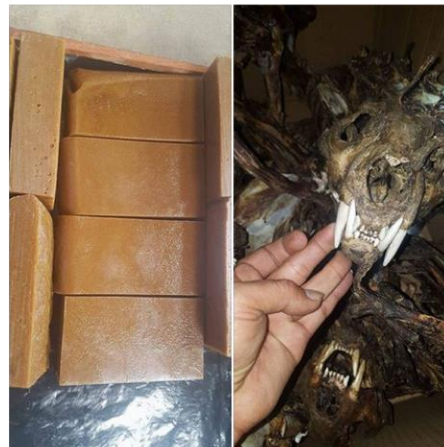
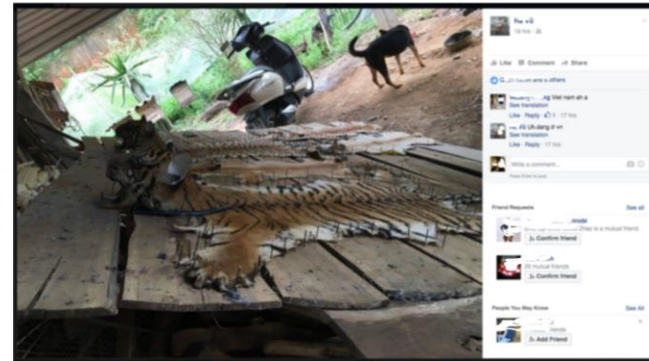
<https://eia-international.org/wildlife/wildlife-trade-maps/>

Trade from Tiger Farms Stimulates Demand

- >8000 tigers in captivity across China, Thailand, Laos & Vietnam
- South Africa 56 facilities, at least 280 tigers
- Anywhere there are captive tigers there is risk of trade



Farmed tiger products increasingly accessible on social media



Project Partners & Outcome

Increased cooperation between law enforcement agencies in all project countries (Lao PDR, China, Vietnam, Thailand) involving increased use of specialised investigation techniques leads to seizures, arrests and prosecutions against wildlife criminals operating in and through Lao PDR.

Environmental Investigation Agency,
Education for Nature Vietnam and the
Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand



Monitoring Tiger Crime Incidents



- Seizure of a tiger carcass in tiger bone cooking operation, Binh Duong, November 2017
- Seizure of five dead frozen tigers, Ha Long, January 2018, and subsequent conviction and sentencing to **ten years in prison**
- Seizure of two tiger carcasses in bowls of liquid, Nghe An, April 2018
- Seizure of tiger skin, bone, claws and teeth and other wildlife parts from trader crossing into Vietnam from Laos, April 2018, and subsequent conviction and sentencing to **five years in prison**
- Seizure of a live tiger in Hanoi, May 2018, and subsequent conviction and sentencing of three suspects to between 10 and 15 months in prison
- Seizure of five dead tiger cubs in Nghe An, June 2018
- Seizure of two stuffed tigers in Can Tho, June 2018
- Seizure of two frozen tiger cubs offered for sale on Facebook in joint ENV/police sting operation, Bac Ninh, March 2019 (Case ref.13069/ENV)
- Seizure of a tiger skin and 5.4kg tiger bone in Quang Ninh, April 2019
- Seizure of two frozen tiger cubs in joint ENV/police sting operation, from trader who advertised the cubs for sale on Facebook, April 2019 (Case ref.13069/ENV)
- Seizure of frozen tiger carcass, two tiger skins and other wildlife in Thai Nguyen, May 2019 (Case ref. 14306/ENV)
- Seizure of 54 tiger skin wallets, a tiger skin belt, tiger claws, teeth and a tail keychain, along with other wildlife products, from online trader identified by ENV, Binh Duong, May 2019 (Case ref. 13477/ENV)
- Confiscation of a tiger trophy of illegal origin (Case ref. 12027/ENV) Jan 2018
- Three frozen tigers (Case refs. 11712 & 12269/ENV) Nov 2017
- Five dead tiger cubs and 43kg of tiger meat (Case ref 11989/ENV) Jan 2018
- Two cases involving seizure of tiger bones (Case refs 11645 & 11598/ENV) Nov 2017

China

- Seizure of tiger bone products offered for sale online in Guangxi, June 2017
- Seizure of freshly slaughtered tiger in Leizhou, July 2017, and subsequent conviction and sentencing of seven defendants ranging from **18 months to 12 years in prison, plus fines**
- Seizure of 600g tiger bone and other wildlife parts in Yunnan, July 2017
- Conviction of four individuals for trading in tiger bone wine and other wildlife, one individual received **five years in jail** and in Changcheng, July 2017
- Seizure of tiger teeth and claws and other wildlife from Vietnamese national in Hekou, Yunnan, and subsequent conviction and sentencing to **ten years imprisonment** plus fine, August 2017

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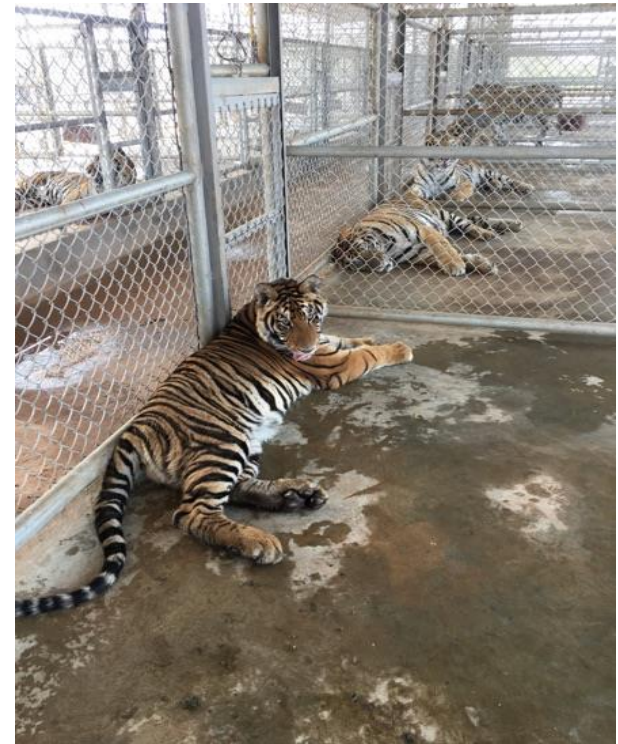
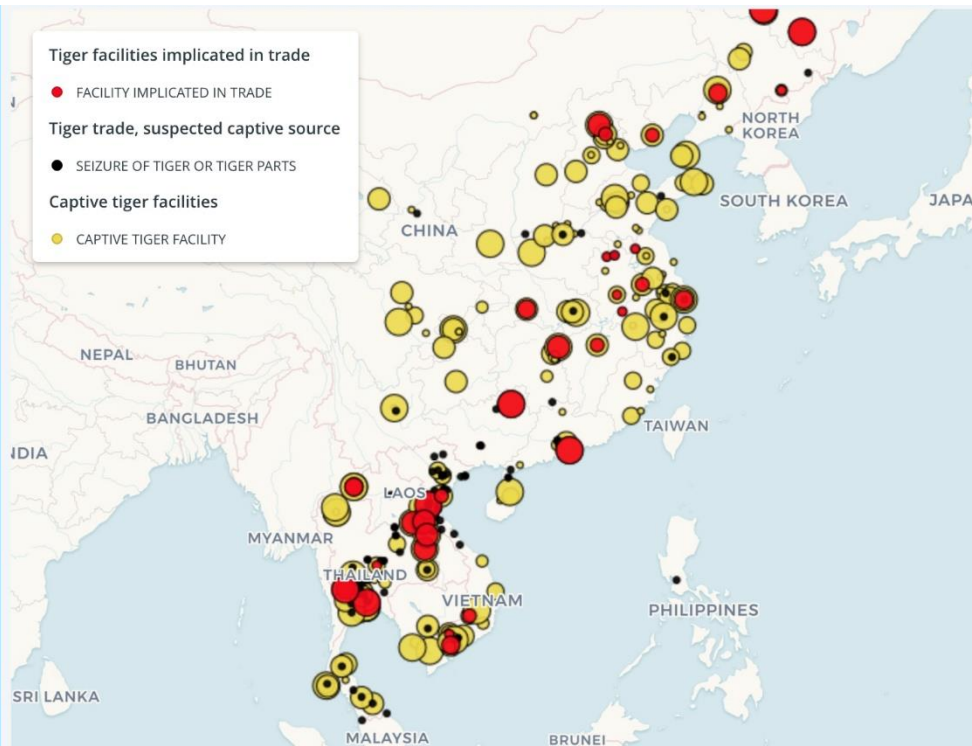
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569 d	Thailand	Udon Thani tiger seizure, 17 February 2009	Three tiger carcasses. Linked to Laos in source. As published in TRAFFIC, Red
570 let	Vietnam	Hanoi tiger seizure, 18 February 2009	A male was arrested whilst transporting the parts of a frozen Indochinese tiger.
577 kl	Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh City tiger skin seizure, 20 March 2009	Ho Chi Minh City police arrested a female named Duong Thi Tu, 50, following a
581	Thailand	Kanchanaburi province leopard skeleton seizure, 28 March 2009	Thailand report to CoP15 Int 4 slates leopard skeleton weight 3.3 kg seized.
588 pl	Thailand	Nang Khai tiger and pangolin seizure, 26 April 2009	Follow of two vehicles from Pongpang village in the Rattana Wapi district resulted
593 2	China	Yuxi drug arms and tiger skin seizure, 9 May 2009	On May 9, 2009, the anti-drug police uncovered a large-scale drug case in Qing
600	Thailand	Suvarnabhumi Airport live tiger seizure, 6 July 2009	Thailand CoP15 report one live tiger seized, Suvarnabhumi Airport. No existing
603 na	Vietnam	Hanoi tiger seizure, reported 16 July 2009	Hanoi Police arrested three men transporting a disemboweled tiger carcass and
607 ig	China	China, 1 snow leopard skeleton seized, August 2009	In August 2009, the skeleton of a snow leopard was seized and 1 suspect Zhu
612 j	China	Kunming tiger, ivory and jade seizure, 28 August 2009	Customs checkpoint near Kunming: Male CHEN Xiaolong arrested in possession
618 el	China	Manas snow leopard killing and seizure, October 2009	Manas Shimizu Township: two males pastoralists, aged 28 and 28 years, arrest
619 3	China	Quang Ninh tiger skin seizure, 11 October 2009	One tiger skin seized, no further details in source (ENV's annex for Caged Asse
621 3	Vietnam	Hanoi tiger skin seizure, 16 October 2009	One tiger skin seized, no further details in source (ENV's annex for Caged Asse
630 1	China	Manyang tiger skins seizure, late November 2009	Male LUO Min arrested for attempting to sell two tiger skins for RMB 210,000 in
631	China	Beijing tiger skin seizure, 16 November 2009	Transportation of tiger skin from Gansu Province to Beijing: four arrests, males 1
643 21	China	China, total snow leopards seized, 2010 (remainder from comparison)	TRAFFIC (2010) report total snow leopards seized by country (page 16). No bre
646 ig	China	China, 2 snow leopard parts seized, January 2010	In January 2010, Luntai police arrested 5 suspected poachers and seized 2 sn
647 ig	China	China, 1 snow leopard skin seized & 1 arrested, January 2010	In January 2010, Yiwu forest police arrested 1 female suspect Pan and seized
648 j	China	Shenzhen Tiger Bone Seizure, 11 January 2010	Luohu Customs in Shenzhen seized seventeen pieces of tiger bone, they were
655	Thailand	Nakhon Ratchasima tiger and leopard carcasses seizure, 11 February 2010	Thailand report to CITES: seizure of six tiger carcasses and three leopard carca
660 3	Vietnam	Ninh Binh seizure, March 2010	1 tiger trophy
662 ig	China	China, 1 snow leopard skin seized & 2 arrested, March 2010	In March 2010, the skin of a snow leopard was seized and 2 suspects, both hei
663 3	Vietnam	Quang Tri seizure, 7 March 2010	1 tiger carcass. ENV report: *On March 7, 2010, border guards confiscated a fr
664	Thailand	Utai Thani province tiger carcass seizure, 10 March 2010	Thailand report to CITES: seizure of three tiger carcasses. DNA taken, no upda
667 20	China	Eriian Customs Snow Leopard Skin Seizure, 18 March 2010	Routine inspection: Eriian Customs seized one snow leopard skin, Mongolian ci
669 w	China	Aba Snow Leopard Skins And Skull Seizure, April 2010	Police stopped a vehicle and found two snow leopard skins and a snow leopa
670 ig	China	China, 2 snow leopard skins and 2 skulls seized, April 2010	In April 2010, Hohhot Procuratorate seized 2 snow leopard skins and 2 snow le
672	Thailand	Chaiyaphum province tiger carcass seizure, 3 April 2010	Thailand report to CITES: seizure of one tiger carcass. DNA taken, no updat
674 0	Thailand	Ban Khwao District Tiger Cub Seizure, 6 April 2010	Two men named in source as Saweang Nanoi (35) and Jamrong Srijan (59) we
678 ht	China	Dehong Leopard Parts Seizure, 16 April 2010	Two Burmese males were arrested in China for possession of two leopard skins
679	China	Heilongjiang Police tiger skin and bones seizure, 22 April 2010	Heilongjiang Police, 20 day covert operation recovered one Siberian tiger skin a
681	Thailand	Tak province leopard carcass seizure, 1 May 2010	Thailand report to CITES: two leopard carcass seized. This provincial location s
696 21	China	China Reports Seizures To CoP16, July 2010 - 12 September 2012	China submission to CITES CoP16. From July 2010: Chinese forest police had
697	Thailand	Narathiwat Province leopard carcass seizure, 8 July 2010	Thailand report to CITES: one leopard carcass seized. Information from contact
698	Thailand	Pattalung province tiger and leopard carcass seizure, 15 July 2010	Thailand report to CITES: Two tiger carcasses - 162.5 kg, and 22 kg leopard ca
701 lu	China	Hunchun Tiger Bone Seizure, c.29 July 2010	A male was identified appearing flustered at the Customs inspection point and
702 ig	China	China, 2 snow leopard skins seized & 3 arrested, August 2010	In August 2010, 2 snow leopard skins were seized and 3 suspects arrested in C
704 3	Vietnam	Thanh Hoa seizure, 23 August 2010	One tiger carcass seized, 64 kg. Media: Thanh Hoa Forest Officer seized the

Seizure incidents +

Ready 374 of 1714 records found

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Mapping and monitoring tiger farms



<https://eia-international.org/wildlife/wildlife-trade-maps/illegal-trade-seizures-captive-tiger-trade/>

Mapping the criminal networks

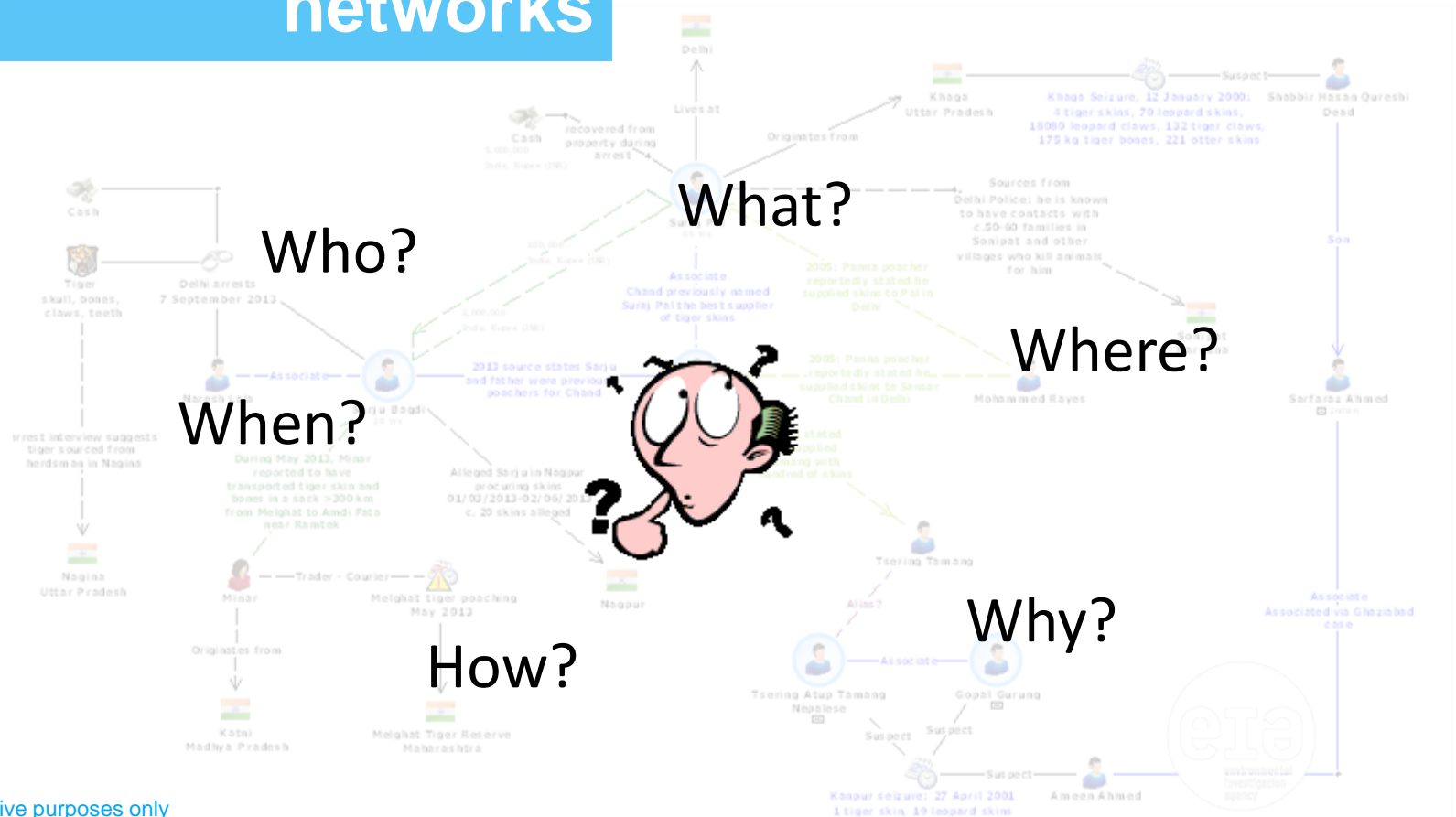
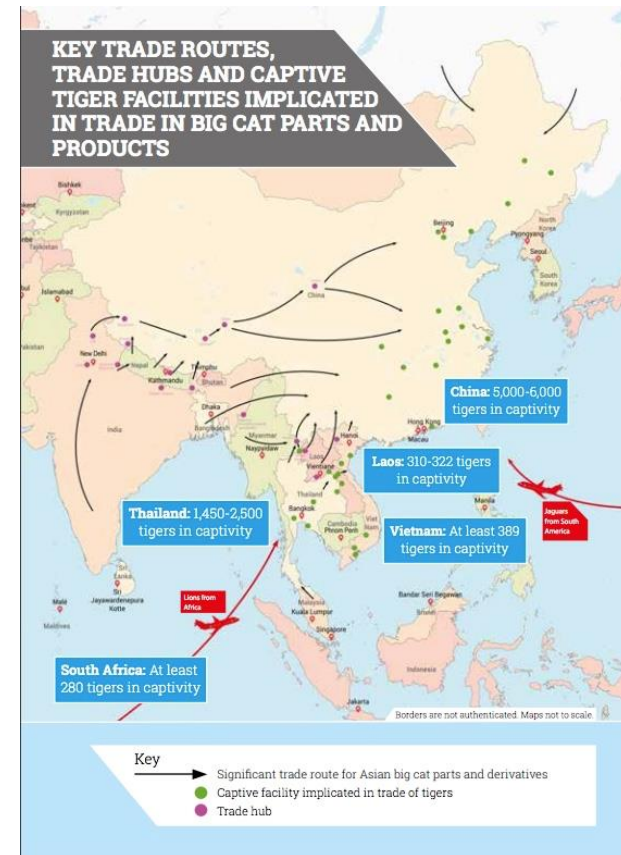


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Achievements

- Documented commodity flow
- Mapped five criminal networks
- Increase in tiger crime incidents treated as serious crime
- New law in Thailand, strengthened law in Vietnam, commitment to end tiger farming in Laos



Challenges

- No response from Laos law enforcement agencies
- Lack of action in Thailand
- Laos PM allowed farms to convert to safaris and zoos
- China repealed ban

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Seven dead tiger cubs found frozen in back of car 'were being smuggled'

 **Jimmy Nsubuga** Sunday 28 Jul 2019 10:01 am

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Seven dead tigers were found frozen in back of car (Picture: AFP/Getty)

Police have arrested a man after seven dead tiger cubs were found in a car in Vietnam.

Photos showed the frozen animals after they had been recovered from the vehicle in Hanoi on Thursday.

Nguyen Huu Hue was arrested in connection with the discovery and police suspect he has been smuggling animals in from neighbouring Laos for years.

Police have previously arrested other members of the same wildlife trafficking ring, which has been running for several years from a central province which shares a border with Laos.

Lessons Learned



ENVIRONMENTAL
INVESTIGATION
AGENCY

TIME

- Time for start up
- Time for law enforcement to act
- Time for legislation and policy reform

Lessons Learned

CAPACITY

- **Would have one person working fulltime on the project for advocacy & project administration**

Lessons Learned

PARTNERSHIP

- Skills sharing
 - Legacy
- Cooperation beyond the funded project period towards the Outcome



**Thank you
Any Questions?**

Thanks for listening!

