



Law Enforcement and Patrolling Workshop

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List of Acronyms & Abbreviation

DFRM	Department of Forest Resource Management
DONRE	District Office of Natural Resources and Environment
FFI	Fauna & Flora International
GPS	Global Positioning Systems
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
NPA	National Protected Area
PFRM	Provincial Forest Resource Management
PONRE	Provincial Department of Natural Resources and Environment

Background

Phou Hin Poun National Protected Area still appears to have a relatively large and viable population of Southern white-cheeked crested gibbon *Nomascus siki* listed as Endangered by IUCN Red list. It has a very restricted global range centred on Khammouane Province and in neighbouring provinces in central Vietnam. The distribution is not well known, especially within the difficult access to dense karst mountains. As in some areas the gibbons populations remain healthy and direct threats from hunting appear to be low, but in other areas there are indications of a recent decline in local gibbon population. Importantly, the same local reports indicate that Lao Langurs continue to persist healthily in those areas. Phou Hin Poun NPA also maintains populations of other wildlife of national and international importance. Therefore, protection of this species in Khammouane province is crucial for the long-term survival of this gibbon species and other wildlife species.

Since November 2011, IUCN and FFI have been jointly implementing a project to support conservation of the gibbons and other wildlife of Phou Hin Poun NPA with the following expected project outcomes:

1. Local stakeholders are more aware of gibbon conservation needs
2. Local communities / local authorities are actively involved in conservation of gibbons
3. Improved local capacity for managing the protected area and buffer zone for gibbon conservation
4. Gibbon habitats are protected and monitored by patrols

As part of that project, the formation of the village patrolling and law enforcement team was necessary to monitor and record the threats to the biodiversity in each community, the core zone in particular. The village participatory patrolling and law enforcement team had to make sure that they used the standardized methods to tackle with the problems threatening to the biodiversity in the core zone and their village controlled used areas, as well as the PHP Protected Areas. Therefore, in order to response to achieve the fourth output of the project, the village patrolling and enforcement team had to be formed and provided a standardized training to ensure them with an appropriate systematic data collection and recording techniques.

The provision of the enforcement training to the village patrolling and enforcement team was to strengthen them in building capacity related to patrolling and enforcement technical supports in protection of biodiversity. Therefore, the village participatory patrolling and enforcement team was held in Nakai district to train village patrolling and enforcement team from four villages including; Ban Songyangkao, Kouan, Vanghin and Kouan Sam (Thong Mouang Louang Village cluster zone).

The objective of the training

1. Form the village participatory patrolling and enforcement team
2. Provide training for village patrolling and enforcement team members on theories regarding

- basic principle of conservation and its importance;
 - communication with community
 - principle on the NPA management
 - principle on patrolling and law enforcement
 - building the report network
 - basic knowledge on how to read maps
 - how to use compass
 - basic knowledge on how to use GPS
 - practical activities in using map, compass and GPS in the field
 - how to record the patrolling data forms
 - practice recording and filling out patrolling data forms
3. Discuss plan on how to implement the patrolling and enforcement activities in the core zone areas of Ban Songyangkeo, Kouan, Vanghin and Kouan sam.
 4. Discuss with PONRE staff to collect the nomination letters from each village authority in the Natan village cluster area related to the recruitment of the villagers to be included in the village patrolling and law enforcement team.

The activities were conducted with the following detailed agenda.

Date	Time	Topics	Organizer/ Asst.
Sun: 28 April	13.00- evening	Travelling from VTE to KM	Souvanny, Vene
Mon: 29 April	08.30- evening	Meeting with Head of PONRE, PFRM and the team in Thakhek and travelled to Nakai district, KM province	Souvanny, Vene
Tue: 30 April	08.00-08.30	Registration	Phongsamouth (PONRE)
	08.30-08.40	Workshop opening speech	Head of DONRE
	08.40-09.10	Presentation on conservation meaning and its importance	Souvanny
	09.10-09.40	Communication with local community	Souvanny
	09.40-10.00	Coffee break	
	10.00-10.30	Presentation on basic principles on NPA management	Vene
	10.30-11.30	Presentation on principles in patrolling and law enforcement	Vene
	11.30-12.00	Building the reporting network	Vene
	12.00-13.30	Lunch	

Date	Time	Topics	Organizer/ Asst.
Tue: 30 April	13.30-14.10	Presentation on map reading	Souvanny, Vene
	14.10-14.30	Coffee break	
	14.30-15.30	Presentation on compass reading	Souvanny, Vene
	15.30-16.30	Practice using maps, compass and GPS in the field	Souvanny, Vene
	16.30- evening	Wrap up for the day.	
Wed: 1 May	08.30- 09.00ack	Revise and clarify on how to use map, compass and GPS	Vene
	09.00-09.30	Presentation on how to record the data recording forms	Vene
	09.30-09.50	Coffee break	
	09.50-11.30	Practice recording and filling up data collection forms	Vene, Souvanny
	11.30-12.00	Workshop summary and wrap up	Vene
Thurs: 2 May	8.30- evening	Meeting with Head of PONRE and PFRM to report on the workshop outputs and travelling back to VTE	Vanmany & Phongsamouth

Outputs

The 2-day training workshop for the village enforcement team was held in Nakai district with the total participants of 18 people from province, Nakai district and villagers. From this workshop, the participants were able to have more knowledge and understanding on the topics related to (i) basic principle of conservation and its importance, (ii) communication with community, (iii) principle on the NPA management, (iv) principle on patrolling and law enforcement, (v) building the report network, (vi) basic knowledge on how to read maps, (vii) how to use compass, (viii) basic knowledge on how to use GPS, (ix) practical activities in using map, compass and GPS in the field, (x) how to record the patrolling data forms, and (xi) practice recording and filling out patrolling data forms.

Regarding the plan on how to implement the patrolling and enforcement activities in the core zone areas was discussed with village participants attending the workshop, but the implementation of practical patrolling and enforcement activities was unable to use due to there was no nomination letter confirmed from different relevant offices including village and village cluster authorities, and district governor's office. In addition, the requested participants from different village organizations for the workshop to Ban Songyangkeo, Kouan, Vanghin and Kouan Sam were still missing. The villagers from Ban Songyangkeo were absent. Therefore, the alternative discussion among participants from province, district and villagers was raised. The discussion agreed to assign Mr. Phongsamouth Intanam (Provincial project coordinator and PONRE staff) along with one staff from DONRE and district governor's office to meet with the village and village cluster authorities to recruit the

villagers to as the village patrolling and law enforcement team, and also collected the signed and stamped village nomination letters from each concerned village authority. After that Phongsamouth and along with the DONRE and district governor's office staff were responsible to draft a proposal to the district governor to assign and announce the village patrolling and law enforcement team members officially through the letter of district authorization.

Conclusion

The overall conclusion for the training workshop for the village law enforcement and patrolling team was achieved at some extent, but not all. Because the expected number of participants from each village (Ban Songyangkeo, Kouan, Vanghin and Kouan Sam) were missing. In addition, there were no any villagers from Ban Songyangkeo participating in the workshop at all. This might be due to the heavy rain that made the road dirty and slippery for them to travel to the training site (Nakai district). However, this workshop provided some strengths and weaknesses as follows:

Strengths

- The Provincial Office of Natural Resources and Environment (PONRE) of Khammouane, district office of Natural Resources and Environment (DONRE) of Nakai provided a good facilitation regarding venue for the meeting, documentations, interests in the workshop, assigning their officials to attend the workshop, and liaisons with concerned target village participants.
- Villagers from target villages offered somewhat good cooperation in participating in the workshop and were keen to participate in the activities during the training and wait to implement activities in their village areas.
- The village participants from the target villages put their efforts and tried their best to come to the training, even though it rained so hard and their travelling was difficult due to the road was wet and slippery.
- The meeting was fairly organized and finished in time and achieved in accordance with the workshop objectives.

Weaknesses

- There might be a problem or unclear communication among the provincial coordinator to district and/ or village authorities of concerned villages that resulted the participants from Songyangkeo did not attend the workshop and even some participants from the target villages whose participants participating in the workshop were missing or absent.
- There were too many unexpected participants from DONRE participating in the workshop.
- The travelling was difficult because some roads were slippery and cut due to heavy rain.

Recommendations

- The PONRE, DONRE and the concerned district office staff should visit the target village to discuss with the village authorities and recruit the villagers to be inclusive in the village law enforcement and patrolling team members.
- They should draft, signed and stamped nomination letters with the village and village cluster authorities to assign their village members for the village law enforcement and patrolling team.
- They should draft and submit a proposal letter to the district governor to request an official authorization letter for the village law enforcement and patrolling team.
- The next training should be held in the village site, this would be ease and comfortable as well as promote active participation of the village law enforcement and patrolling team members in term of travelling and shelters.

List of Participants

No.	Name	From
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2	Mr. Vene VONGPHET	IUCN Protected Area Coordinator
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7	Mr. Viengnakhone SINAVONG	Nakai DONRE staff
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10	Mr. Khamphay NAMVISETH	DONRE staff
11	Mr. Bounsavanh KONGMANY	Deputy unit head of DONRE
12	Mr. Sommany XAYKHOUN	Kouan Sam village Volunteer
13	Mr. Tui	Vanghin village Headman
14	Mr. Kai	Kouan Sam village
15	Mr. Charnha GNOTTHONG	Kouan Sam village Police
16	Mr. Bounleua	Kouan village police
17	Mr. Bounkong ONKHASAVATH	Kouan Sam village volunteer
18	Mr. Khamsay	Vanghin village volunteer
19	Mr. Khamdy BOUNMIKHAM	Kouan Sam vice village Headman
20	Mr. Singor PANGBOUNSOU	Kouan Village volunteer