

CAMBODIA CENTRAL CARDAMOM MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK Monitoring Report (July 2020–June 2021)

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The Cardamom Mountains © Conservation International/photo by David Emmett

Patrolling and enforcement

CI staff continued to provide support for protected area management and law enforcement in the CCMP. With donations from the CCMNP Trust Fund, Global Conservation (https://globalconservation.org/), and a private donor, the project provided funding for fuel and food costs, as well as salary supplementations for 30 rangers to patrol CCMNP from six ranger stations.

The rangers conducted a total of 764 patrols from July 2020 through June 2021, covering 46,756 km. They arrested seven individuals, seized 119 chainsaws and 20 guns, destroyed numerous illegal hunting and logging camps, and helped destroy illegal sawmills.





Rangers on patrol in CCMNP



Seized chainsaws and illegally felled tree



Rangers removing snares set in the forest



Rangers destroying illegal sawmill

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Sustainable community livelihoods

With additional funding from the Japanese International Forestry Promotion and Cooperation Center (JIFPRO), we continued our pilot butterfly farming project, for a source of income to incentivize conservation in one commune in the CCMNP. Five community members were trained by our partner, Bantei Srey Butterfly Centre (BBC), in butterfly farming and are now being supported financially and technically by BBC to maintain the farming operations as the pandemic has virtually stopped the ability to ship pupae internationally. During this year, BBC provided additional training, upgraded the breeding facilities, and conducted a site visit to Siem Reap led by community members.





Farmers preparing eggs



Atlas moth in the butterfly farm



Host plants in the breeding facility © Bantei Srey Butterfly Centre

CCMNP Trust Fund

Funding from the trust fund (\$180,000) supported law enforcement from January 2020 to December 2020. We did not withdraw any funds in 2021 due to available funding which is also allowing the money to earn more interest.

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