



ASEAN-WEN
Wildlife Enforcement Network

**ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM
WORKSHOP ON COMBATING
WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING**

**MAJOR CHALLENGES AND AREAS
FOR ENHANCED COOPERATION IN
ASEAN REGION**

In Sabah, 30-1/4/2015



I. GENERAL ASEAN-WEN INTRODUCTION



13th meeting of the
Conference of the Parties
2-14 October 2004, Bangkok, Thailand

Ministers responsible for CITES enforcement of 10 ASEAN member States met at the side event of CoP13 and agreed the need for establishment of ASEAN-WEN



ASEAN Wildlife Law Enforcement Network (ASEAN-WEN) was launched in December 2005 in Bangkok, Thailand

ASEAN-WEN highlights the importance of cooperation within and between ASEAN countries on wildlife law enforcement through:

Establishment and Strengthening of National Task Forces/Wildlife Law Enforcement Networks and Inter-Agency Cooperation

Awareness-Raising Programmes

Programs and Activities Training

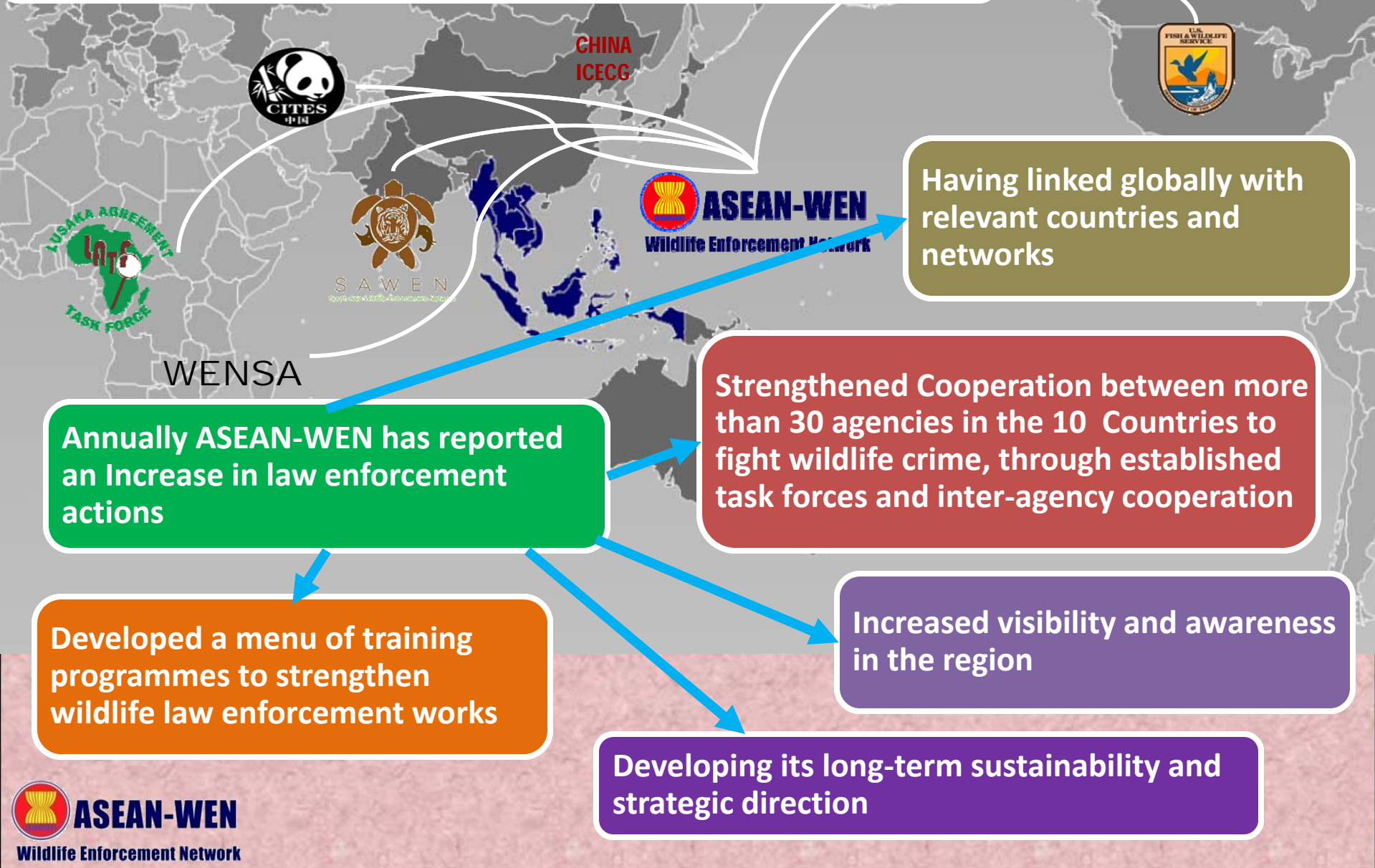
Collaboration, Cooperation and Information Sharing

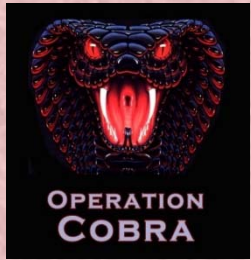
Establishment of ASEAN-WEN

At country level,
target membership
open to officials
from:



II ASEAN-WEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS





Operation Cobra I, Jan-Feb 2013 in Bangkok

ASEAN + South Asia + China + Africa + US



Operation Cobra II, Jan 2014 in Bangkok

(ASEAN + South Asia + China + Africa + US with 28 countries)

Focus group communication





Public communication

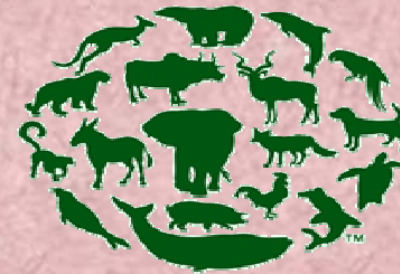
**MUA, BÁN, VẬN CHUYỂN TRÁI PHÉP SỪNG TÊ GIÁC
CÓ THỂ BỊ PHẠT TÙ TỪ SÁU THÁNG ĐẾN BẢY NĂM**

**BUYING, SELLING, ILLEGAL TRANSPORTING
CAN BE SENTENCED FROM SIX MONTHS TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON**

**Cơ quan Quản lý CITES Việt Nam
Humane Society International**



Partnership and cooperation



HUMANE SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL



S A W E N
South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network

Bilateral cooperation for ASEAN- WEN implementation

- Number of annual meetings have been conducted such as: Thailand, Laos and Cambodia; Thailand and Myanmar; Indonesia and Malaysia, etc.
- Bilateral cooperation agreements: MoU between Viet Nam and Indonesia 2014; Viet Nam and Laos 2012; Viet Nam and Cambodia 2013, Thailand and Cambodia, Thailand and Lao
- Field level cooperation: Province and Province; Customs and Customs; Protected areas and Protected areas; BLO, etc.

Example for successful sharing in formation

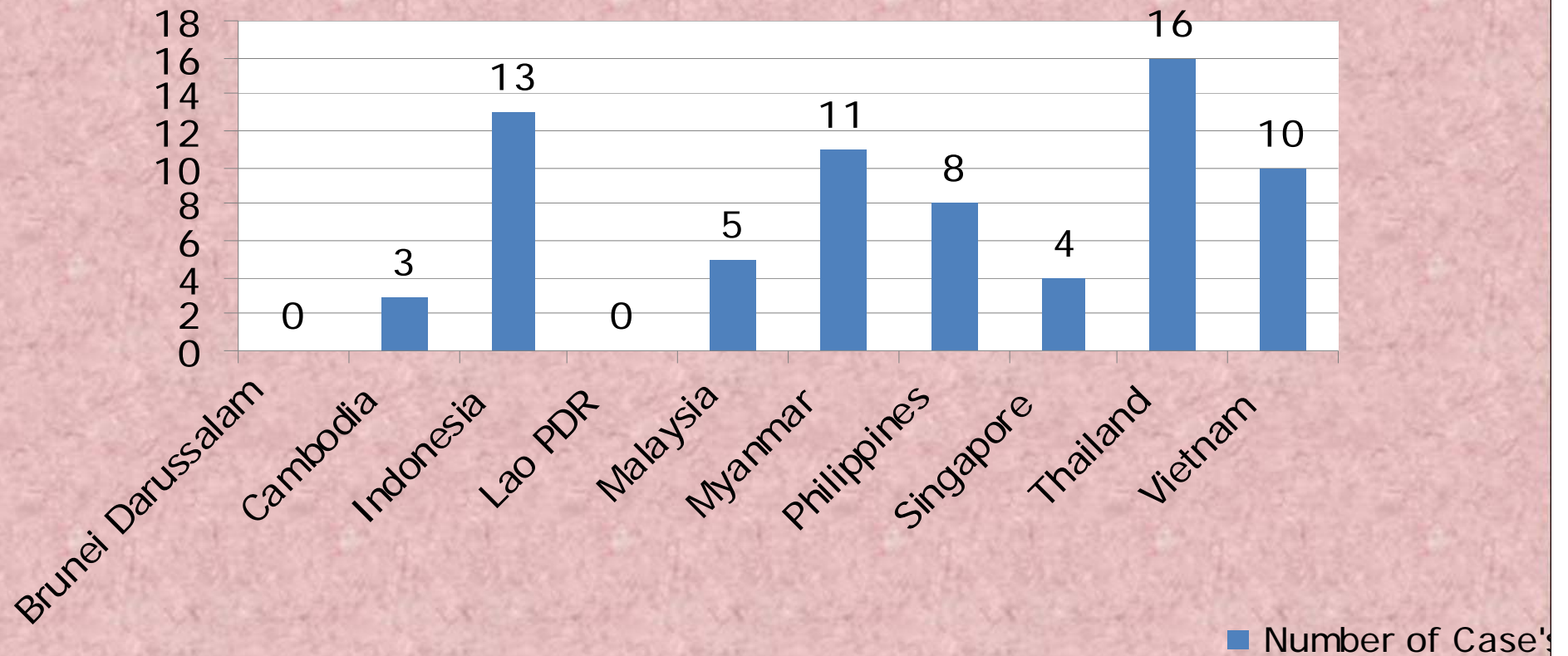
- May 2012, VN CITES MA received the intelligent information from Indonesia custom about suspected illegal export of Pangolin from Indonesia to Vietnam. After 3 weeks, the suspected container arrived Hai Phong port with 5,927 kg frozen pangolins in carton boxes mixed with frozen fish.
- 16:59 July 2012, VN CITES MA received a short notice by email from Thailand CITES MA: “We have information on ambiguous illegal shipment of ivory is going to be done from Kenya transit Thailand and to Vietnam. The shipment is done by passenger name vu/vantung who travel from Kenya and go to Vietnam (Sai Gon) by TG556 departure time is 18.15 today (18 July 2012)”. We immediately contact customs at the airport and then arrested two passengers with 137kg ivory.

III. CHALLENGES IN ASEAN REGION (2008-2014)

Description	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Number of Live Animals Recovered	31,590	26,261	24,740	38,895	2,035,722	8,615	33,117	2,198,940
Deceased Animals, Parts, Plants or Derivatives Recovered (kgs)	31,684	9,932	74,183	36,109	23,250	28,385	494.5	204,037.5
Weight of Contraband (kg)	53,000	268,000	17,100	94,627	65,751	24,870	52,276	575,624
Value of Contraband (USD)	4,300,000	40,000,000	17,400,000	11,663,000	15,367,00	9,234,000	6,420,863	89,017,863
Number of Arrests and Prosecutions	227	156	132	368	231	147	52	1,313
Number of Convictions	0	45	14	40	18	18	4	139
Number of case	67	141	236	304	218	208	70	1,243

3.1. Number of Enforcement Actions:

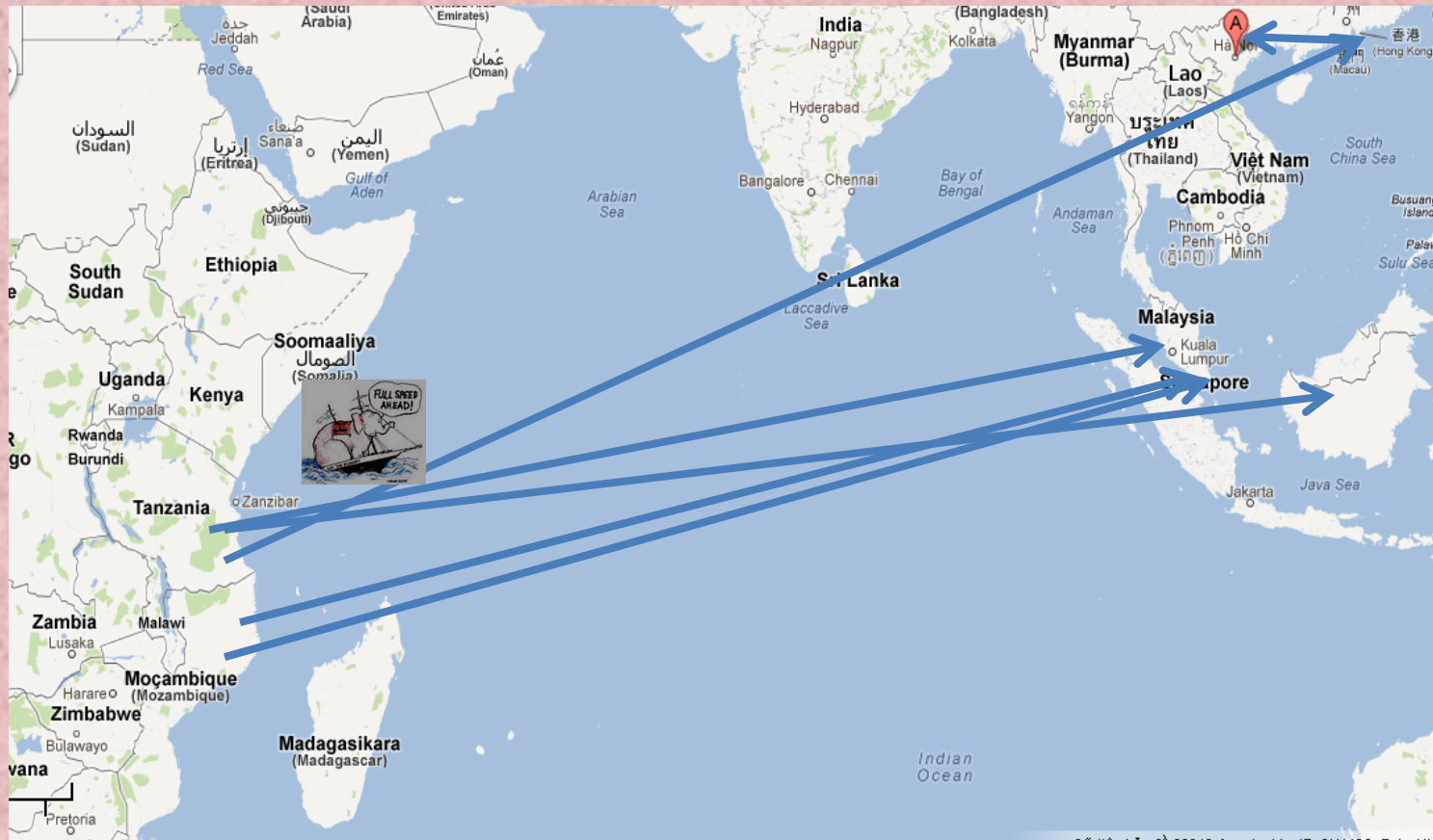
(Jan - Dec2014)



3.2. Tricks of Smuggling on Environmental crime

- Crime in forestry and natural resources sector is a transnational crime
- Using Modified Vehicles for trafficking, and shipping
- Using the small border gate, small airport to pass and traffic to larger cities for consumption
- Link between transnational gangs trading in wildlife
- Using cash deposit machines
- Set businesses such as tour company, massage and spa, car dealership
- Online trading

✓ Traffickers are trying to conceal or hide rhino horns and elephant tusks in cargo containers imported by sea. These cargo containers are normally transported from Africa countries





➤ There are two kinds of Smuggling in ASEAN Region

- Declaration with wrong documents



- Not declaration



CITES PERMIT NÚ GIẤY PHÉP CITES SỐ		CT-AG	
 CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA		<input type="checkbox"/> EXPORT/ XUẤT KHẨU <input type="checkbox"/> RE-EXPORT/ TÁI XUẤT KHẨU <input type="checkbox"/> IMPORT/ NHẬP KHẨU <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER/ KHÁC	
1. Importer (name and address) (tên và địa chỉ của người nhập khẩu)		2. Valid until (ngày hết hạn)	
3a. Country of import (nước nhập khẩu)		4. Exporter (name and address) (tên và địa chỉ của người xuất khẩu)	
5. Special conditions (Điều kiện đặc biệt)		6. Name, address, national authority and country of Management Authority (Tên, địa chỉ quốc gia và nước của Cơ quan quản lý)	
For the animals, this permit or certificate is only valid if the importer meets the conditions set out in Article 4 of the Convention, in the case of the transport to the EU/EEA. (Đối với động vật hoang dã, giấy phéps này chỉ có giá trị khi người nhập khẩu đáp ứng các yêu cầu được nêu trong Điều 4 của Công ước, trừ trường hợp vận chuyển sang Liên minh Châu Âu.)		 FOREST PROTECTION DEPARTMENT MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT HANOI - VIETNAM	
7a. Purpose of the transaction (mục đích)		7b. Security stamp (ch dấu bảo đảm)	
8. Scientific name (genus and species) and common name of animal or plant	9. Description of specimen, including identifying marks or numbers (mô tả chi tiết)	10. Appendix No. and Annex (Số phụ lục và Phụ lục)	11. Quantity (including units) (Số lượng (kèm đơn vị))
12. Country of origin (nước xuất xứ)	13. Date (ngày)	14. Country of re-export (nước tái xuất khẩu)	15. Date (ngày)
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16. This permit is issued by: (Giấy phéps này được cấp bởi)			
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➤ In many cases, elephant tusks are divided into different pieces. Then, these elephant tusks are concealed in other objects such as plastic boxes or bronze vases in order to avoid the State authority control



➤ Many of the seized consignments are temporarily imported into ASEAN countries and re-exported to the other Countries.



➤ We are aware that ASEAN countries has been becoming one of the places for transfer, transit and illegal trade of Endangered Species from regional countries and other continents in the world (especially rhino horns and ivory specimens).

➤ Many traffickers send cargos before or after their travels so that they can easily escape in case of any alleged offence.





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➤ Moreover, traffickers pack elephant tusks with nylon materials or silver papers in order to avoid detection by scanners.



Opportunities

Long-term sustainability with ASEAN Secretariat

Development of Strategic Plan of Action post-2015 ASEAN Community

Collaborative Activities:

- (1) Regional Synergies – e.g. ACB, AIPA, ASEANAPOL, CTI, LMI, HoB, and ADB
- (2) International Linkages – e.g. China, LATF, India, SAWEN

Strengthening exiting Working Groups on:

- (1) Capacity Building and Resource Centre
- (2) Communications and Fund-Raising
- (3) Special Investigations

Strengthening networking and in-country skills on Wildlife Forensics

Improving legislations and policy support (Legal Support Program)

FREE TRADE (AFTA) FROM 2015 AND FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ASEAN AND INDIA, CHINA HAVE BEEN NEGOCIATED

Enhanced Cooperation

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ASEAN MEMBER STATES HAVE TO COOPERATE EACH OTHER
THROUGH ASEAN-WEN COORDINATION PROGRAMME UNIT AND
BETWEEN EACH COUNTRIES OTHER





IV. ASEAN-WEN PLAN IN 2015

ASEAN-WEN website

Vietnam delegate exchange works with Thailand, May, 2015

Operation Cobra III, May 2015



ASEAN-WEN page on Face book

Develop ASEAN-WEN Species Identification Guide for Commonly Traded Species

Vietnam and Thailand will cooperation on CITES work in May, 2015



Consecutive update ASEAN-WEN National Task Forces and Focal Points Directory

ASEAN-WEN Quarterly and Yearly Wildlife Enforcement Reports and Annual meeting





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