



## CEPF Final Project Completion Report

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| <b>Organization Legal Name</b> | Global Wildlife Conservation   |
| <b>Project Title</b>           | Closing Conservation Gaps Through People and Priorities:<br>The 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Saola Working Group |
| <b>CEPF Grant or Number</b>    | CEPF-048-2015  |
| <b>Date of Report</b>          | 29 February 2016   |

**CEPF Hotspot:** Indo-Burma

**Strategic Direction:** Strategic Direction 8. Strengthen the capacity of civil society to work on biodiversity, communities and livelihoods at regional, national, local and grassroots levels.

**Grant Amount:** \$19,205

**Project Dates:** 1 November to 31 December 2015

### PART I: Overview

#### **1. Implementation Partners for this Project (*list each partner and explain how they were involved in the project*)**

WWF Vietnam provided physical space for the meeting, and also the services of their staff for meeting organization and support.

The following partners participated in the meeting and discussions, contributed in-kind time for their staff to attend, and several also contributed travel costs for their staff to attend the meeting:

- Banham Zoo (UK)
- Cambridge University
- Fauna & Flora International
- Global Wildlife Conservation
- IUCN Vietnam Programme
- Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources (Vietnam)
- Lao Wildlife Conservation Association
- Royal Zoological Society of Scotland
- Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute
- Vinh University (Vietnam)
- Wildlife Conservation Society (Asia, Lao PDR, Vietnam, Cambodia and Bronx Zoo programs)

- Wroclaw Zoo
- WWF Greater Mekong Programme
- WWF-US

**2. Summarize the overall results/impact of your project**

- Full embracement of the ‘One Plan” approach to Saola conservation;
- Establishment and election of the Saola Working Group’s first Steering Committee;
- Establishment of six SWG “task teams’, to quickly move Saola conservation priorities forward.

**3. Briefly describe actual progress towards the overall project goal (as stated in the small grant contract)**

| Description of the overall project goal  | Summary of actual progress towards this goal  |
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| Populations of Saola and other threatened species of the Annamite Mountains persist, as a result of coordinated conservation efforts by civil society actors and other partners. | We feel that significant progress toward this goal was achieved, although, understandably for such a brief project, the progress cannot be measured or known yet. |

**4. Describe the success or challenges of the project toward achieving its overall goal**

The main success was getting more than 20 passionate, experienced conservationists, from around the world, into one room for several days to collaboratively strategize Saola conservation.

The main limitation was the attendance of only one Lao member of the SWG at the meeting. All Lao members of the SWG who are associated in any way with the Lao government had to cancel their participation only about one week in advance, to stay home to attend obligatory government meetings called in preparation for the upcoming Party Congress.

**5. Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?**

Possibly, some impact for the small Lao delegation, but is not possible to say for certain.

**PART II: Project Objectives and Activities/Deliverables**

**6. Objectives (as stated in the small grant contract)**

| <b>Objective 1:</b>   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Civil society and other partners are engaged to find solutions for Saola conservation, through an intensive meeting and brainstorming session |   |   |
| <b>Activity description</b>   | <b>Deliverable(s)</b>   | <b>Summary of actual progress/results for this activity</b>   |
| <b>Activity 1.1</b><br>Hold a pre-meeting, to finalize the main meeting agenda and processes.   | Pre-meeting held. Agenda finalized for Saola Working Group meeting. | This was completed, by core members of the SWG.               |
| <b>Activity 1.2</b><br>Hold a meeting of the Saola Working Group.   | Meeting held. Outputs documented in written meeting notes.          | The meeting was held, and report completed.                   |
| <b>Activity 1.3</b><br>Prepare SWG meeting report, including a "worklist" for the next 12 months.   | SWG meeting report and "worklist" prepared.                         | The meeting report, with an appended worklist, was completed. |

| <b>Objective 2:</b>  |   |  |
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| External partners are aware of the work of the SWG, and are encouraged to support Saola conservation.                  |   |  |
| <b>Activity description</b>  | <b>Deliverable(s)</b>                   | <b>Summary of actual progress/results for this activity</b>  |
| <b>Activity 2.1</b><br>Distribute SWG meeting report to over 700 donors, partners, and international conservationists. | Meeting report distributed to partners. | The report was completed while the SWG was in the midst of revamping its communication strategy and website, and this distribution faltered as a result. The report will be made available on our new website, promptly. |

**7. Please describe and submit any tools, products, or methodologies that resulted from this project or contributed to the results.**

We will submit separately:

- The new SWG structure of Steering Committee and Task Teams
- ToRs for the Steering Committee and Task Teams
- -2 month SWG worklist.

All of these are direct outputs of the meeting.

## PART IV: Lessons, Sustainability, Safeguards and Financing

### Lessons Learned

- 8. Describe any lessons learned during the design and implementation of the project, as well as any related to organizational development and capacity building.**

The main lesson-learned was the value of getting people together, for face-to-face discussion and decision-making. Email, and even comparatively brief conference calls and Skype calls, are simply no substitute for getting people together in a room, with sufficient time to work through a focused agenda.

Also, time invested in advance in preparing the agenda, and getting it right, repays in benefits during the course of the meeting.

#### *Project Design Process*

The main thing we did well was to have a core of about six members of the SWG meet the day *before* the meeting to discuss and revise the draft agenda. This made a significant contribution to the meeting's productivity, and value.

#### *Project Implementation*

This time, we did not do very well at assigning one person (or a core of people) to record the minutes of the meeting as it progressed.

#### *Other Lessons Learned*

Mainly, for progress in a complex topic, get the right people together in a room, for discussion focused by a sharply honed agenda.

### Sustainability / Replication

- 9. Summarize the success or challenges in ensuring the project will be sustained or replicated, including any unplanned activities that are likely to result in increased sustainability or replicability.**

Ideas generated at the meeting for additional funding could increase the sustainability of the meeting outcomes.

### Safeguards

- 10. If not listed as a separate Project Component and described above, summarize the implementation of any required action related to social or environmental safeguards that your project may have triggered.**

N/A

**Additional Funding**

**11. Provide details of any additional funding that supported this project and any funding secured for the project, organization, or the region, as a result of CEPF investment**

**a. Total additional funding (US\$)**

**b. Type of funding**

Please provide a breakdown of additional funding (counterpart funding and in-kind) by source, categorizing each contribution into one of the following categories:

| <b>Donor</b>   | <b>Type of Funding*</b>  | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Notes</b> |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Copenhagen Zoo | (A) Project Co-Financing | \$5,000       |              |

**Additional Comments/Recommendations**

**12. Use this space to provide any further comments or recommendations in relation to your project or CEPF.**

It is quite possible the meeting will result in the attraction of additional funding to Saola conservation, based on ideas generated and decisions made at the meeting, but this is not yet possible to know.

**PART IV: Impact at Portfolio and Global Level**

CEPF requires that each grantee report on impact at the end of the project. The purpose of this report is to collect data that will contribute to CEPF’s portfolio and global indicators. CEPF will aggregate the data that you submit with data from other grantees, to determine the overall impact of CEPF investment. CEPF’s aggregated results will be reported on in our annual report and other communications materials.

**Ensure that the information provided pertains to the entire project, from start date to project end date.**

**Contribution to Portfolio Indicators**

- 13. If CEPF assigned one or more Portfolio Indicators to your project during the full proposal preparation phase, please list these below and report on the project’s contribution(s) to them.**

| <b>Indicator</b> | <b>Narrative</b> |
|------------------|------------------|
| N/A              |                  |

**Contribution to Global Indicators**

**Please report on all Global Indicators (sections 14 to 21 below) that pertain to your project.**

- 14. Key Biodiversity Area Management**

**Number of hectares of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) with improved management**

Please report on the number of hectares in KBAs with improved management, as a result of CEPF investment. Examples of improved management include, but are not restricted to: increased patrolling, reduced intensity of snaring, invasive species eradication, reduced incidence of fire, and introduction of sustainable agricultural/fisheries practices. Do not record the entire area covered by the project - only record the number of hectares that have improved management.

If you have recorded part or all of a KBA as newly protected for the indicator entitled “protected areas” (section 17 below), and you have also improved its management, you should record the relevant number of hectares for both this indicator and the “protected areas” indicator.

| <b>Name of KBA</b> | <b># of Hectares with strengthened management *</b> | <b>Is the KBA Not protected, Partially protected or Fully protected? Please select one: NP/PP/FP</b> |
|--------------------|---|--|
| N/A                |   |  |

### 15. Protected Areas

#### Number of hectares of protected areas created and/or expanded

Report on the number of hectares of protected areas that have been created or expanded as a result of CEPF investment.

| Name of PA | Country(s) | # of Hectares | Year of legal declaration or expansion | Longitude | Latitude |
|------------|------------|---------------|--|-----------|----------|
| N/A        |            |               |  |           |          |

### 16. Production landscape

Please report on the number of hectares of production landscapes with strengthened biodiversity management, as a result of CEPF investment. A production landscape is defined as a landscape where agriculture, forestry or natural product exploitation occurs. Production landscapes may include KBAs, and therefore hectares counted under the indicator entitled "KBA Management" may also be counted here. Examples of interventions include: best practices and guidelines implemented, incentive schemes introduced, sites/products certified and sustainable harvesting regulations introduced.

#### Number of hectares of production landscapes with strengthened biodiversity management.

| Name of Production Landscape | # of Hectares | Latitude | Longitude | Description of Intervention |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| N/A                          |               |          |           |                             |

### 17. Beneficiaries

CEPF wants to record two types of benefits that are likely to be received by individuals: formal training and increased income. Please report on the number of men and women that have benefited from formal training (such as financial management, beekeeping, horticulture) and/or increased income (such as tourism, agriculture, medicinal plant harvest/production, fisheries, handicraft production) as a result of CEPF investment. Please provide results since the start of your project to project completion.

#### 17a. Number of men and women benefitting from formal training.

| # of men benefitting from formal training | # of women benefitting from formal training |
|---|---|
| 0   | 0   |

#### 17b. Number of men and women benefitting from increased income.

| # of men benefitting from increased income | # of women benefitting from increased income |
|--|--|
| 0  | 0  |

#### 17c. Total number of beneficiaries - Combined

Report on the total number of women and the number of men that have benefited from formal training and increased income since the start of your project to project completion.

| Total # of men benefiting | Total # of women benefiting* |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 0                         | 0                            |

### 18. Benefits to Communities

CEPF wants to record the benefits received by communities, which can differ to those received by individuals because the benefits are available to a group. CEPF also wants to record, to the extent possible, the number of people within each community who are benefiting. Please report on the characteristics of the communities, the type of benefits that have been received during the project, and the number of men/boys and women/girls from these communities that have benefited, as a result of CEPF investment. If exact numbers are not known, please provide an estimate.

**18a. Please provide information for all communities that have benefited from project start to project completion.**

| Name of Community | Community Characteristics<br>(mark with x) |                  |                            |                                |                 |                   |        | Type of Benefit<br>(mark with x) |                         |                            |   |  |                      |   | # of Beneficiaries  |                                       |                              |                                 |
|-------------------|--|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|----------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                   | Subsistence economy                        | Small landowners | Indigenous/ ethnic peoples | Pastoralists / nomadic peoples | Recent migrants | Urban communities | Other* | Increased access to clean water  | Increased food security | Increased access to energy | Increased access to public services (e.g. health care, education) | Increased resilience to climate change | Improved land tenure | Improved recognition of traditional knowledge | Improved representation and decision-making in governance forums/structures | Improved access to ecosystem services | # of men and boys benefiting | # of women and girls benefiting |
| None              |  |                  |                            |                                |                 |                   |        |                                  |                         |                            |   |  |                      |   |   |                                       |                              |                                 |

\*If you marked "Other" to describe the community characteristic, please explain:



**18b. Geolocation of each community**

Indicate the latitude and longitude of the center of the community, to the extent possible, or upload a map or shapefile. Give geographic coordinates in decimal degrees; latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere and longitudes in the Western Hemisphere should be denoted with a minus sign (example: Latitude 38.123456 Longitude: -77.123456).

| Name of Community | Latitude | Longitude |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| N/A               |          |           |

**19. Policies, Laws and Regulations**

Please report on change in the number of legally binding laws, regulations, and policies with conservation provisions that have been enacted or amended, as a result of CEPF investment. “Laws and regulations” pertain to official rules or orders, prescribed by authority. Any law, regulation, decree or order is eligible to be included. “Policies” that are adopted or pursued by a government, including a sector or faction of government, are eligible.

**19a. Name, scope and topic of the policy, law or regulation**

| No. | Name of Law, Policy or Regulation | Scope (mark with x) |          |                        | Topic(s) addressed (mark with x) |         |           |           |        |           |          |            |                |           |                 |         |         |                |                |  |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|---------|----------------|----------------|--|
|     |                                   | Local               | National | Regional/International | Agriculture                      | Climate | Ecosystem | Education | Energy | Fisheries | Forestry | Mining and | Planning/Zonin | Pollution | Protected Areas | Species | Tourism | Transportation | Wildlife Trade |  |
| 1   | N/A                               |                     |          |                        |                                  |         |           |           |        |           |          |            |                |           |                 |         |         |                |                |  |

**19b. For each law, policy or regulation listed above, please provide the requested information in accordance with its assigned number.**

| No. | Country(s) | Date enacted/ Amended MM/DD/YYYY | Expected impact | Action that you performed to achieve this change |
|-----|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 1   | N/A        |                                  |                 |  |

## 20. Best Management Practices

Please describe any new management practices that your project has developed and tested as a result of CEPF investment, that have been proven to be successful. A best practice is a method or technique that has consistently shown results superior to those achieved with other means.

| No. | Short title/ topic of the best management practice | Description of best management practice and its use during the project |
|-----|--|--|
| 1   | N/A  |  |

## 21. Networks & Partnerships

Please report on any new networks or partnerships between civil society groups and across to other sectors that you have established as a result of CEPF investment. Networks/partnerships should have some lasting benefit beyond immediate project implementation. Informal networks/partnerships are acceptable even if they do not have a Memorandum of Understanding or other type of validation. Examples of networks/partnerships include: an alliance of fisherfolk to promote sustainable fisheries practices, a network of environmental journalists, a partnership between one or more NGOs with one or more private sector partners to improve biodiversity management on private lands, a working group focusing on reptile conservation. Please do not use this tab to list the partners in your project, unless some or all of them are part of such a network / partnership described above.

| No. | Name of Network/ Partnership  | Year established | Country(s) covered | Purpose  |
|-----|---|------------------|--------------------|--|
| 1   | Collaborative program for a Saola conservation breeding program, between the SWG and Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. | 2015             | Vietnam            | Establish a captive insurance population of saolas |

## Part V. Information Sharing and CEPF Policy

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned, and results. Final project completion reports are made available on our Web site, [www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net), and publicized in our newsletter and other communications.

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