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Here is the latest on WWF-Cambodia’s initiatives, achievements and events:

Solar Power Brings Clean Energy to Koh Phdao Community Ecotourism

Koh Phdao Community-Based Ecotourism site has officially switched to solar power following the handover of a new solar energy system supported by WWF-Cambodia’s project, Building Back a Climate-Friendly and Inclusive Tourism Sector in Cambodia, in collaboration with implementing partners, local authorities and community partners with funding support from SDC. The system now provides reliable electricity for lighting, refrigeration, and essential visitor services, reducing dependence on fuel and cutting carbon emissions. By adopting clean energy, Koh Phdao is strengthening sustainable tourism, enhancing the visitor experience, and supporting more resilient livelihoods while contributing to Cambodia’s low-emission, nature-positive future.



Koh Promcharey CBET Wins National Award for Community-Led Ecotourism



Koh Promcharey Community-Based Ecotourism (CBET), supported by WWF-Cambodia, received a national ecotourism award at the 5th National Ecotourism Forum in Siem Reap on 24–25 November 2025. Presented by the Minister of Tourism, the award recognizes the community’s success in delivering responsible tourism that protects nature while generating local income. Koh Promcharey also showcased its ecotourism services and local products to more than 600 participants, drawing interest from senior government leaders, including the MAFF Minister. National recognition strengthens Koh Promcharey’s visibility, attracts future investment, and demonstrates how community-led ecotourism can drive sustainable, nature-positive development in Cambodia.

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WWF-Cambodia Hosts SUSS Students for Hands-On Conservation Learning

WWF-Cambodia hosted students from the Singapore University of Social Sciences for a five-day study trip to the Eastern Plains Landscape from 23 to 27 November. The visit offered students first-hand exposure to conservation work in Cambodia, including protected area law enforcement, biodiversity research and monitoring, and community-based conservation initiatives. Through direct engagement with WWF teams and local partners, students gained insight into both the challenges and successes of safeguarding critical ecosystems. By connecting future leaders with real-world conservation efforts, the programme fosters regional understanding, strengthens cross-border learning, and supports long-term collaboration for biodiversity protection in Cambodia's key landscapes.



WWF-Cambodia Builds Staff Capacity to Strengthen Safeguards and Responsible Conservation



WWF-Cambodia held a two-day Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) workshop on 5–6 December 2025 to strengthen staff capacity on safeguards and responsible project delivery. The training deepened understanding of standard operating procedures, environmental and social safeguards, and key tools such as stakeholder engagement, Free, Prior and Informed Consent, and the complaints response mechanism. Through practical exercises, staff applied safeguards at project level and clarified roles and responsibilities. Strong safeguards help ensure conservation actions are inclusive, transparent, and community-centered, reducing risks, building trust, and ultimately delivering more effective and sustainable conservation outcomes on the ground.

New Mekong Dolphin Calf Spotted in Kratie Signals Hope for Species Recovery

A newborn Mekong dolphin calf was recorded on 1 December in the Kampi dolphin pool, Kratie province, by a joint research and patrol team from the Fisheries Administration (MAFF) and WWF-Cambodia. The calf appeared healthy and was observed swimming closely alongside its mother, an encouraging sign for this critically endangered species. Each new birth reflects improving river conditions and effective protection efforts. Healthy dolphin populations signal resilient fisheries and ecosystems that sustain local livelihoods, reinforcing the urgent need to reduce pressure on natural fisheries and continue safeguarding the Mekong River for both people and nature.



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Mekong Dolphin Day 2025 Celebrates Historic Conservation Milestone in Kratie



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WWF-Cambodia, together with MAFF, the Kratie Provincial Administration, Fisheries Administration, local communities, and partners, celebrated Mekong Dolphin Day 2025 at the Kampi Dolphin Ecotourism Site under the theme “Protecting Dolphins is Protecting Our Values.” About 2000 participants attended, enjoying activities such as a joint signing ceremony, a Dharma talk, a new dolphin statue unveiling, and community product displays. Historic milestone: For the first time since monitoring began in 2002, zero dolphin deaths were recorded in 2025, including seven newborn calves. This achievement highlights successful community-led conservation, safeguards biodiversity, and strengthens livelihoods linked to a healthy Mekong River ecosystem.

Sub-National Consultation Advances Cambodia’s National Biodiversity Strategy

WWF-Cambodia joined the Ministry of Environment, UNDP, and WCS in Mondulkiri for a sub-national consultation on Cambodia’s National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), engaging 64 participants including Indigenous Peoples, local communities, government officials, CSOs, youth, and the private sector. Discussions emphasized strengthening coordination across provincial departments, communities, and NGOs, promoting inclusive consultations, and supporting sustainable land-use practices. By integrating the voices of Indigenous Peoples and local communities into national planning, Cambodia can implement more effective biodiversity conservation, safeguard community-managed areas, and ensure that local livelihoods and ecosystems are protected for long-term sustainability.



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Drone and Legal Training Strengthens Enforcement in Key Wildlife Sanctuaries



WWF-Cambodia, in partnership with the Provincial Department of Environment, trained 47 rangers and community rangers from Phnom Prich and Srepok Wildlife Sanctuaries on 21 December at Trapang Thmier Outpost. The training introduced practical drone operation and maintenance to improve monitoring of illegal land clearance and forest cover changes. An evening refresher session reinforced skills in evidence collection, documentation and case coordination for stronger law enforcement. By combining technology with legal capacity, rangers are better equipped to detect environmental crimes, support successful prosecutions and protect Cambodia’s forests and wildlife more effectively.



WWF Supports Koh Nheak Farmers to Rebuild and Strengthen Sustainable Farms

On 18 November 2025, WWF-Cambodia’s SCP project provided 25 vegetable farmers in Sok San, Sre Sang Kum, and Aboun Leu communes, Koh Nheak District, with essential farming materials to restore production after the 23 September floods. Supplies included pipes, plastic covers, vegetable veils, drip systems, and water hoses to help farmers recover and protect crops from future disruptions. Beyond immediate recovery, this support transforms farms into models of sustainable agriculture, promoting climate-resilient practices, enhancing community learning, and strengthening livelihoods, ensuring local families can sustainably manage their farms amid increasing climate challenges.

Communities and Authorities Review Progress on Livelihood and Ecotourism Infrastructure

Local authorities and community representatives met in Chroy Banteay and Vattanak villages on 12 December to review progress on key livelihood and ecotourism infrastructure supported by the SCALE-Up II project. The meeting assessed construction of access stairs at the Koh Promcharey community-based ecotourism site, a hog deer observation tower, a slaughterhouse for a chicken-raising group, a community market, and fishponds for local production. With 51 participants jointly reviewing progress and finances, the process strengthened transparency and coordination. These investments are on track to boost local incomes, support sustainable livelihoods and reinforce community-led conservation in the Mekong Flooded Forest landscape.



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