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



WWF Regional Director Strengthens High-Level Conservation Partnerships in Cambodia

WWF's newly appointed Regional Director for Southeast Asia, Dr. Sang Lee, met with senior leaders from the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries alongside the WWF-Cambodia Country Management Team to strengthen conservation partnerships in Cambodia. Discussions focused on species recovery, wildlife reintroductions, protected area management, and freshwater conservation, including the Mekong River Irrawaddy dolphin, while advancing climate action and sustainable land-use practices. The meetings also reinforced collaboration on sustainable agriculture, forestry, and fisheries. These high-level engagements align national priorities with WWF's regional and global expertise, strengthening coordinated action to protect Cambodia's biodiversity, support community livelihoods, and position the country as a regional leader in nature-positive development.



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WWF Global Food Practice Visit Strengthens Sustainable Food Partnerships in Cambodia

From 9–18 October 2025, Dr. Karen Luz, Deputy Leader of WWF's Global Food Practice, visited Cambodia to strengthen partnerships and explore opportunities to advance sustainable food systems. Her mission included field visits to the Mekong Flooded Forest and Eastern Plains landscapes, where she engaged with government officials, rangers, Indigenous communities, and cooperatives involved in sustainable chicken, fish, honey, and coffee production. On 16 October, Dr. Karen and the WWF-Cambodia team met with key institutions, including CARD, the Ministry of Environment, and MAFF, to align national priorities on food systems, climate policy, and sustainable production. The visit showcased Cambodia's growing role in promoting climate-smart food systems that benefit both people and nature.



Camera Traps Deployed in Prek Prasob Wildlife Sanctuary to Strengthen Wildlife Monitoring

From 23–24 October 2025, WWF-Cambodia’s Biodiversity Research and Monitoring (BRM) team, together with Provincial Department of Environment rangers and Community Protected Area members, conducted a camera trap survey in Prek Prasob Wildlife Sanctuary (PPWS). 14 camera traps were installed to monitor wildlife, with a focus on the endangered hog deer. These non-intrusive devices provide critical data on species presence, population trends, and habitat use, supporting evidence-based conservation planning. The team will revisit the sites every 15 days, helping protect PPWS’s biodiversity and promote sustainable livelihoods for local communities. By generating reliable data, this initiative enables targeted conservation actions that safeguard endangered species and ensure the long-term health of the ecosystem.



WWF-Cambodia Monitors Endangered Birds in the Eastern Plains Landscape



WWF-Cambodia’s Biodiversity Research and Monitoring (BRM) team conducted the first White-shouldered Ibis (WSI) census of 2025 in the Eastern Plains Landscape from 15–16 September. Surveys covered 11 roost sites, with one active site recording six individual ibis. Building on this effort, the team organised a Vulture Restaurant in Chhoul, Srepok Wildlife Sanctuary, from 18–22 September, where six Red-headed Vultures, five of them females, were observed feeding. These activities form part of WWF-Cambodia’s long-term monitoring programme, generating critical data to track endangered bird populations and inform evidence-based conservation across key landscapes in Cambodia.

WWF-Cambodia Monitors Bird Nests and Conducts WSI Census in Kratie and Stung Treng

WWF-Cambodia’s Biodiversity Research Team carried out field monitoring of threatened bird species in Kratie and Stung Treng provinces in September 2025. From 18–19 September, the team monitored 14 Lesser Adjutant nests across four sites in Our Kak and Sre Chhouk villages, Kratie Province. Earlier, between 12–16 September, a White-shouldered Ibis (WSI) survey and national census recorded 298 individuals across 20 roost sites, with 19 active. The data provides vital insight into population trends and breeding success, supporting evidence-based conservation planning to protect Cambodia’s key riverine and forest landscapes.



Patrol Supports Siamese Crocodile Conservation along the Srepok River

From 7–11 October 2025, WWF-Cambodia's Biodiversity Research and Monitoring (BRM) team, together with a Provincial Department of Environment ranger, community research rangers, and community rangers, conducted a patrol along the Srepok River to support the reintroduction of the critically endangered Siamese crocodile. The patrol focused on removing snares and illegal fishing gear, reducing human disturbance in core conservation zones, and monitoring existing crocodile populations. Although no illegal activities were detected, high water levels limited night surveys. These regular patrols help safeguard crocodile habitats and support the restoration of a healthy freshwater ecosystem in the Eastern Plains Landscape.



Drone and GIS Training Strengthens Mekong Dolphin Conservation



Provincial Fisheries Administration Cantonments in Kratie and Stung Treng, with support from WWF-Cambodia, conducted a two-day training on drone (UAV) and Geographic Information System (GIS) technologies on 9–10 October 2025 in Stung Treng Town. 16 participants enhanced their skills in drone operation and GIS data management to support more effective monitoring of Mekong River dolphins and their habitats. The training focused on collecting aerial data, tracking dolphin movement, and identifying threats along the Mekong River. By integrating drone and GIS technologies, the initiative strengthens data-driven conservation efforts and supports long-term protection of Cambodia's endangered Mekong River dolphin.

Community Committees Advance Livelihoods and Conservation in Kratie

WWF-Cambodia convened a quarterly reflection meeting with community committees in Kratie Province from 14–15 October 2025 to review progress and plan upcoming activities to strengthen sustainable livelihoods. The meeting brought together 55 participants, including WWF staff, PDAFF representatives, local authorities, and members of cow bank, fish farming, and savings groups. Through participatory discussions, communities shared lessons learned, improved meeting management skills, and developed plans to enhance collaboration. The sessions also introduced sustainable livestock practices and Buddhist-based conservation approaches, encouraging positive mindset change. By strengthening community leadership and knowledge, the initiative supports long-term livelihood resilience while reinforcing conservation as a shared local responsibility.





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Consultations Advance Community Market and Ecotourism Development in Kratie

On 27–28 October 2025, WWF-Cambodia facilitated two consultation meetings in Vattanak and Chroy Banteay communes, Kratie Province, to support local development initiatives. The Vattanak meeting, attended by 33 participants including district and commune authorities, confirmed the proposed site for a new community market. The following day, Chroy Banteay officials and community members endorsed ecotourism plans in Prek Prasob Wildlife Sanctuary, including tower construction and land restoration. Agreements were signed between local authorities, the Department of Environment, and the Koh Promcharey Community-based Ecotourism Committee. These consultations pave the way for strengthened local economies, sustainable tourism, and enhanced community engagement in conservation.

Sustainable Coffee Harvesting Training Empowers Farmers in Dak Dam Commune

On 22 October 2024, WWF-Cambodia’s Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) project, in collaboration with KOFI Company and the Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (PDAFF), organized a hands-on coffee harvesting training in Dak Dam Commune. Farmers learned proper harvesting techniques to improve coffee quality, reduce post-harvest losses, and increase profitability. The session also promoted environmentally responsible practices, including sustainable handling and processing methods. By equipping local farmers with practical skills, the initiative strengthens livelihoods, supports the growth of sustainable coffee production, and contributes to long-term economic and environmental resilience in the region.



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