



RECOVER

PROJECT BRIEF

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Recovery of Elephants and Coexistence with Villagers through Evidence-based Research

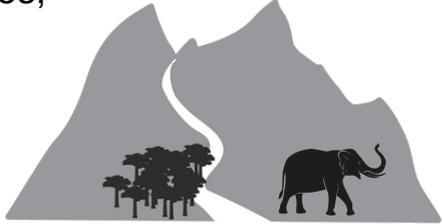
PROJECT AT A GLANCE:



July 2022 – June 2027

OBJECTIVE:

This project aims to stabilize and increase globally threatened populations, especially Asian elephants, by implementing innovative conservation approaches like Wildlife Recovery Zones, improved protected area governance and human-elephant conflict management.



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WHY SPECIES RECOVERY MATTERS



Cambodia's Eastern Plains Landscape (EPL) is a key biodiversity hotspot with over 41 globally significant species, including the Asian elephant. However, habitat loss and the illegal wildlife trade threaten to bring these populations to the brink. In addition, instances of human-elephant conflict (HEC), due to factors like high human disturbance and shrinking habitats, pose a danger to elephants and people.

The RECOVER project seeks to integrate local communities, especially Indigenous groups, into strengthened governance models that create equitable benefits, sustainable livelihoods and long-term conservation successes. Introducing the "Conflict to Coexistence (C2C) model" to HEC-affected villages will also reduce negative interactions with wildlife while strengthening community resilience. A fenced Wildlife Recovery Zone will also help heal populations and ecosystems while balancing the needs of nearby communities.

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Community protected areas:

Improve access to sustainable natural resources and promote closer participation in conservation efforts.

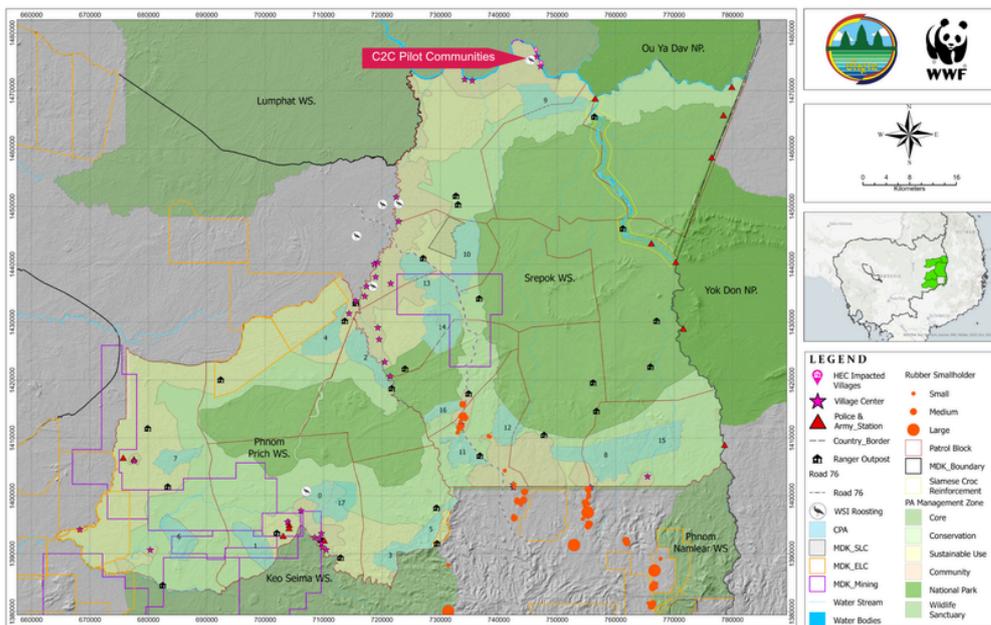
Government agencies: Strengthen co-management and conservation strategies alongside institutional capacity-building and funding access.

Indigenous communities:

Enhance livelihood opportunities, legal land tenure and capacity-building opportunities in sustainable practices.

Regional and international partners:

Collaborate globally to support effective law enforcement and resource use at larger scales.



RECOVER project target area, including protected area management and HEC mitigation.

CONTRIBUTING TO WWF'S GREATER GOALS:



ZERO LOSS OF NATURAL HABITATS



ZERO EXTINCTION



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