

Final Evaluation Report

Your Details	
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Project Title	Conservation of the endangered Loris (<i>Nycticebus</i> spp.) in Xuan Lien Nature Reserve, Vietnam.
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1. Indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
Study & document the loris population, distribution, and threats	□	□	■	
Strengthen the capacity of reserve staff in survey and conservation of loris	□	□	■	
Raising loris conservation awareness for the local community Indicator	□	□	■	
To disseminate and share research findings and recommendations to call for urgent action for loris in Xuan Lien and in Vietnam	□	■	□	

2. Describe the three most important outcomes of your project.

- a) Based on the field surveys, the status of loris population in Xuan Lien Nature Reserve was estimated and documented. There have been five field trips organised in 2 years (2020 and 2021), in which each trip was carried out in an average of 7-10 days. The project has performed 232.78 hours of night spotting on 38 survey transect trails in the study area. As a result, these surveys recorded a total of 14 lorises, including 11 pygmy lorises (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) and three Bengal lorises (*Nycticebus bengalensis*).
- b) The conservation awareness raising reached almost 300 local people in six villages and NR technical officer got trained on the primate field survey.
- c) One article to disseminate the results of this study was draft and on the publication progress. Besides, the conservation strategy for loris in Xuan Lien NR has been approved by Forest Protection Department Thanh Hoa province.

3. Explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled.

During 2021, Covid-19 became the global pandemic, and the project has been delayed due to restricting regulations and the social isolation of the Vietnamese government. Thank for the actively cooperated of the nature reserve, the field work activities were still implemented shortly between the social isolation periods. Besides, meeting and training area postponed until the end of 2021

4. Describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefited from the project.

Xuan Lien Nature Reserve has seen the availability of creating the community-based conservation programme that local people living close to forest can use.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

The assessment of the current status of the loris population at Xuan Lien is a representative area of this landscape in central Vietnam. However, in order to propose more effective species conservation strategies for the national scale, further assessment of the population status in other areas is needed. Besides, other studies on human impact also need to be implemented.

6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?

We are drafting one article to disseminate the results of this study and the results will be presented at the next Asian Primate Conference.

7. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?

At the national level, the next step is to bring the results of this population status study closer to that of biodiversity law enforcement and legislators.

At the protected area level, it is necessary to support the establishment of community-based conservation teams and strengthen the capacity of local forest protection officers in wildlife protection.

8. Did you use The Rufford Foundation logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the Foundation receive any publicity during the course of your work?

All of the materials produced and publish communication have the the Rufford Foundation logo.

9. Provide a full list of all the members of your team and their role in the project.

Group leader: **Le Thanh An** – Project leader Mr. An is working as a field biologist at the Center for Nature Conservation and Development (CCD). He is undertaking a master's degree in Zoology at the Hanoi University of Science. An used to work as a project assistant and volunteer coordinator at the Vietnam Endangered Primate Rescue Center (Cuc Phuong national park). He has specific skills in primate caring and conservation especially slow lorises monitoring and studying. An will be the team leader who coordinates the project and leads the loris field survey and assists other team members in working with the local community and raising local community awareness.

Second member: Ms. **Luong Khanh Linh** – Team member Ms. Linh is a young conservationist who has a master's degree in environmental management in 2019. Linh is a research assistant at Institute for Forest Ecology and Environment, she was a

research assistant for at least 3 conservation projects and has good experience in working with the local community, understand their challenges, and difficulties. Linh will lead the community base activity include local people interviewing and coordinate awareness-raising.

Third member: Mr. **Nguyen Mau Toan** – Field researcher Toan is the research staff of Xuan Lien Nature Reserve. Toan has a post-graduate degree in natural resources management. He has good fieldwork experience and skills to work with the local community and authority in Xuan Lien. Toan will join the field survey and assist the team in doing community awareness-raising

10. Any other comments?