Identifying Conservation Priorities for the Critically Endangered Large-antlered Muntjac (*Muntiacus vuquangensis*) in one of its Last Strongholds

An AZA Conservation Grants Fund Project

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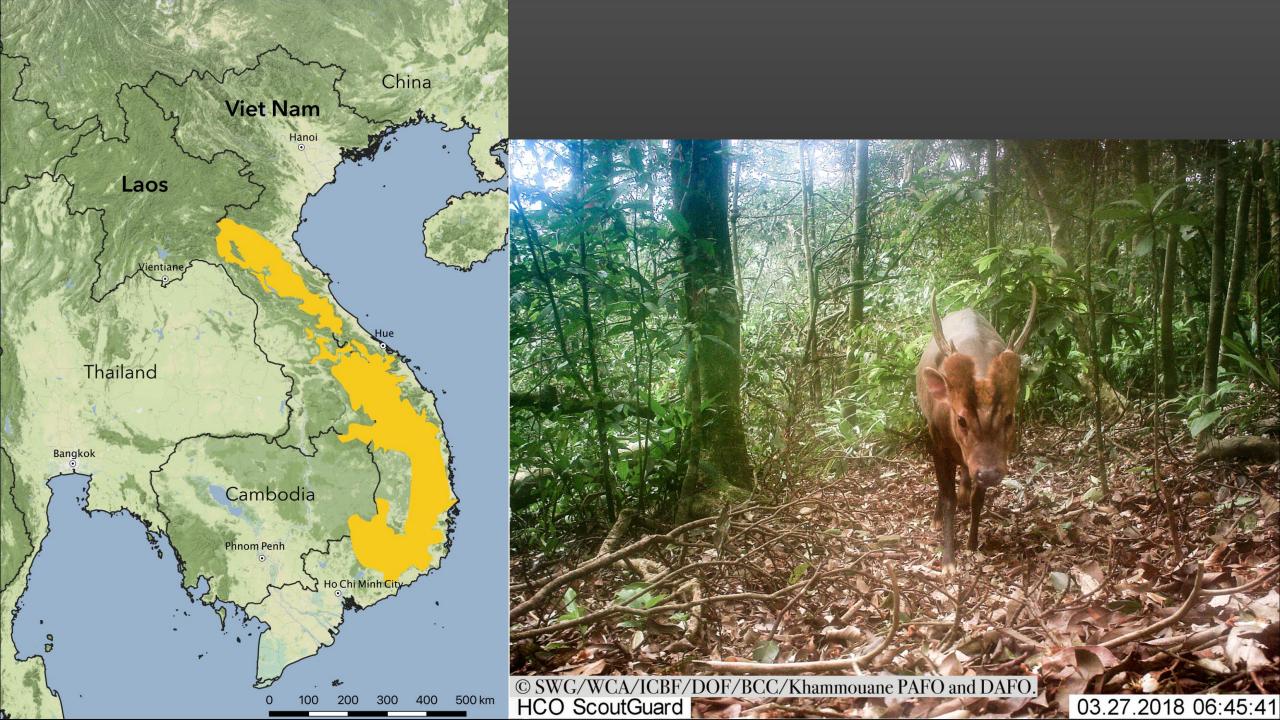


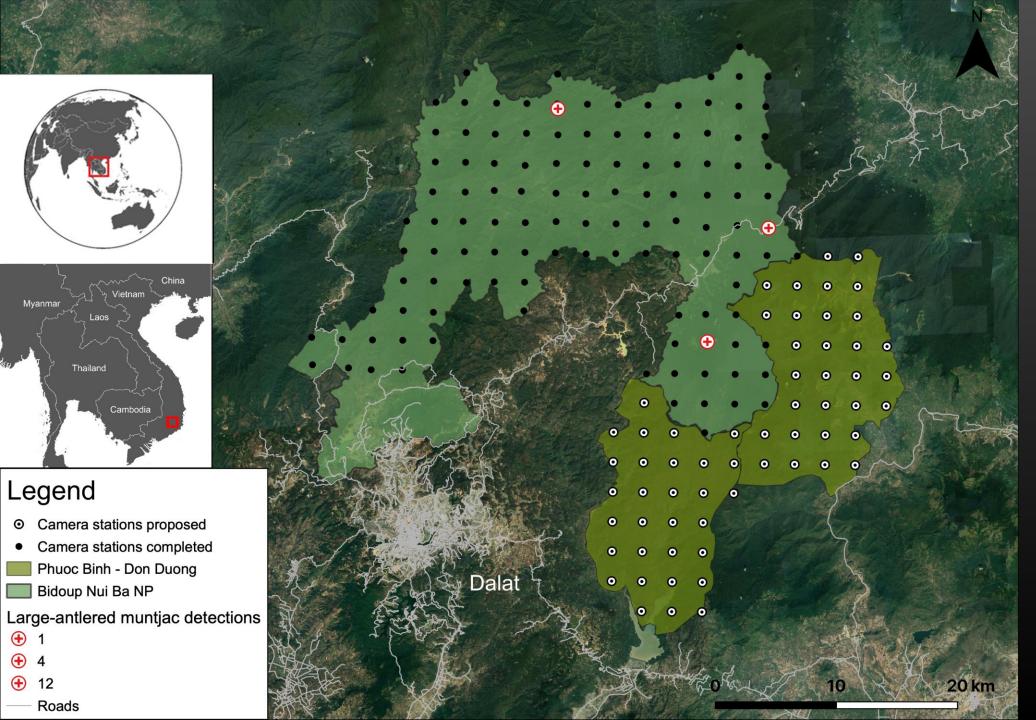
- Recently discovered by scientific community in in 1994
- Rapid decline since its discovery
- Critically endangered

Wikipedia

Annamite mountain range







- 1. Bidoup Nui Ba NP
- 2. Chu Yang Sinh NP
- 3. Phuoc Binh NP

#### AZA CGF Goals 2021

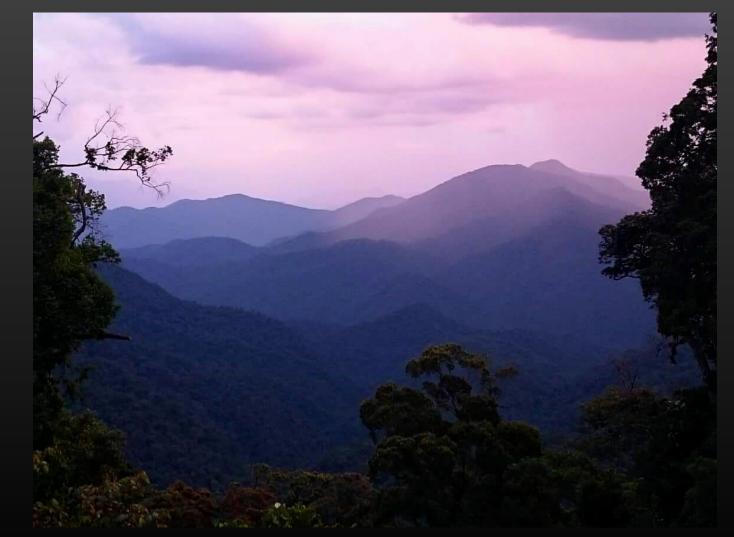
1. Assessing large-antlered muntjac distribution in Phuoc Binh and Don Duong forests through systematic camera-trapping surveys.





## AZA CGF Goals 2021

2. Disseminate large-antlered muntjac distribution data to local conservation stakeholders.



## AZA CGF Goals 2021

- 3. Capacity building for young Vietnamese conservation scientists.
  - Mentor project leader (An Nguyen) in all aspects of survey implementation, data analysis, and stakeholder communication.
  - Build in-country capacity through hands-on training







## The Team

- Andrew Tilker- Asian Species officer at Global Wildlife Conservation and coordinator of the IUCN SSC Large-antlered Muntjac Working Group
- An Nguyen- Vietnam Field Coordinator
- Dr. Barney Long- Senior Director of Species Conservation at Global Wildlife Conservation
- Dr. Andreas Wilting (Andi)- scientist at the Leibniz-IZW in the Department of Ecological Dynamics
- Dr. Truong Luu- Director of the Southern Institute of Ecology, part of the Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology, located in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- Michelle Hatwood- Cervid TAG Chair, general curator Audubon Species Survival Center.

#### How YOU can Help

Greatest need is financial support

 Fund the Website (to be built)
 Fund ranger supplies
 Fund in-country capacity building
 Fund community education



Reeves' muntjac- Franklin Park Zoo

 Only 7% of AZA deer-holding facilities support research or conservation for deer.

#### Now is your opportunity!

Reeves' muntjac holders- you will be hearing from us soon!

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