

IUCN SSC Saola Working Group's Update



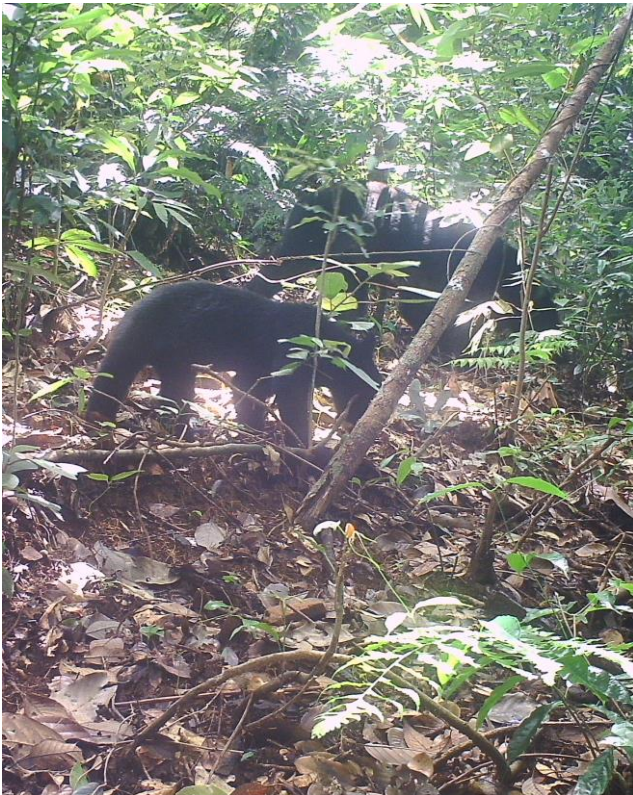
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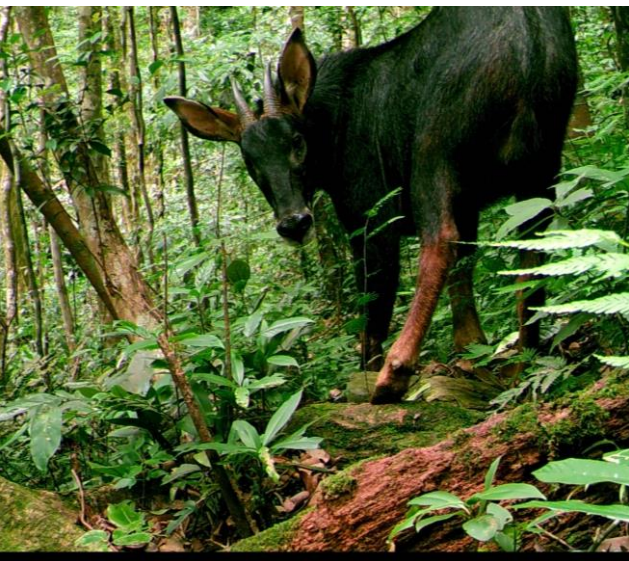


Examples of detection effort in last four years

- 163,000 camera trap nights have been completed in five sites in Vietnam and Laos since 2017
- 98 individuals have been trained in saola dung collection across 17 sites and are actively sampling
- This effort is thanks to many AZA institutions support
- There is still hope for Saola. Even after intensive detection effort other rare species are still being found

So more, smarter effort in priority sites is needed!

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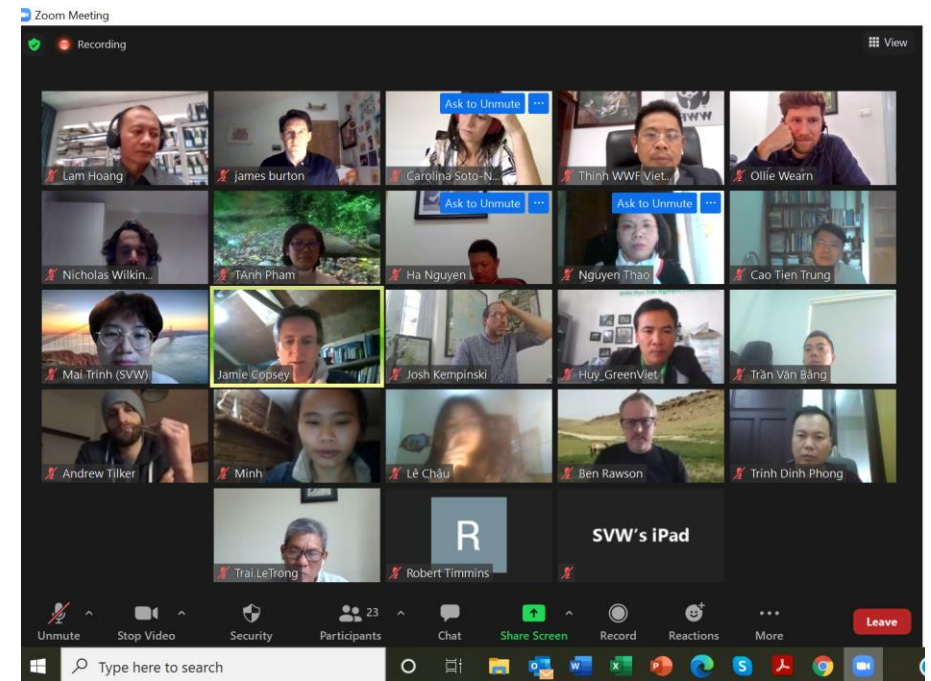


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Strengthening Saola detection efforts through partnership in 2021

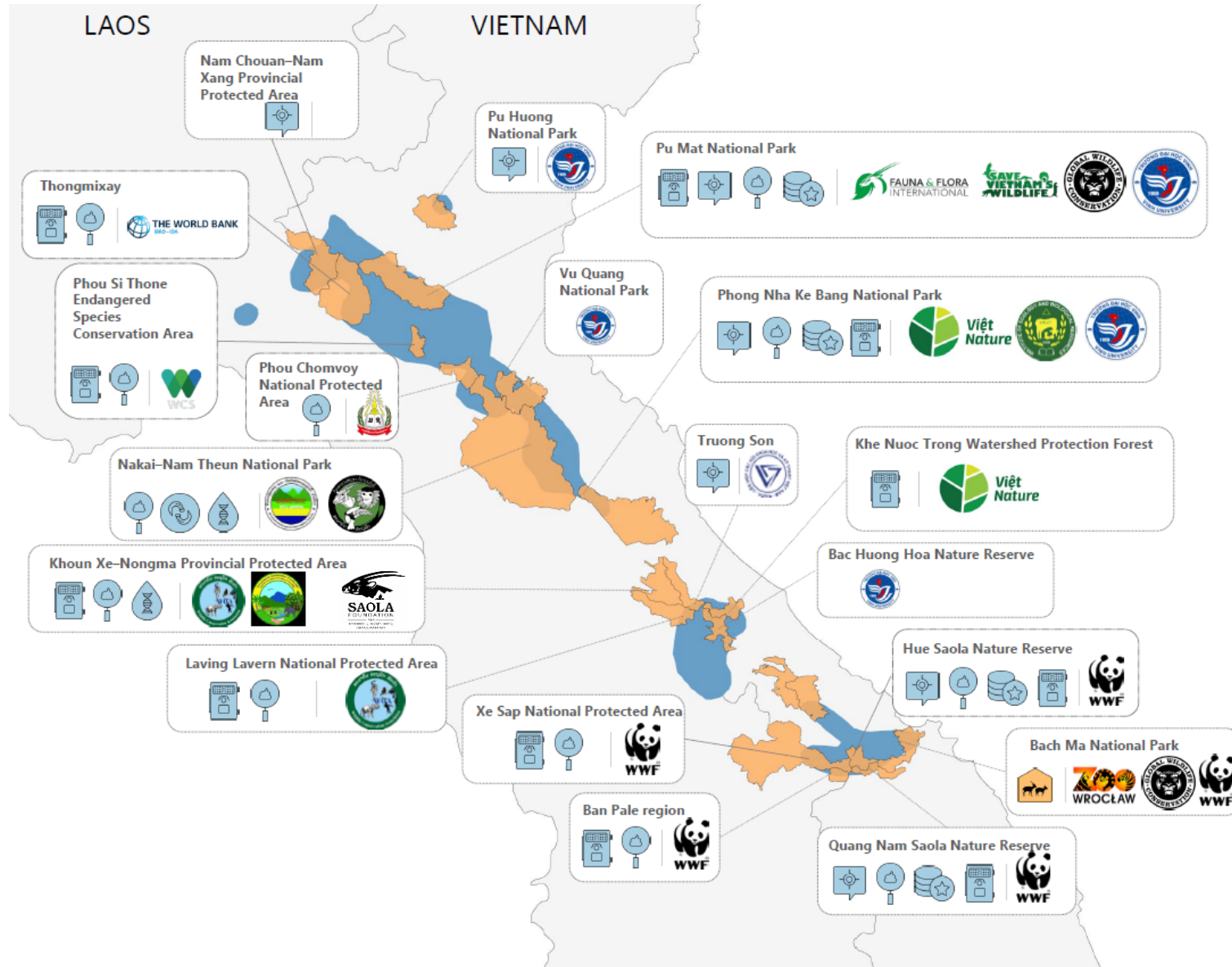
- Vietnam NGO Partners meeting held in February to increase detection effort
- Two new SWG National Coordinators working with partners

Hosted by  Vietnam  Laos



- Saola Knowledge Review summarises all detection effort in last 3 years and recommend improvements to methods

SWG Detection Partners



SAOLA DETECTION WORK

- Hunter Interviews
- Camera Trapping
- Dung DNA
- Rewards for Saola records
- eDNA
- Leech DNA
- Conservation Breeding Center

Draft version- some partners and sites still to be added

Future plans

- Detection strategy for 2021-22 being developed and proposals shared
- Breeding centre in Bach Ma National Park in development
- Raising of Saola profile as mascot of South East Asian Games
- Webinar to update zoo supporters in May

