

Wildlife Health in Viet Nam

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Wildlife policy

- *List legislation relating to wildlife*
 - *Law on Forest Protection and Development (2004) and the Forest law (2017): to protect wildlife in the forest*
 - *Law on Biodiversity (2008): to preserve natural species and genes of wildlife*
 - *Criminal Code (2015 & the modification in 2019): to penalize violations for wildlife*
 - *Veterinary law (2015): disease control for wildlife*



Wildlife policy

- *Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources is responsible for*
 - *Overall plan for biodiversity at national level*
 - *List of endangered, precious and rare species*
 - *Prevention of exotic species invasion*
- *Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development is responsible for*
 - *Specifying the protection of wild species banned from exploitation*
 - *Assisting the Government in performing the state management of forestry including wildlife*
 - *Disease control in wild animals*



Activities relating to wildlife

- *Briefly outline activities performed by Veterinary Services relating to wildlife*
 - *Rescuing wildlife from trafficking*
 - *Wildlife import – export management*
 - *Disease surveillance: Avian influenza in wild birds*
 - *Disease management in wildlife captive farms*
- *Briefly outline other activities performed in the country relating to wildlife health*
 - *Support WCS in surveillance in wild animals (pangolins, bats, rats, etc.)*



Disease reporting

- *Summary of key diseases reported in wildlife in the past year*
 - *H5N1 virus was detected in one Asian openbill in Tram Chim national park in April 2021*
 - *African swine fever virus in four fecal samples of wild boars in Dong Nai province*
 - *Coronavirus in one pangolin (Betacoronavirus- Pangolin strain)*
 - *Coronavirus in three bats (Alphacoronavirus - Bat coronavirus)*



One Health

- *Outline how wildlife are included in One Health activities*
 - *Wildlife is a key component in One Health Partnership (OPH) strategic plan in Viet Nam during 2021 to 2025*
 - *A wildlife network has been established between DAH and CITES, FAO, WCS*



Future activities

- *List 3 priority activities relating to wildlife health in your country over 2021-2022.*
 - *Establishment of wildlife technical working group under OHP*
 - *Development of SOP for disease surveillance in wildlife (led by DAH with technical support of WCS for natural wildlife, and of FAO for captive wildlife)*
 - *Disease surveillance*

