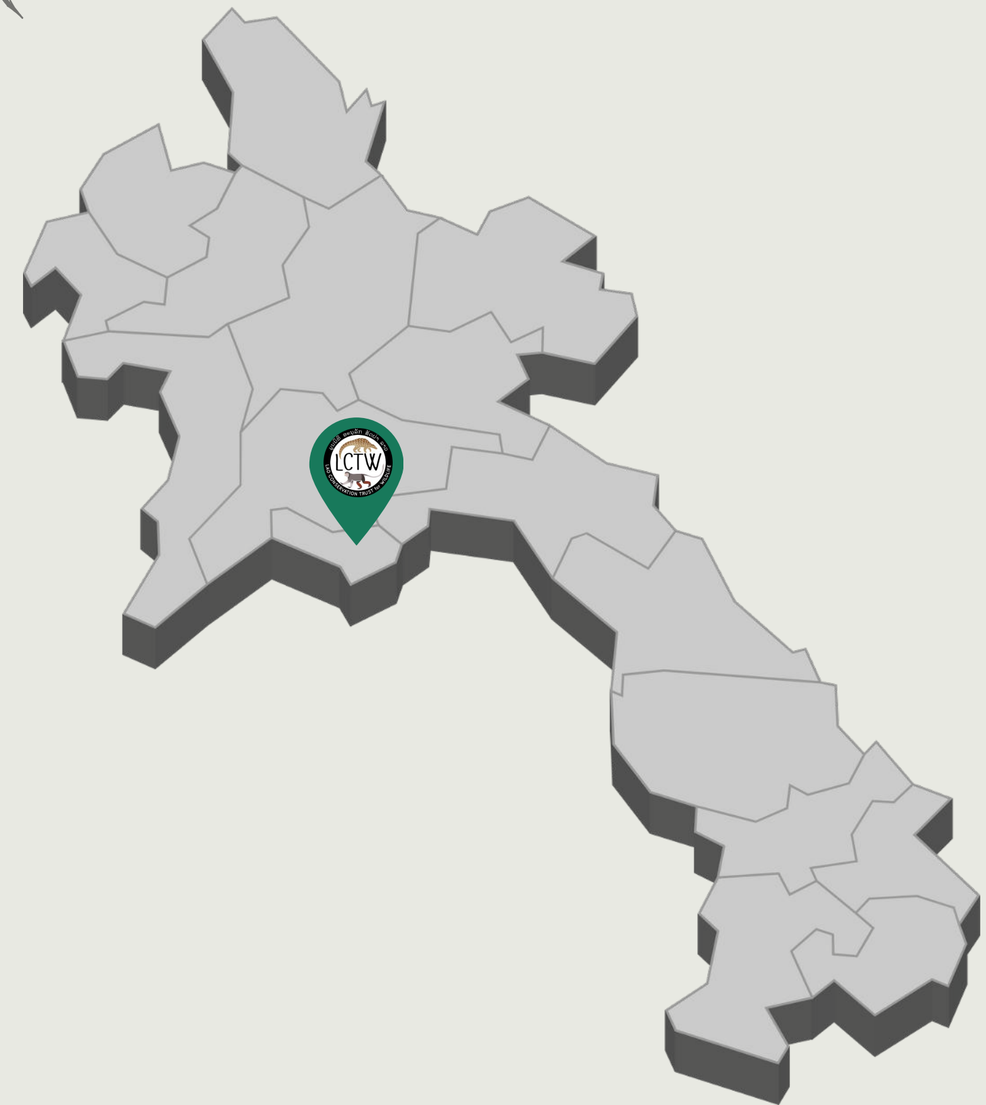
Lao Conservation Trust for Wildlife

2026-2030

STRATEGIC PLAN



VISION & MISSION



Vision

A thriving Laos where biodiversity is safeguarded, animal welfare is respected, and conservation is embraced as part of national identity.

Mission

Our mission is to safeguard Lao wildlife by addressing the illegal wildlife trade at its roots through education, awareness, and enforcement. We work jointly with stakeholders to prevent exploitation, while also rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing affected animals. Through capacity building, outreach, and collaboration, we aim to create lasting change for wildlife and communities.

FROM OBLIGATION TO OPPORTUNITY

In 2023, LCTW received news that we would be required to relocate from our original site. While this presented challenges, it also provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build facilities that truly match the scale of our mission. Our relocation gave us the chance to reimagine conservation in Laos: combining education, rescue, prevention, and research into a unified, holistic model.





January 2023
We receive news that we must relocate

March 2023
Relocated Khaew Khun (elephant) and officially registered U.S. NGO

May 2023
15 hectares is secured with a 45 year conract

June 2023
Disease screening and sterilization for 114 macaques

August 2023
Cleared agriculture area and released first half of our macaques

September 2023
Released second group of macaques

October 2023
Maintenance team start to live on-site part time to build enclosures and pathways

November 2023
First animals move to the new site

January 2024
Contractors begin construction on animal habitats and staff housing

April 2024
Move 21 bears to the new site

June 2024
Move 76 crocodiles to the new site

July 2024
All staff and animals successfully moved to the new site

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Our priorities connect as a cycle: education drives prevention, prevention reduces rescues, rescues inform research, and research enhances future education—each piece strengthening the next to achieve lasting conservation impact.

Conservation Breeding Programs

OneHealth

Forest Protection and Research



Education and Engagement

Combatting the Illegal Wildlife Trade

Rescue, Rehab and Release



EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT



Education is at the heart of our vision for LCTW. We aim to inspire the next generation of conservation leaders and connect communities to the value of wildlife, all while investing in our own staff's development.

- Experiential learning for visitors through wildlife observations, tours and enrichment
- Support the research into the efficacy and success of educational programs.
- Empower local communities with accessible, non-digital conservation materials designed to share knowledge and inspire protection of wildlife.
- Increase digital outreach through social media campaigns on biodiversity and wildlife laws.
- Training and capacity strengthening for staff, government officials, students, etc.
- Develop a dedicated Education Center with classrooms, theatre, interpretive signage, hands-on interaction areas, and natural history exhibits.
- Strengthen and expand partnerships with educational institutions at both the national and international level.



COMBATTING THE ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE

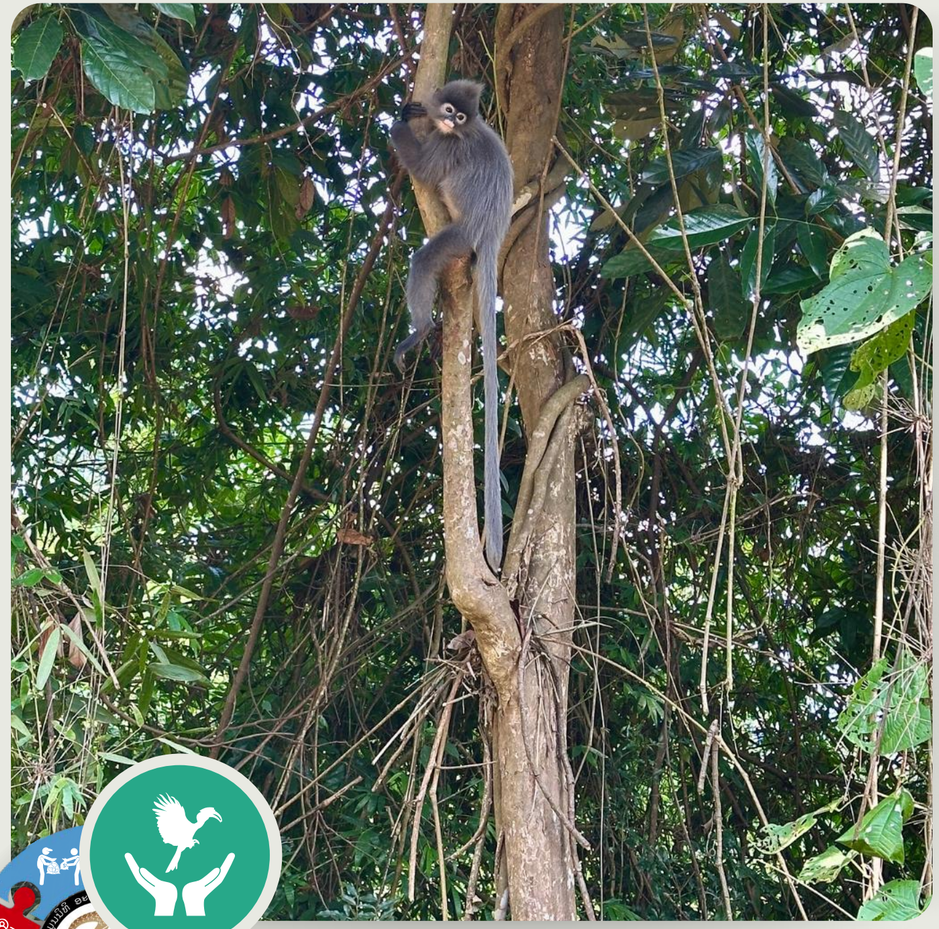


LCTW operates the country's only Wildlife Rescue Hotline (1601), a critical tool in the fight against the illegal wildlife trade.

- Continue to expand awareness of the hotline nationally.
- Strengthen our wildlife crime database and publish annual findings.
- Continue working with authorities on confiscations, while advocating for stronger government accountability and training.
- Support the development and strengthening of wildlife protection legislation in Laos through participation in policy working groups and collaboration in policy advocacy with other illegal wildlife trade-focused organizations.
- Continue to partner with conservation organizations and nonprofits to present unified visions and strategies to maximize impact.



RESCUE, REHABILITATION, AND RELEASE



At the core of LCTW's work is the rescue of Lao native wildlife from the illegal wildlife trade. The next stage is to strengthen our capacity to ensure every animal has a chance at freedom.

- Expand rehabilitation facilities including hospitalization rooms, dedicated wildlife orphan rooms and dedicated enclosures set in the forest for soft release.
- Increase post-release monitoring through GPS collars, camera traps, and radio telemetry.
- Document and share outcomes to build a national model for wildlife release programs.
- Remain committed to building relationships and trust with government agencies and local citizens to enhance rescue opportunities



FOREST PROTECTION AND RESEARCH



LCTW is uniquely positioned on the edge of Phou Khao Khouay National Park, offering an ideal site for releasing rehabilitated wildlife.

- Implement camera trap surveys to monitor biodiversity.
- Conduct baseline surveys of tree and habitat diversity.
- Establish a community ranger program to protect release sites and ensure long-term survival of released wildlife.
- Collaborate with graduate students on research projects that contribute to conservation knowledge, community engagement, education initiative effectiveness, release success, and animal health.



ONE HEALTH



The health of wildlife, people, and ecosystems are interconnected. LCTW integrates disease surveillance into its conservation work.

- Continue partnerships on zoonotic disease research (coronavirus, TB, avian influenza, melioidosis, etc).
- Establish protocols to ensure safe release of wildlife.
- Explore opportunities to provide community veterinary care where it aligns with conservation goals.
- Build integration of OneHealth concepts in education initiatives and tours at our site and during community outreach events (village visits and info-corners).
- Continue surveillance monitoring of high-risk rescued animals and include in international database, 360Species Zoological Information Management System



CONSERVATION BREEDING



We are building assurance colonies and breeding-to-release programs for threatened species.

- Current programs: Siamese crocodiles, elongated tortoises, yellow-headed temple turtles, and keeled box turtles.
- Future potential: gibbons, langurs and Annamite striped rabbit, where breeding success could provide hope for wild populations.
- Leverage existing relationships with industry, non-profit, and government to build network of viable, safe release locations for release programs.



OUR IMPACT SO FAR

Education and Engagement

- Trained 90+ government officials and engaged 600+ students.
- Reached 25,000+ visitors through programs and community events.
- Partnered with Nam Pien Yorla Pa to enhance ecotourism education.
- Delivered international education programs to raise global awareness of Laos' wildlife.
- Contributed expertise in 25+ national and international conservation workshops.

Rescue, Rehab and Release

- Over 450 animals rescued
  - Including animals such as gibbons, pangolins, turtles, tortoises, langurs, slow lorises, civets and many more.
- Over 350 animals released
  - Including animals such as pangolins, turtles, tortoises, langurs, slow lorises, civets and more.
- Conducted health assessments for rescued species, building a national database that supports evidence-based rehabilitation and release
- Rehabilitation protocol developed and put into place

Combatting the Illegal Wildlife Trade

- Received, evaluated, and recorded over 850 Tip-offs
- Engaging in the 15.7 Working Group and National Task Force
- Continuing assessment, enhancement, and implementation of effective wildlife legislation via collaboration with government and non-governmental organizations.

Forest Protection and Research

- Active participation in Species360 Zoological Information Management System, contributing to global wildlife health collaboration and establishing reference values for understudied species, while also recording critical data on animal husbandry, behavior, rescue locations, and other key information to support conservation and care efforts
- Presented research and conservation findings at national and international conferences through posters, talks, and panel discussions

One Health

- Identified the first case of Avian Influenza in a mammal in Laos
- Detected tuberculosis in macaques
- Detected melioidosis in various mammals
- Detected parvo in a confiscation of twenty-four civets
- Health screening for all incoming rescued animals to help build baseline database of disease prevalence in trafficked Lao wildlife
- Utilization of Species360 Zoological Information Management System to share and collaborate with facilities across the globe.

Conservation Breeding Programs

- Whole genome sequenced 92 crocodiles to determine genetic purity of our captive Siamese crocodile population
- 187 Siamese crocodile hatchlings successfully bred
- 23 elongated tortoise hatchlings successfully bred and 18 released
- 20 yellow headed temple turtle hatchlings successfully bred and released





TOGETHER

For Laos' Wildlife

LCTW is at a turning point.

With the new site providing space for education, growth, and greater community engagement, we are positioned to become a regional leader in conservation.

This vision is only possible with the support of our partners and donors. Together, we can save Laos' wildlife, empower communities, and secure a future for Laos' biodiversity.



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Your support makes our work possible. Together, we can give Laos' wildlife a future.

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