

Dedicated to biodiversity conservation in the Annamite Mountains of Laos

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Project Anoulak



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WHO WE ARE.

- **Project Anoulak** (conservation in Lao language) is a French-registered not-for-profit association (registered since September 2014) dedicated to the long-term conservation and study of wildlife in their natural habitats in Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR or Laos), in particular in the Nakai-Nam Theun National Protected Area.
- Our **mission** is to develop and implement innovative, multidisciplinary and sustainable approaches to the long-term conservation and study of the biodiversity and ecosystems in Nakai-Nam Theun National Protected Area, with a skilled, passionate and dedicated team of nationals and internationals.

WHERE WE WORK.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

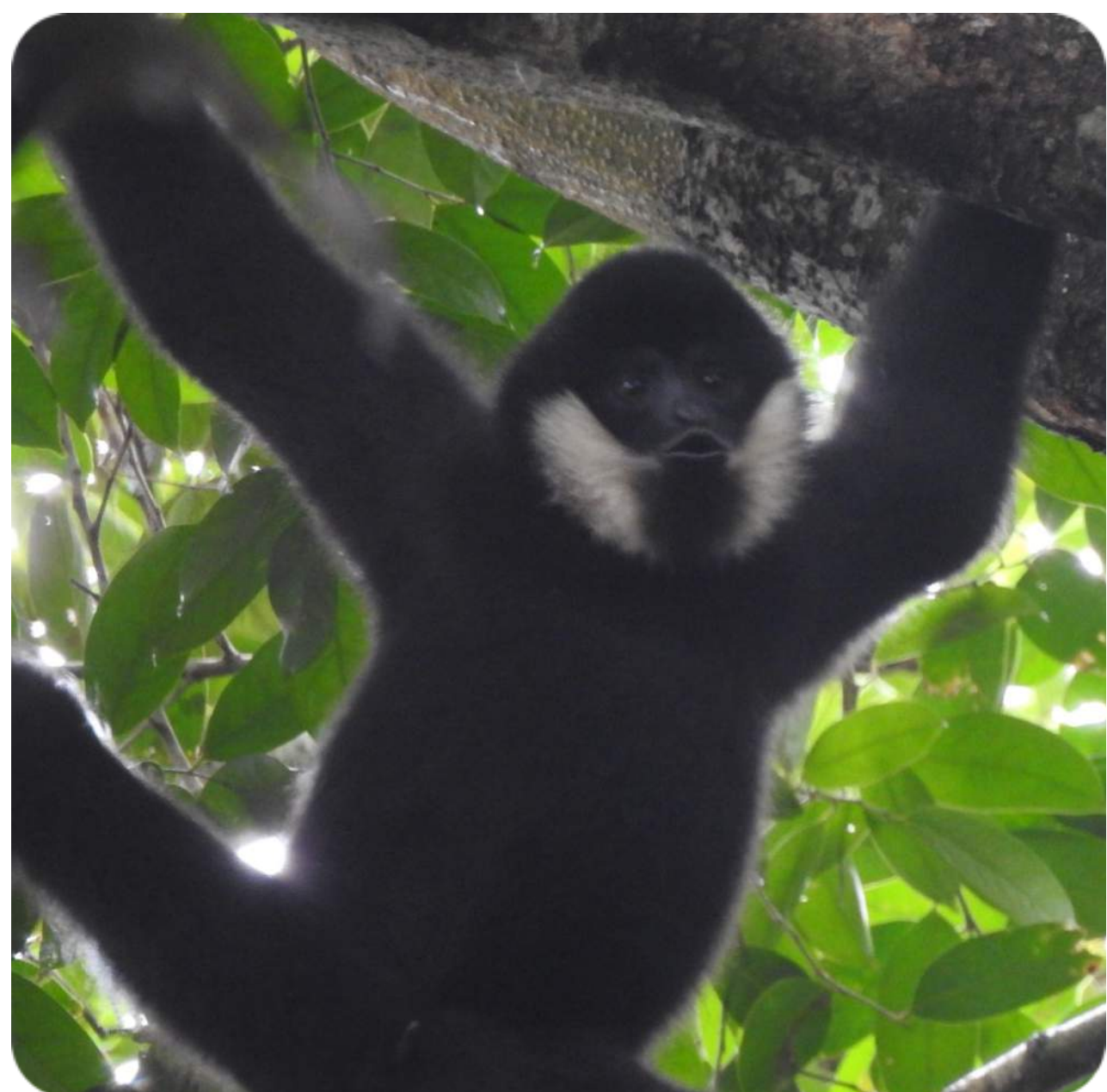
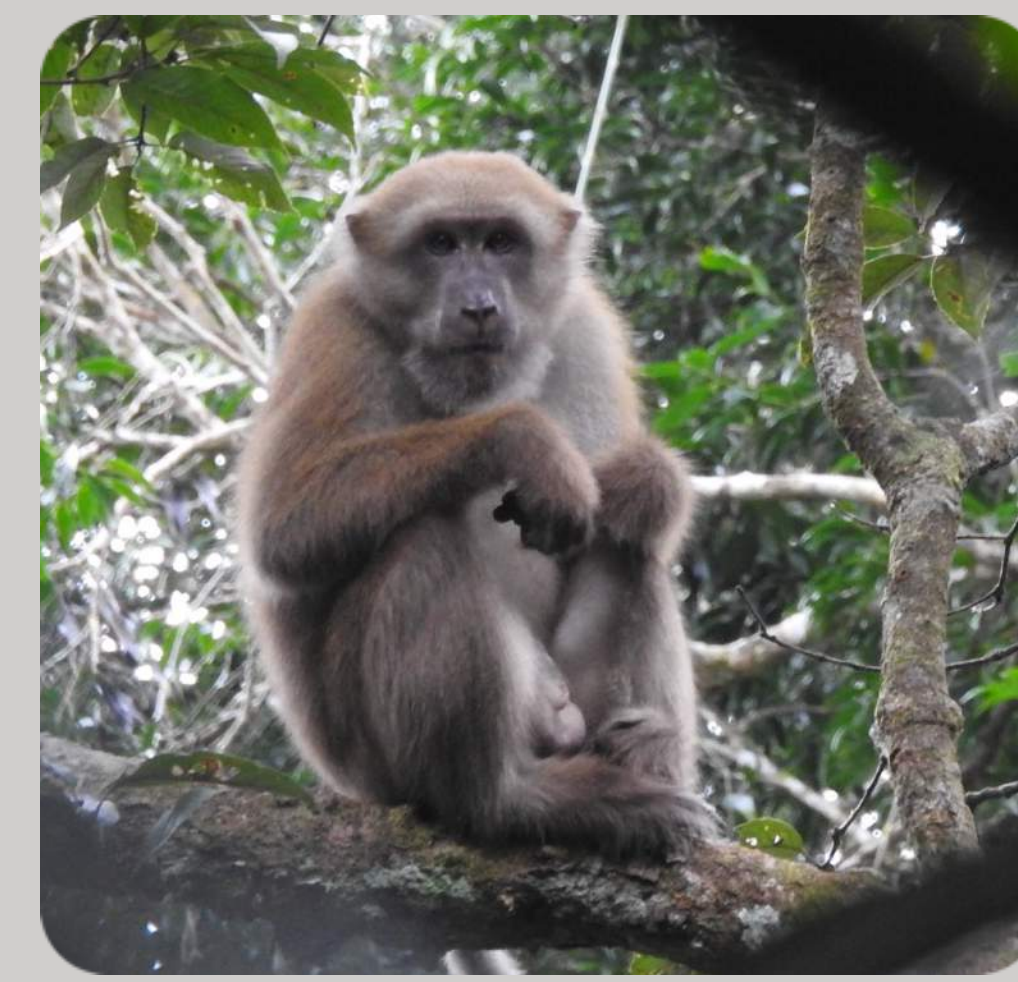
A BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT ...

Nakai-Nam Theun (3500 km²) is recognised at the national, regional and global scales for its importance for biodiversity conservation. It falls in the heart of the Annamite Mountain range: one of the richest regions of Southeast Asia in terms of biodiversity and endemism and is one of the identified 'Key Biodiversity Areas' within the Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot.



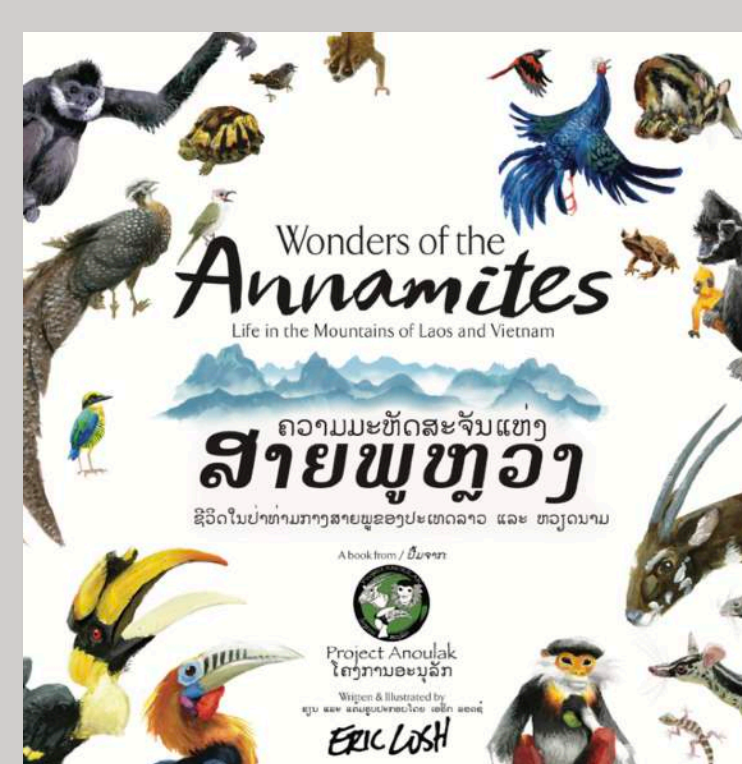
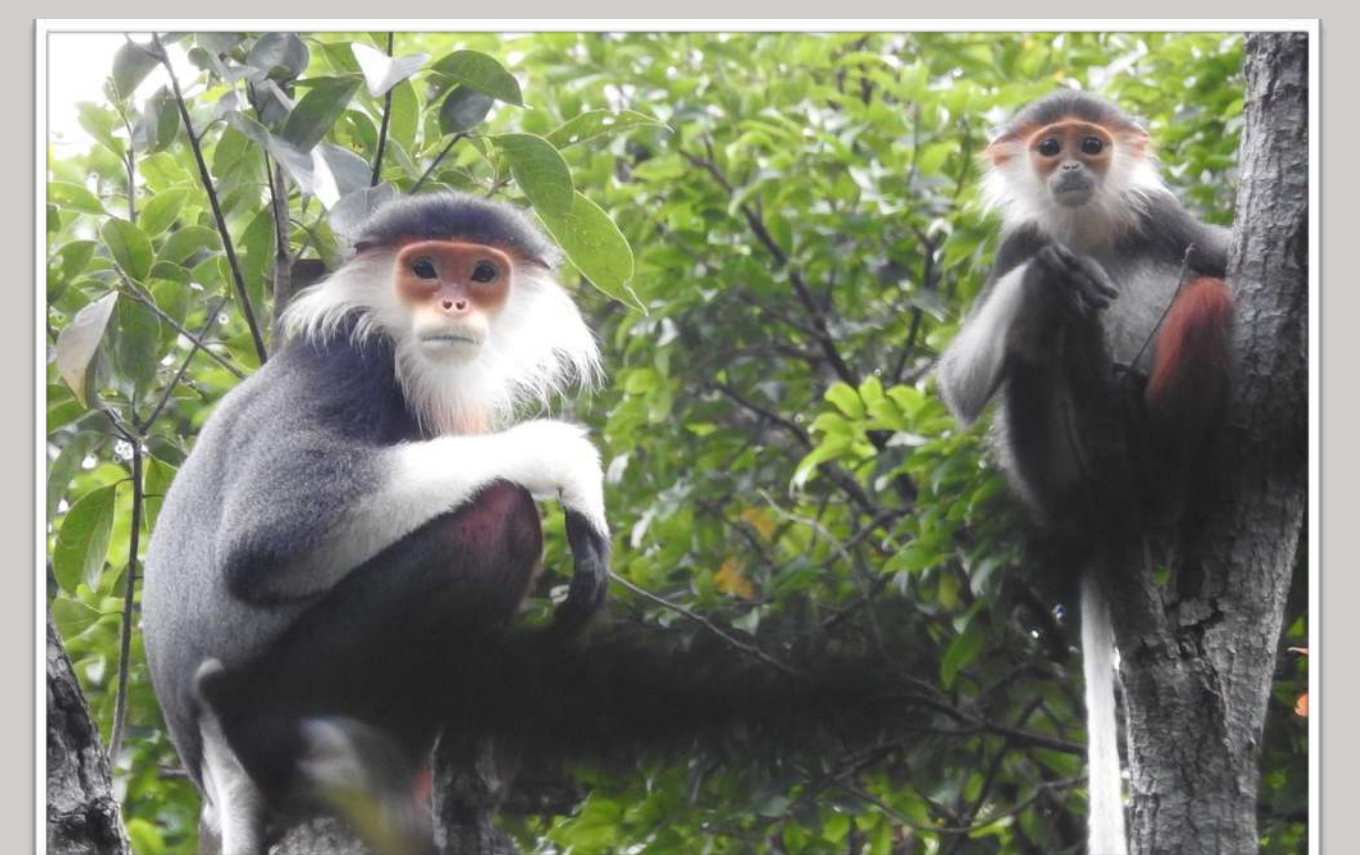
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Southeast Asia is facing a biodiversity crisis: the region supports the highest number of threatened species in the world. Hunting is the main threat to biodiversity in mainland Southeast Asia. This has resulted in local or national extinction of several species across the region.



WHAT WE DO.

- **Biodiversity research and conservation.** We currently focus on:
 - ❖ The behavioural ecology of the red-shanked douc (*Pygathrix nemaeus*)
 - ❖ The distribution and taxonomy of the white-cheeked gibbons (*Nomascus leucogenys* / *N. siki*)
 - ❖ Otter (*Aonyx*, *Lutra*, *Lutrogale*) surveys and conservation planning
 - ❖ Distribution and population monitoring of the large-antlered muntjac (*Muntiacus vuquangensis*)
 - ❖ Ground and arboreal animal population monitoring with systematic camera-trap surveys
 - ❖ Biodiversity surveys using environmental DNA techniques (including detection of elusive species)
- **Anti-poaching patrols.**
 - ❖ Four ranger teams totaling 24 rangers; monthly patrols, covering ~300 km²
 - ❖ Collaboration and coordination of efforts with local government authorities
- **Conservation education and community outreach.**
 - ❖ School-based conservation education activities
 - ❖ Teacher training and support
 - ❖ Production of illustrated storybooks for awareness raising
- **Community alternative & sustainable livelihoods.**
 - ❖ Training and demonstration centre in target villages for permaculture and handicraft projects
- **Capacity building.** Training the next generation of Lao conservationists



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