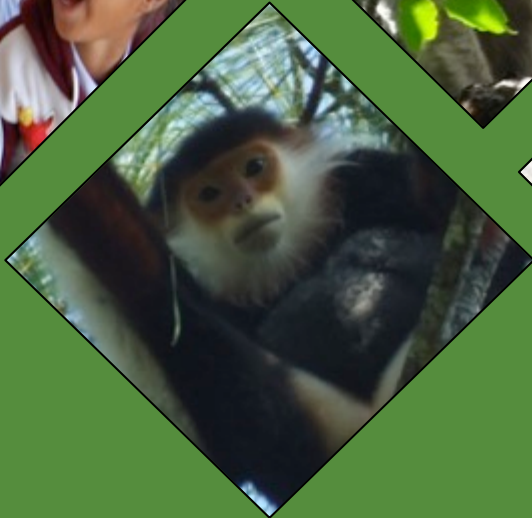


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# 1. Foreword

Our 2016 Annual Report marks Project Anoulak's third year anniversary! So much has been accomplished already in these past three years and 2016 was once again one of the busiest years yet!

2016 has brought numerous alarming changes in many aspects of the global dynamic of our human-dominated world. Meanwhile, while some hopeful global resolutions were taken to curb international illegal wildlife trafficking, numerous species of the Annamite Mountains were up-listed to higher categories on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, exposing their conservation status coming closer to global extinction...

Now is a time to remind ourselves the boundless power of cooperation, creativity, inspiration, passion, compassion and transmission. These values will prevail in the long-term sustainability of this Earth and its beautiful nature. At Project Anoulak, we thrive every year to achieve our goals through these principles.

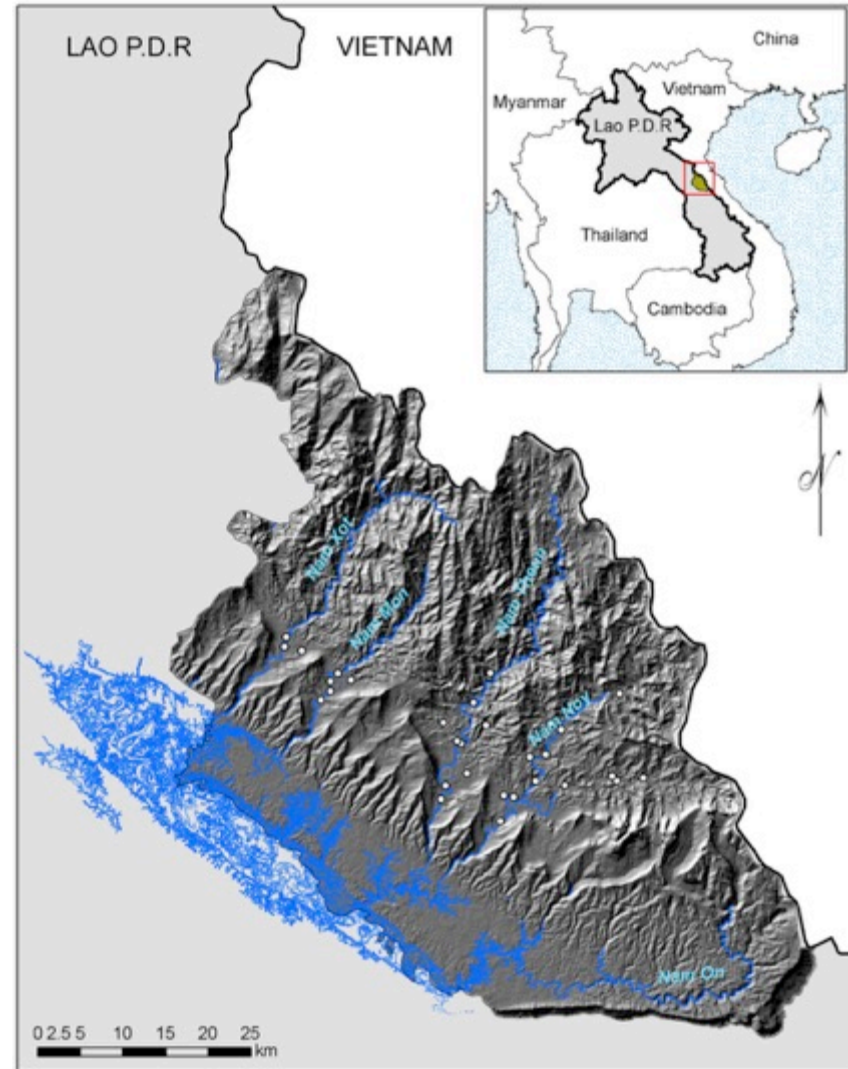
Let us reflect on the position humans occupy on Earth; let us reflect on what actions can make a better world. Let's forget for a moment all about the human-conceptions of the world, which often bring divisions. We have the opportunity to act consciously and perpetuate our actions through raising awareness of others and of the next generation. As a unified community, we can make a difference, one drop at a time. Project Anoulak grows each year, from drizzle to rain and some day to downpour and flood!

Vientiane, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017  
Camille.

## II. About Project Anoulak

Project Anoulak (*'conservation'* in Lao language) is a French-registered non-for-profit association 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 (NNT NPA) where we operate from our field station.

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, central-eastern Laos, with a passionate and dedicated team of nationals and internationals.





# II. About Project Anoulak

## Our Team

### Board of Directors

Board of directors of French-registered Association Projet Anoulak (TOTAL=4)



Camille Coudrat  
Founder  
Vice-President



Mélanie Berthet  
President  
Veterinarian at  
Zoo de Besançon



Benoit Quintard  
Secretary  
Veterinarian at  
Mulhouse Zoo



Brice Lefaux  
Treasurer  
Director &  
Veterinarian at  
Mulhouse Zoo

### Lao Team

Lao Permanent Team (TOTAL=4)



Camille Coudrat  
a.k. a. Kham  
Programme manager  
Director



Chanthalaphone Nanthavong  
a.k.a. Tou  
Project coordinator, field  
station manager



Ouphakhone Suvandee  
a.k.a. Done  
Douc Research Manager



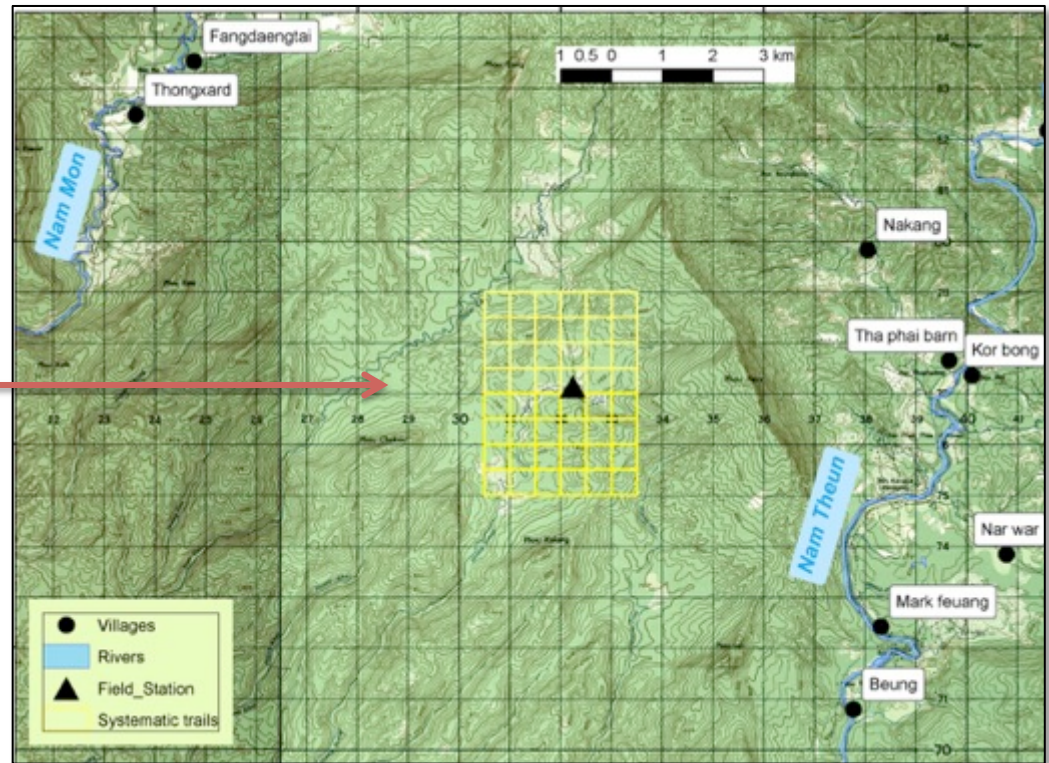
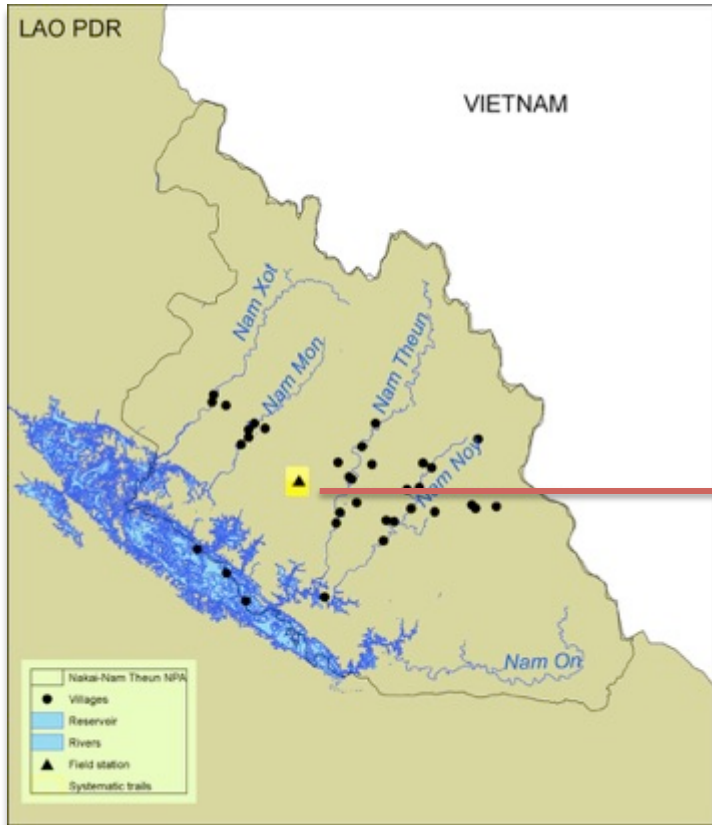
Chaolor Yongyae  
Gibbon Research Manager

Lao Part Time Team from Local Community (TOTAL=30)

- Douc Team: Mr. Siengouan & Mr. Boun
- Gibbon Team: Mr. Siengmon & Mr. Ken
- Patrolling Teams: 24 villagers forming 4 teams (6 pp/team)
- Field Station keepers: Mr. See and Mr. Naa

# II. About Project Anoulak

## Our Field Station



To reach our field station requires (i) crossing the reservoir and up the Nam Xot by boat; (ii) disembarking at a first village (Ban Nahao) and reaching a second village (Ban Navang) by foot or motorbike, where we spend one night; (iii) finally a 7-hrs walk from Ban Navang to the field station!

We established systematic trails, 500 metres apart, around the field station to facilitate navigation in the forest, covering a total of 12km<sup>2</sup>

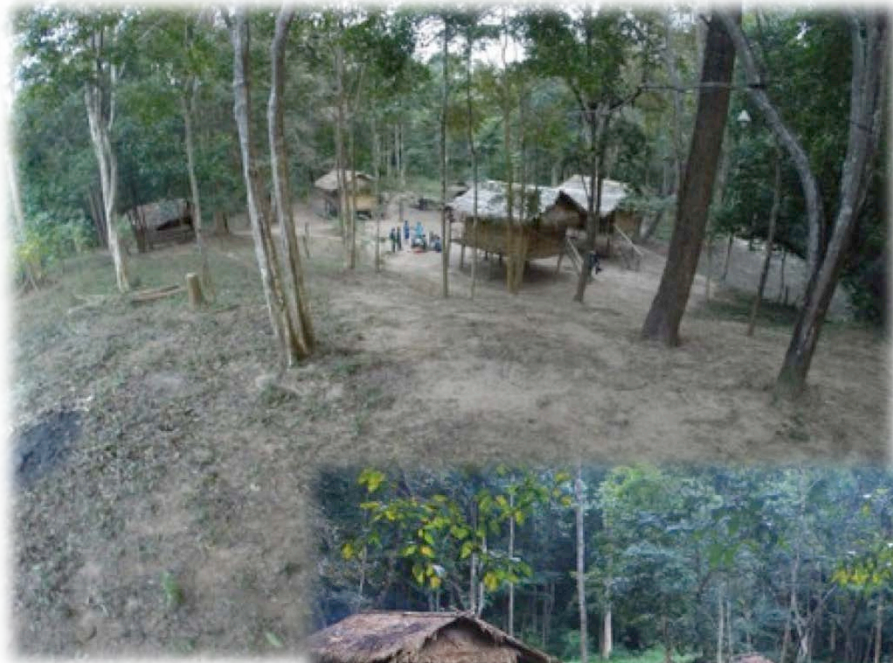




# II. About Project Anoulak

## Our Field Station

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# II. About Project Anoulak

## Our Nakai House

In March 2016, the construction of the Anoulak Nakai House was completed! It is located 300 metres from our office.

This allowed Camille to move in permanently in Nakai this year, to be closer to where everything happens!



# II. About Project Anoulak

## Our Approach



Biodiversity  
Research  
Programme

Community  
Empowerment  
& Ecotourism

*(in development)*

Law Enforcement  
&  
Patrolling  
Programme

Education  
&  
Community  
Outreach  
Programme

Capacity Building  
/  
Collaboration,  
communication



# III. Biodiversity Research Programme

## 1. In-situ habituation & Behavioural Ecology of doucs and gibbons (1/3)

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### OBJECTIVES

- Understand behavioural ecology of the two species, including:
  - Feeding ecology (diet and seasonal variations)
  - Home range and seasonal movements
  - Intra and inter group composition and social dynamics
  - Parasite prevalence
- Increase scientific knowledge on poorly know animal species

In **2016**, our Primate Monitoring Unit was on the ground full time, split between the Douc Team and the Gibbon team.

Their role since 2015 has been to locate groups and habituate some groups in order to observe them and collect behavioural ecology data

Identifying and following groups is still challenging for both species: doucs have a fission-fusion group dynamic which makes follows and groups identification difficult; gibbons are more territorial but are very difficult to approach.

Therefore, this year we have developed a collaboration with primatologists from the *Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle de Paris*, who will join our programme in 2017 to provide technical assistance and train our local team.

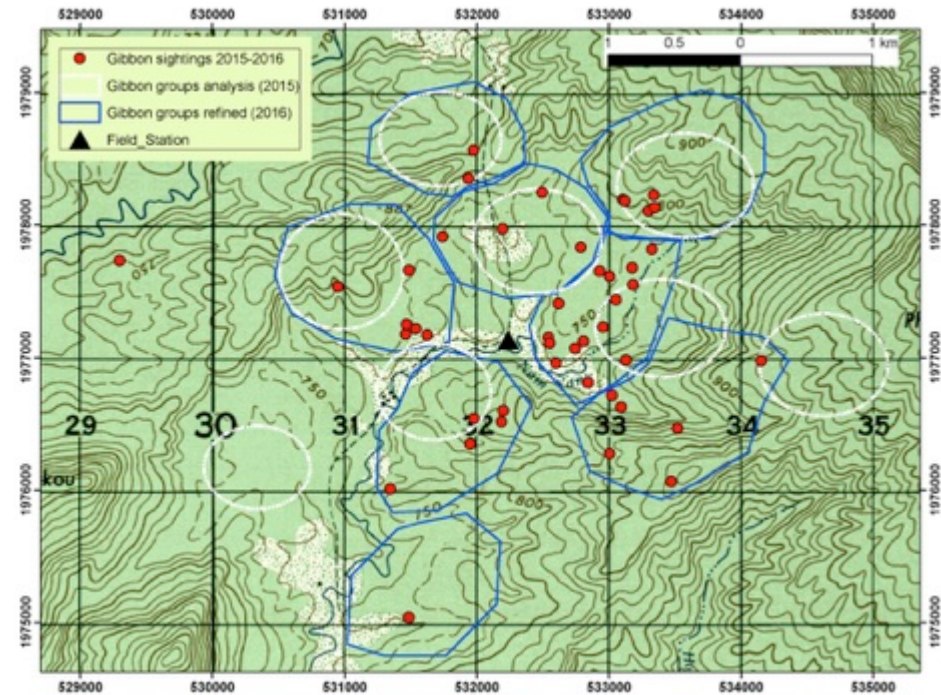
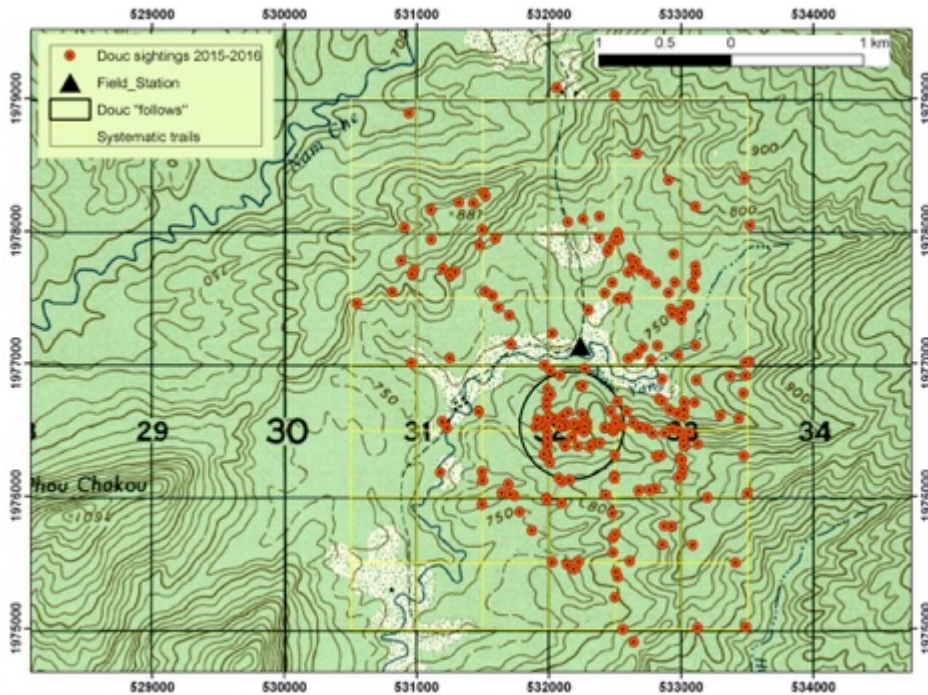


# III. Biodiversity Research Programme

## 1. In-situ habituation & Behavioural Ecology of doucs and gibbons (2/3)

Collection of behavioral data on the red-shanked doucs has, however, started on un-habituated groups; although it remains challenging to observe a group for long- periods of time.

The collection of behavioural data on the white-cheeked gibbons has not started as the animals still cannot be observed for a long enough period to collect data



Red-shanked douc sightings since the beginning of the project, showing the group unit on which behavioural data collection has been initiated since July 2016

Estimated location of the home range of 8 gibbon groups around the field station, showing the first analysis by triangulation in November 2015 (using listening post method), and the refined estimated location of home ranges based on gibbon sightings since the beginning of our project



# III. Biodiversity Research Programme

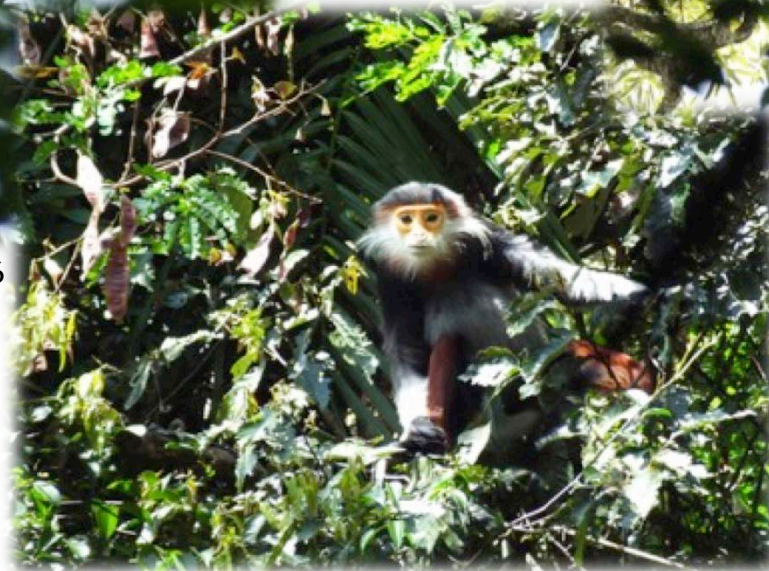
## 1. In-situ habituation & Behavioural Ecology of doucs and gibbons (3/3)



*Pygathrix nemaeus* ©Project Anoulak 2016



*Nomascus siki* ©Project Anoulak 2016



*Pygathrix nemaeus* ©Project Anoulak 2016



# III. Biodiversity Research Programme

## 2. Ex-situ study of nutrition and digestion of doucs and gibbons

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### OBJECTIVES

- Understand the nutritional requirements and nutrient digestibility of the two species

Our ex-situ study of the nutrition and digestion of doucs and gibbons, is implemented in collaboration with institutions where *Nomascus* spp. and *Pygathrix nemaeus* occurs.

We started data collection in 2015 at the Endangered Primate Rescue Centre in Cuc Phuong, Vietnam.

In **2016**, we continued data collection in Singapore Zoo, Singapore and Mulhouse Zoo, France. Data collection is still on-going. In 2017, data will be analysed.





# III. Biodiversity Research Programme

## 3. Gibbon Taxonomy

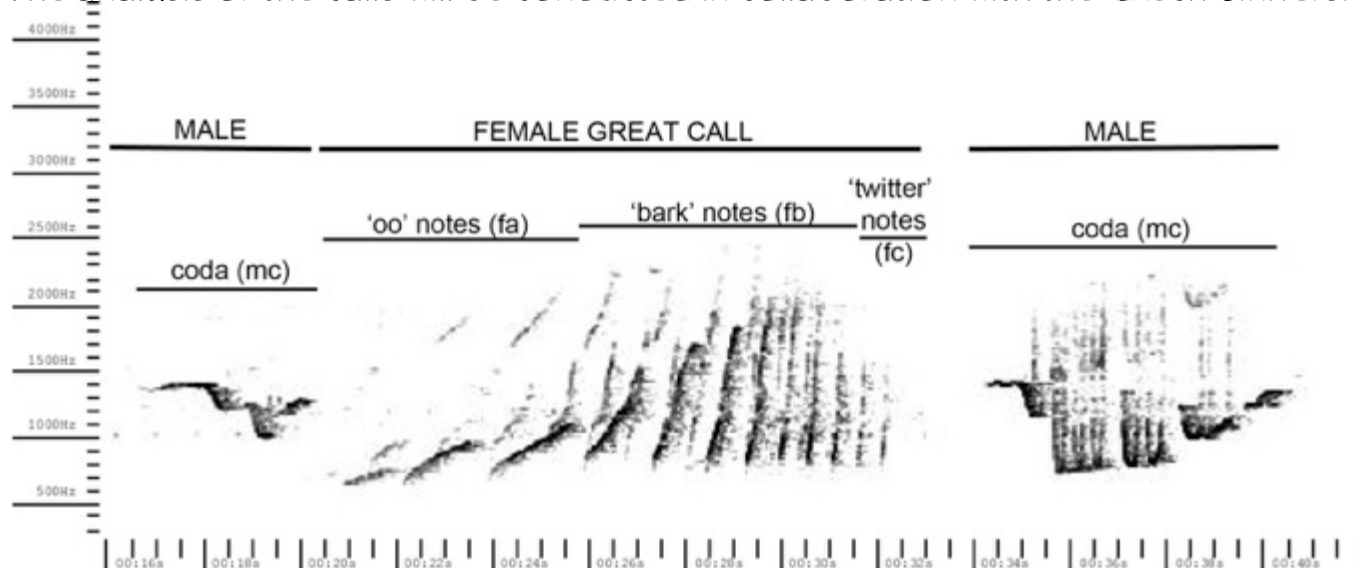
### OBJECTIVES

- Determine the taxonomic status (i.e. species) of gibbons across the Nakai-Nam Theun landscape and surrounding areas, by analysing their species-specific calls and genetics.

In 2016, we purchased a professional sound recorder and external microphone with financial support from Arcus Foundation and received additional financial support from the Gibbon Conservation Alliance to conduct the study.

The study will be conducted in 2017 in Nakai-Nam Theun and surrounding sites.

The analysis of the calls will be conducted in collaboration with the Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague



Sonogram from a gibbon call recorded in Nakai-Nam Theun in 2013. © Project Anoulak



# III. Biodiversity Research Programme

## 4. Otter survey (1/2)

### OBJECTIVES

- Determine the species of otters occurring across the Nakai-Nam Theun landscape
- Develop strategies for otter conservation in Laos

Following our otter camera-trap survey of November-December 2015, we analysed and compiled the preliminary results of the survey in a report.

The 11 cameras were active for a total survey effort of 486 camera-trap nights (CTN).

Preliminary findings include:

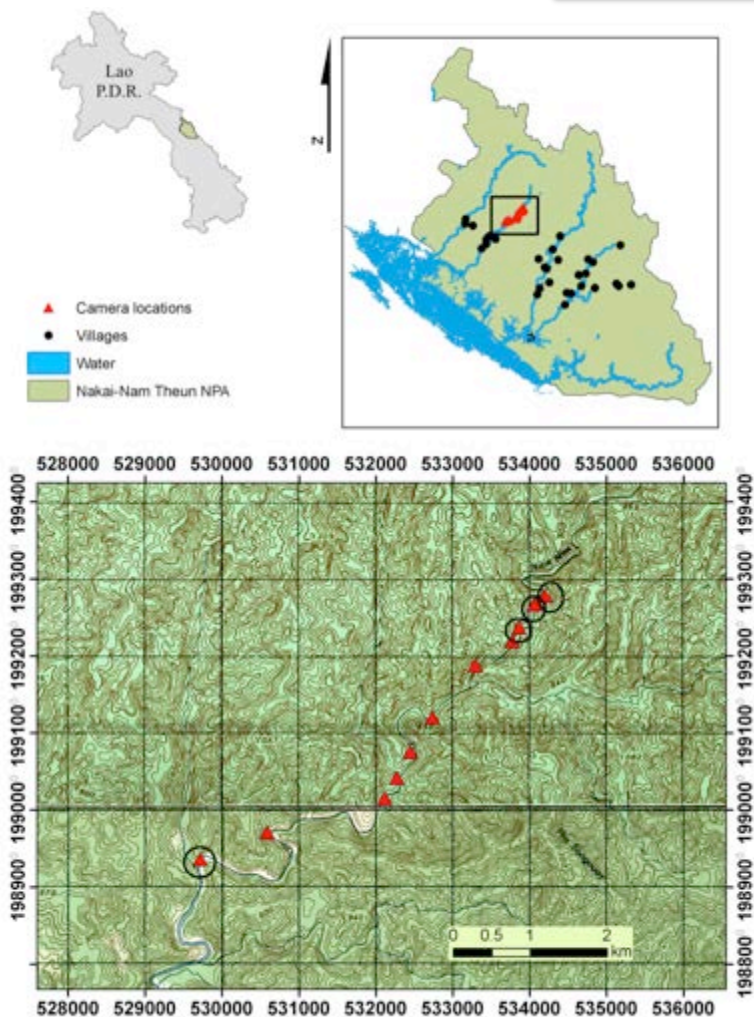
- Of the 11 cameras, four (4) recorded otters. Ten (10) notionally 'independent' pictures of otters were recorded (Table 1)
- All species were identified as the Asian Small-clawed otter *Aonyx cinereus* with confirmation from otter specialist Nicole Duplaix of the IUCN/SSC Otter Specialist Group
- Our informal interviews with villagers revealed that two species are consistently reported to occur in Nakai-Nam Theun: a small one with 'dog feet' and a large one with 'duck feet'
- Our informal interviews with villagers revealed that the trade value of otters (for their skin) was/is currently low (not worth the effort), and Vietnamese middle men therefore did not order Lao villagers to catch otters (at the time). They however reported that otter hunting may likely still occur by Vietnamese poachers near the Vietnamese border.

Our preliminary results were presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> International Otter Congress in Singapore in July 2016, during which we discussed our next steps and potential collaborations for our future work on otters.

Our next steps include a new camera-trap survey for otters, targeting different sites in order to confirm the different species occurring in Nakai-Nam Theun. We will also be collecting faecal samples (spraints) for DNA analysis.

# III. Biodiversity Research Programme

## 4. Otter survey (2/2)



Location of the 11 cameras and the four (circled in black) where otters were recorded



One of the pictures of *Aonyx cinereus* taken during our survey

**Table 1:** Summary results of otter photographed during the survey in Nov-Dec 2015 in Nakai-Nam Theun National Protected Area.

Cam # with otter recorda	Longitude	Latitude	Elevation	Notionally independent pictures	Date taken	Time taken (24hrs)	Species ID
2	105.316022	18.022332	723	1	09/11/15	08:57	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>
3	105.276792	17.995222	632	1	11/12/15	05:32	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>
5	105.319213	18.026096	738	1	08/12/15	13:47	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>
8	105.317935	18.025076	764	7	16/11/15	-	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>
					18/11/15	-	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>
					18/11/15	-	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>
					20/11/15	-	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>
					28/11/15	-	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>
					06/12/15	-	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>
					17/12/15	-	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>

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Note: time of record is given for the first 'independent picture when a series were taken. Times of Cam#8 failed so are not reported.



# III. Biodiversity Research Programme

## 5. Camera-trap wildlife monitoring (1/2)

### OBJECTIVES

- Monitor ground-species populations
- Assess the impact of our conservation programme over time

In November 2016, we set up a total of 43 camera-traps (36 *Bushnell HD Agressor No Glow* and 7 *Moultrie M-1100i*), over an area of about 41 km<sup>2</sup>.

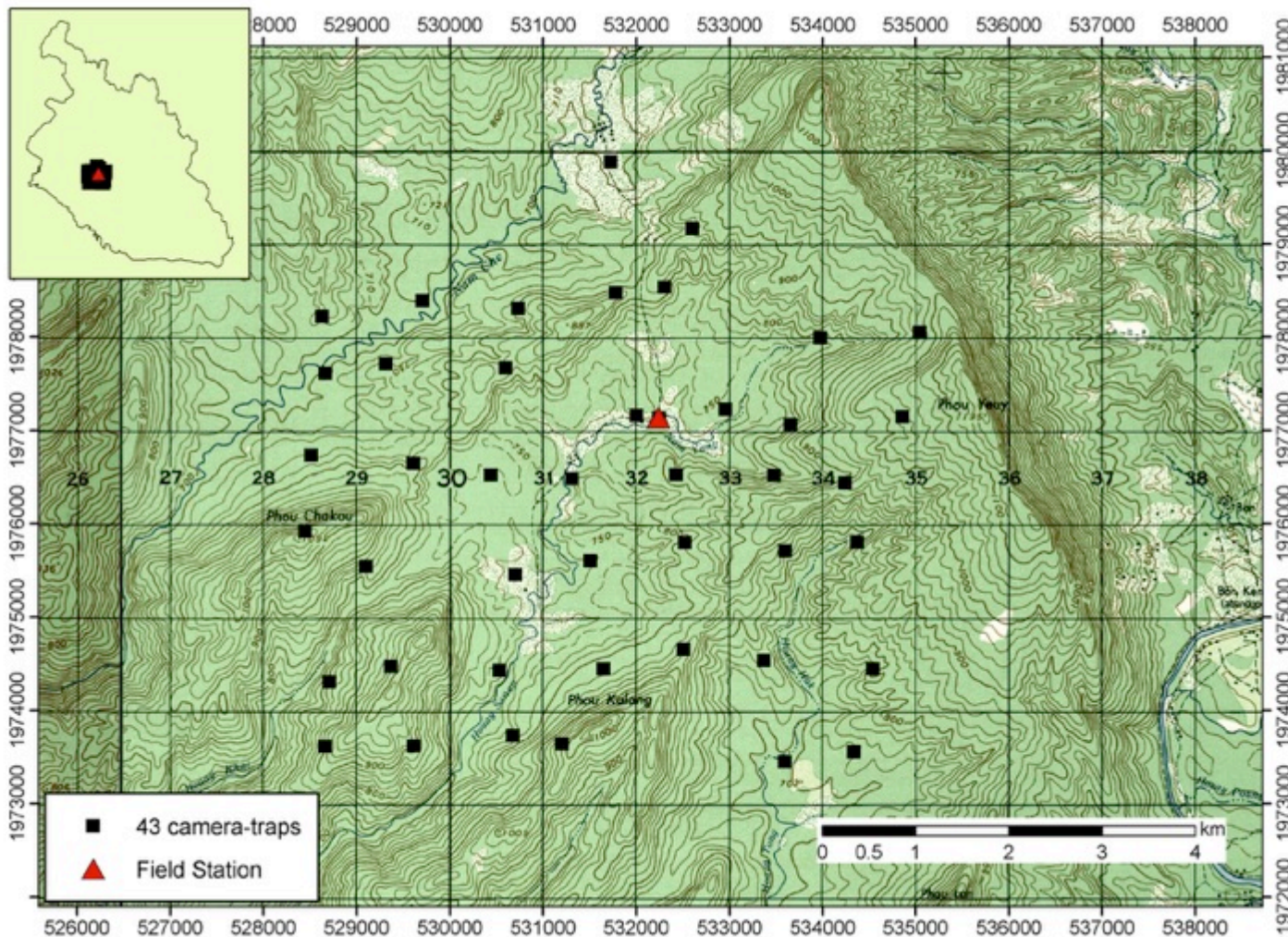
Cameras were set up between 20 to 40 cm above ground level and locations were strategically chosen in terms of potential animal passage.

All cameras will be retrieved in January 2017 and data analysed using the Software *CamTrapR*



# III. Biodiversity Research Programme

## 5. Camera-trap wildlife monitoring (2/2)



Locations of the 43 cameras set up in November 2016



# III. Biodiversity Research Programme

## 6. Other consultancy projects (1/2)

### Hin Namno National Protected Area, Lao PDR

In March and September Camille and Chanthalaphone were contracted by GIZ to conduct transect surveys in Hin Namno NPA as part of a key species monitoring along pre-set trails. As part of this work, habitat suitability models within Hin Namno MPA were prepared for two key species: Hatinh langur (*Trachypithecus hatinhensis / ebenus*; Figure 1) and red-shanked douc (*Pygathrix nemaeus*; Figure 2). Recommendations were provided for future wildlife research and monitoring in the area.

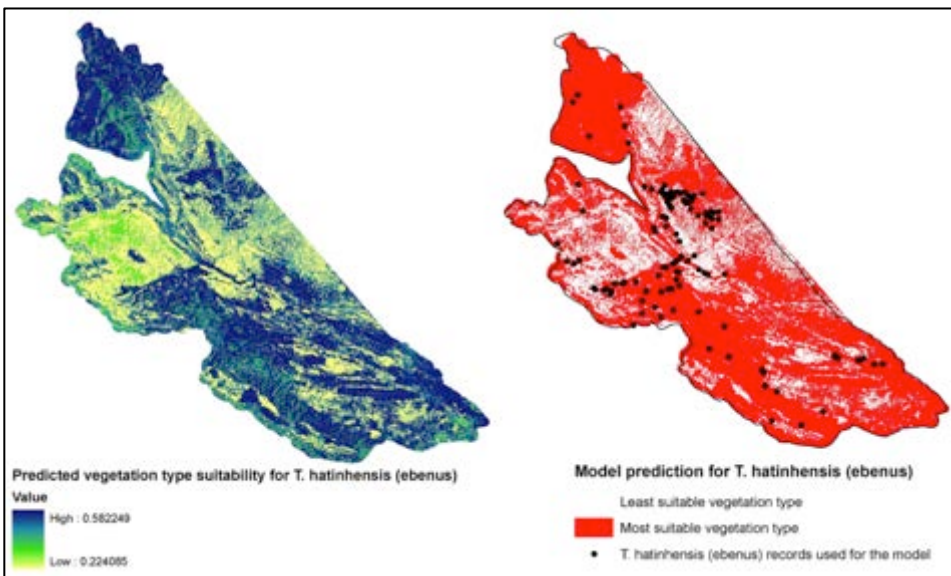


Figure 1: Continuous (left) and binary (right) prediction of habitat suitability model in Hin Namno for *T. hatinhensis (ebenus)* based only on the habitat type categories variable. (Coudrat, 2016)

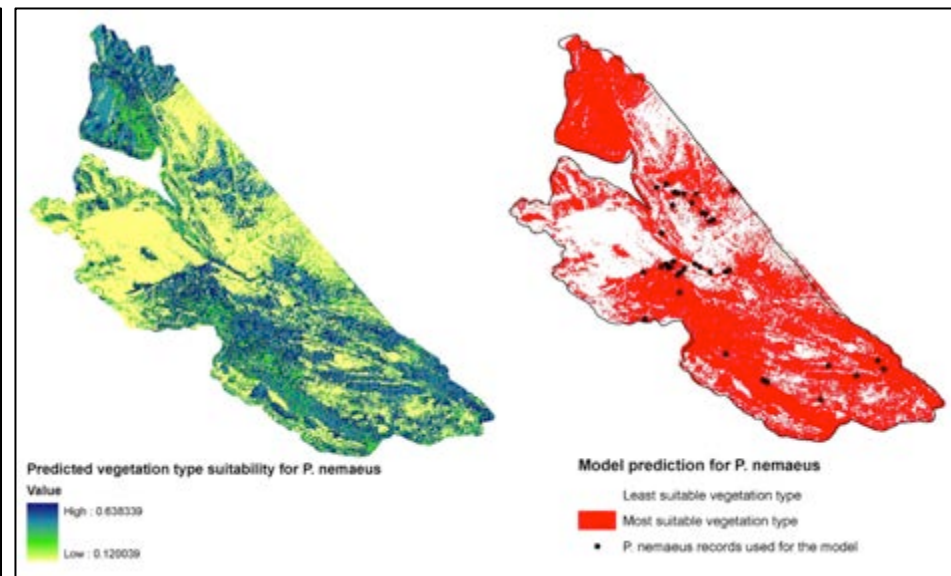


Figure 2: Continuous (left) and binary (right) prediction of habitat suitability model in Hin Namno for *P. nemaeus* based only on the habitat type categories variable.



# III. Biodiversity Research Programme

## 6. Other consultancy projects (2/2)



### Mahamyng Wildlife Sanctuary, Myanmar

In February and June 2016, Camille and wildlife biologist Dr. Hannah O'Kelly conducted a training on gibbon survey methodology, design and data analysis for ONG Friends of Wildlife Myanmar to survey the Eastern Hoolock Gibbon (*Hoolock leuconedys*) in Mahamyng Wildlife Sanctuary. The results of the survey revealed an estimated 1.37 gibbon groups/km<sup>2</sup> (Coudrat & O'Kelly, 2016)



# VI. Education & Community Outreach Programme

## OBJECTIVES

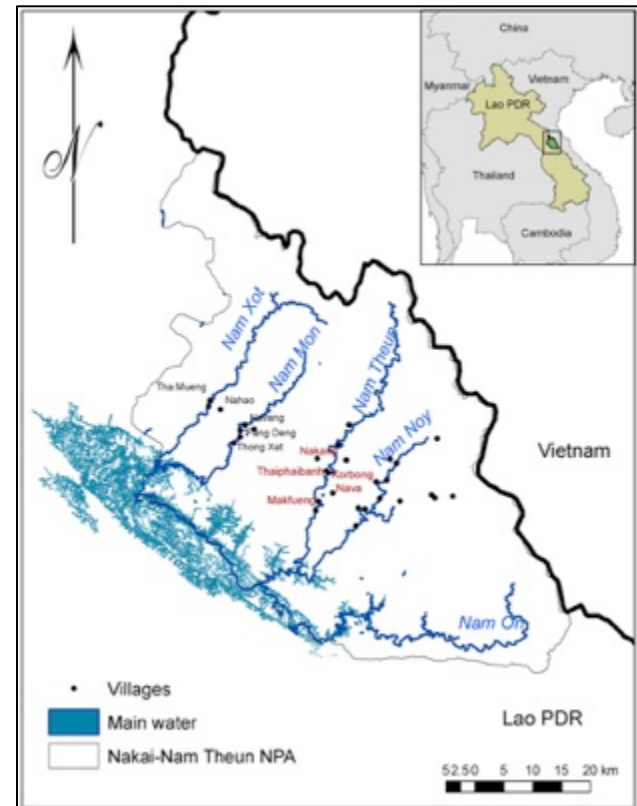
- Raise awareness about environmental issues, the local wildlife's global and regional status and ecology, the links between ecosystem protection and human sustainable livelihood through fun, pedagogical and inspiring school-based activities aimed at children.
- Inspire children, the next generation, to appreciate the intrinsic value of wildlife and nature.
- Produce educational resources on environmental/conservation issues for local teachers

From January to May **2016**, we delivered three workshops in 10 enclave villages, including 11 schools, reaching over 800 students.

5 district staff and 29 teachers were involved in the delivery of the workshops

We developed and implemented of a set of activities related to nature conservation

We partnered with [Creative Literacy Laos](http://www.creativeliteracylaos.com) (CLL; [www.creativeliteracylaos.com](http://www.creativeliteracylaos.com)) to implement the workshops. CLL works towards increasing literacy and creativity through establishing book libraries and fun activities. Our joined efforts and funds allowed the purchase and distribution of 850 books to the 11 schools.



10 villages visited during the project in **22** ang cluster (black) and Thaiphambanh cluster (red)





# VI. Education & Community Outreach Programme

Conservation Education Workshops in January—May 2016





# V. Law Enforcement & Patrolling Programme

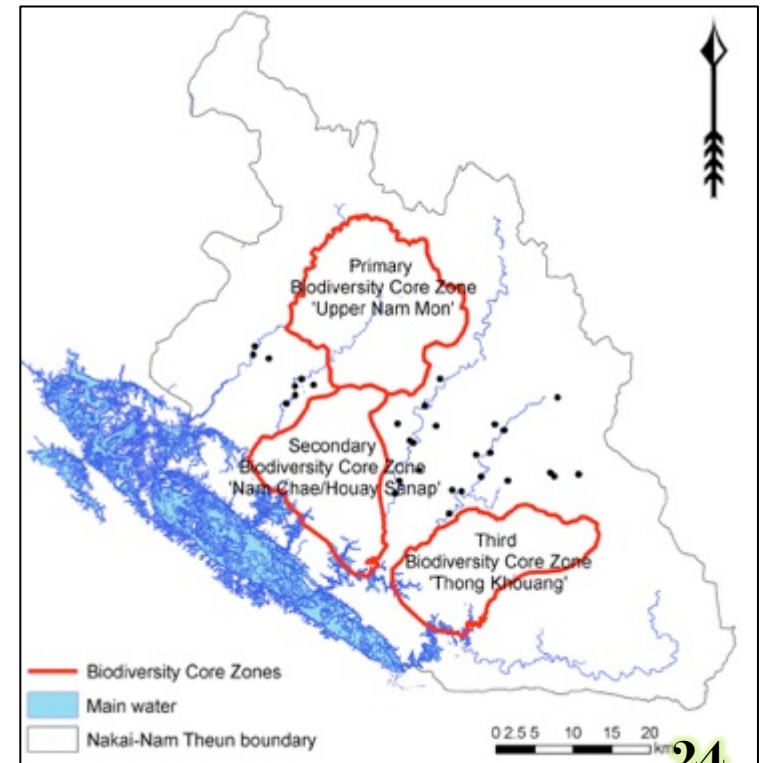
## OBJECTIVES

- Monitor and control illegal activities that threatens the biodiversity in Nakai-Nam Theun National Protected Area
- Conduct patrols within one of the Biodiversity Core Zones of Nakai-Nam Theun NPA with trained villagers from the local community
- Build a strong and trusting relationship with the local community
- Collaborate and combine efforts and resources with the governmental management authority for law enforcement

In **February 2016**, Project Anoulak coordinated a cluster-level regulation workshop agreement with all stakeholders from the district detailing the penalties for each infraction perpetrated, following the National Forestry Law and Wildlife Law.

In **April 2016**, Project Anoulak in collaboration with the Saola Working Group and the management authority of Nakai-Nam Theun, organized a Law Enforcement Strategic Planning Meeting to discuss the Key Biodiversity Core Zones in the area where law enforcement should focus. One of the three main Key Biodiversity Core Zones includes the Project Anoulak's research site.

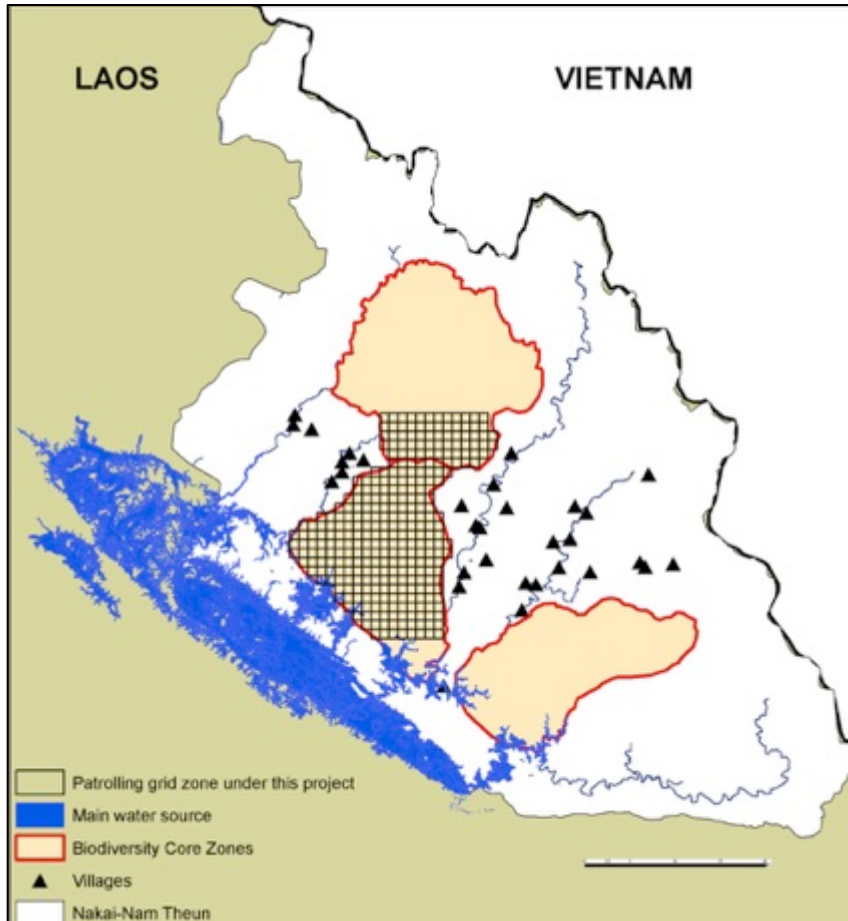
In **October 2016**, cluster level leaders, village chiefs and members of the local community officially approved these regulations during a second meeting at the cluster level. The regulations will be printed in a booklet and disseminated to the local community in December 2016



Three Biodiversity Core Zones identified

# V. Law Enforcement & Patrolling Programme

In **2016**, we received additional funding to create four patrolling teams that will patrol monthly all around the field site. In **June 2016**, we organized workshops in two village clusters to select the team.



Our four patrolling teams are active in an area of about 270 km<sup>2</sup>. Each team will patrol every month for 15 days.

The total area covered by the 4 teams is about 270 km<sup>2</sup>, covering entirely one of the Biodiversity Core Zones of Nakai-Nam Theun NPA.

We run 'Emergency Response Patrols' when it is reported to us that poachers are currently in the area

In **July and August 2016**, we organized a training for the teams to use equipment, maps and data forms

All data is managed using the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART)



# V. Law Enforcement & Patrolling Programme

## Patrolling summary in 2016



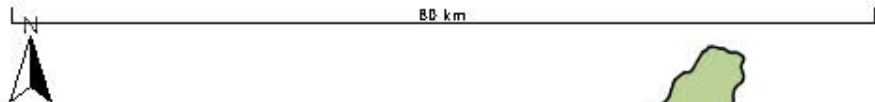
Month (2016)	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Number of patrols	2	2	0	2	2	3	<b>11</b>
Number of days	23	20	0	14	8	30	<b>95</b>
Number of hours	134	190	0	96	53	312	<b>785</b>
Distance (km)	137	243	0	100	76	337	<b>893</b>
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Count observations: <b>Human Activities</b>	3	2	0	33	26	72	<b>136</b>
<i>including:</i>							
<i>people direct observation</i>	0	0	0	0	4	5	<b>9</b>
<i>people indirect signs</i>	0	0	0	9	12	19	<b>40</b>
<i>poacher camps</i>	1	1	0	9	3	18	<b>32</b>
<i>logging</i>	0	1	0	0	1	11	<b>13</b>
<i>snare lines</i>	2	0	0	12	2	8	<b>24</b>
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Count observations (direct & indirect): <b>Wildlife</b>	38	23	0	44	10	34	<b>149</b>
<i>including:</i>							
<i>Doucs</i>	8	7	0	13	3	6	<b>37</b>
<i>Gibbons</i>	4	0	0	8	1	6	<b>19</b>
<i>Sambar</i>	1	0	0	3	0	4	<b>8</b>



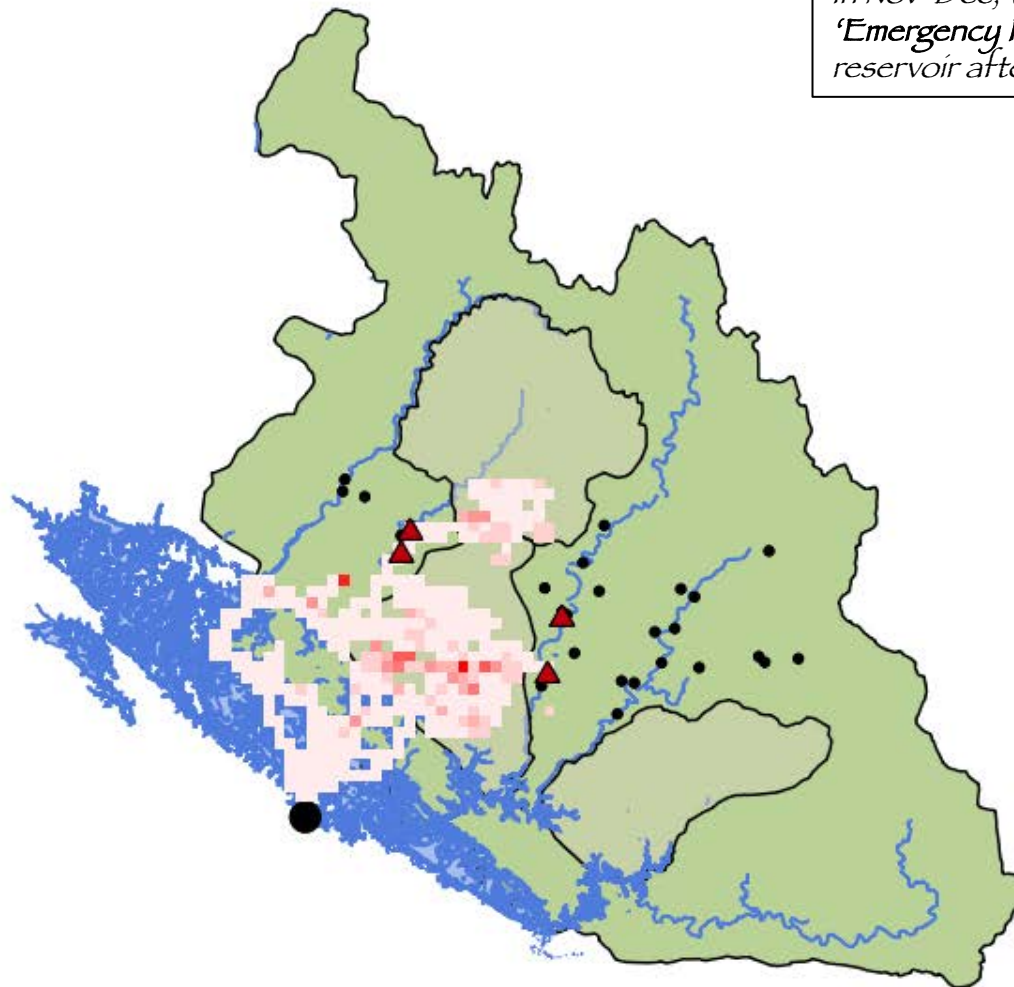


# V. Law Enforcement & Patrolling Programme

## Patrolling coverage and observation of human activity in 2016



*In Nov-Dec, we also conducted one 'Emergency Response Patrol' around the reservoir after reports of illegal activities*



- Village-Patrol teams
- Human activity
- B.B.
- Ban Oudamsouk (HQ)
- Reservoir
- Patrol Sectors
- Villages
- Main rivers
- Conservation boundary

# V. Law Enforcement & Patrolling Programme



Each member of the patrolling teams (24 villagers) were given a uniform, a bag, hammock, tarp, sleeping bag



Removing a snare in the Conservation Zone



In the field, training patrolling teams





# VI. Capacity Building

## OBJECTIVES

- Provide relevant training to Lao Nationals
- Build a national/local team that can achieve conservation programmes independently

In May 2016, we organized a 3-day refresher training on data collection and use of equipment and maps





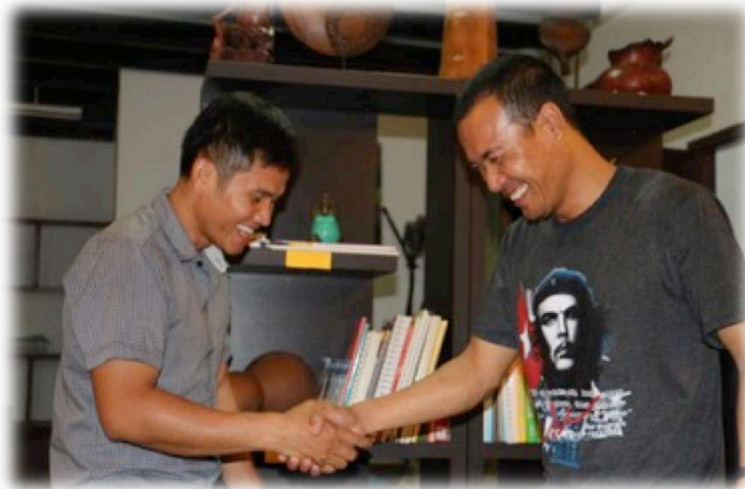


## VI. Capacity Building

In August 2016, two staff from Project Anoulak were sent to Vientiane for a 3-week intensive English training



Thank you to English teacher Jo Lidbetter for this interactive, dynamic and instructive course!!!



# VI. Capacity Building

In September 2016, Camille Coudrat and Chanthalaphone Nanthavong attended a 5-day training course to learn the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) which we set up for our patrolling strategy.

The course was delivered by WCS-Lao programme and WCS-Thai Programme



Thank you to the two instructors: Dr. Tony Lynam and xxxx and to the Wildlife Conservation Society!!

# VI. Capacity Building

In December 2016, Camille Coudrat, Chanthalaphone Nanthavong and Chaolor Yongyae attended a one-day training to learn the use of the camera-trap data management & analysis software CamTrapR.

The software will be used to manage and analyse all our camera-trap data.

To learn more about CamTrapR: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/2041-210X.12600/abstract>



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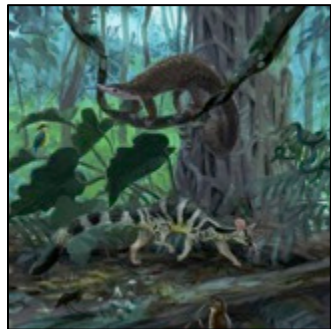
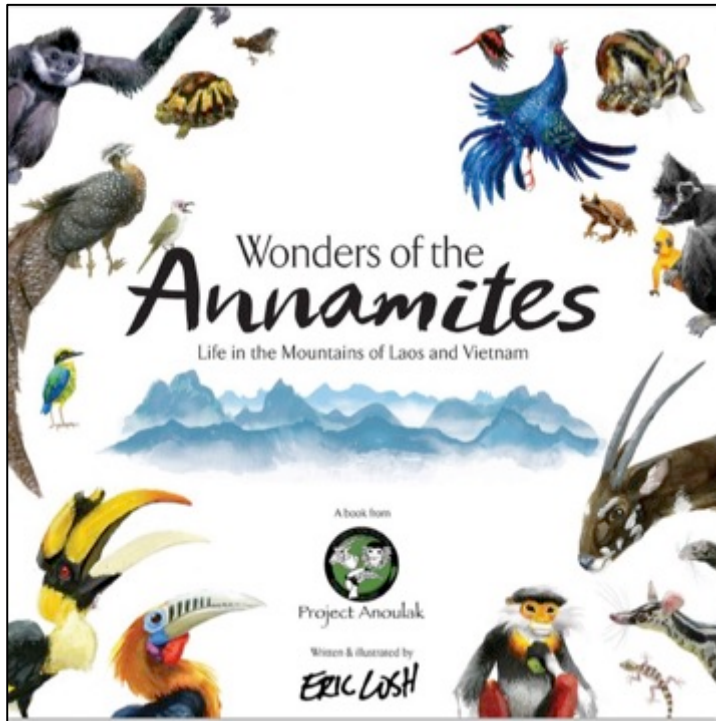
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Thank you to Jürgen Niedballa for his dedicated technical support over the past few months via email !!!



# VII. Project Anoulak's Products Creation

## Children's Books



In **2016**, Project Anoulak published its own book, created in collaboration with **Eric Losh Illustration**: '*Wonders of the Annamites*'!

This unique book reveals a world of natural wonders within the Annamite mountains range.

The book will be available in four editions: English; English/French; English/Lao and English/Vietnamese.

The book will be disseminated in Laos and Vietnam to raise awareness of biodiversity conservation in the Annamite Mountains among local communities.

Through sales of physical and e-books in the US, Europe, and urban areas in Vietnam and Laos, we hope it will raise awareness of the international community for biodiversity conservation in the Annamite mountains (and beyond) and promote our work.

The book is also a fundraising opportunity to further Project Anoulak's education programs.

Learn more here: [www.WondersOfTheAnnamites.com](http://www.WondersOfTheAnnamites.com)

....and be prepared for new books in 2017 !!!

# VII. Project Anoulak's Products Creation

## Children's Books

The launch of our book was featured on the prestigious conservation website Mongabay.com!

Read about our interview here:

<https://news.mongabay.com/2016/12/explore-the-wonders-of-the-annamites-in-this-new-childrens-book/>



The screenshot shows a webpage from Mongabay.com. At the top is a green navigation bar with the site name and various categories. The main content area features a large illustration of a mountain landscape with a deer and a bird. Below the illustration is a text box with a dashed border containing three bullet points. To the right of the text box is a Creative Commons license icon and a 'MOST READ' section with three items.

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### Explore the “Wonders of the Annamites” in this new children’s book

22 December 2016 / **Mike Gaworecki**

*The Annamite Mountains of Laos and Vietnam are home to an abundance of rare wildlife, and now you can explore the mountain range’s natural wonders from your own home.*

- *Eric Losh, an art director and illustrator from New York City, recently published a children’s picture book, Wonders of the Annamites, about the wildlife of the Annamite Mountains in partnership with a Laos-based non-profit called Project Anoulak.*
- *In all, the book offers gorgeous illustrations depicting twelve different habitats and 60 species.*
- *Mongabay interviewed Losh and Project Anoulak founder and director Camille Coudrat about the many threats facing Annamites wildlife, what they hope the book will contribute to conservation efforts, and whether or not they have any favorites among the many fascinating species found in the Annamite Mountains.*

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#### MOST READ

1. **Temer government set to overthrow Brazil’s environmental agenda**
2. **Photos: Top 20 new species of 2016**
3. **Top 10 HAPPY environmental stories of 2016**

# VII. Project Anoulak's Products Creation

## Exclusive T-Shirt Designs

In **2016**, we collaborated with Jay Frank Studio, to design exclusive t-shirts for Project Anoulak!

The t-shirts will be printed in Laos and distributed to the local community in Nakai-Nam Theun National Protected Area, during our conservation education activities.



Thank you Jean-Paul Francisco from Jay Frank Studio for creating this design series for project Anoulak!!



# VII. Project Anoulak's Products Creation

## LaoZen BoutiK



In **2016**, H el ene Coudrat launched LaoZen BoutiK, to sell her jewellery creations using a fabric (batik) that is widely used traditionally in the Lao culture.

In 2016, the jewelleryes created were sold to our close network and at the Mulhouse Zoo shop. 100% of the sales went to Project Anoulak! In 2016, this raised nearly 1000   !

In December **2016**, in partnership with *Happy Nakai* (cf. page 39), we identified young people from the Nakai District to sew the fabric before it will be made into the final product. This way, the jewellery production and sales are supporting the local community of Nakai as well as our actions! We aim to scale-up this project in the future.

Creations from 2016 can be seen here: <https://goo.gl/photos/HYsq7Jssa5xeBZP26>



## VIII. Visitors in 2016

5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016, we received the visit of representatives of [Apenheul Primate Park](#) (a supporter of Project Anoulak) and the mum and dad of Project Anoulak's founder, Camille!



From left to right:  
Jean-Philippe Coudrat;  
Alex Schouten (Apenheul);  
Jeanette den Hertog (Apenheul);  
Hélène Coudrat.

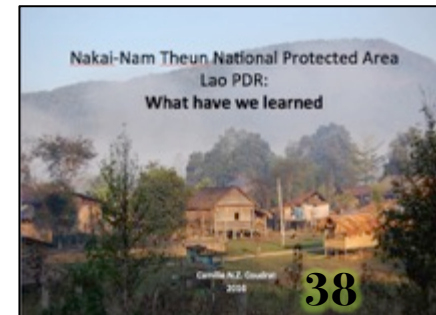
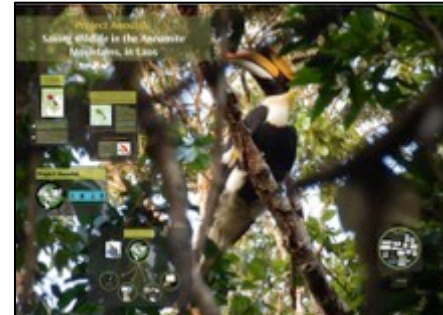
Front:  
Camille Coudrat



# IX. Communication in 2016

## Conferences/Workshops/Events

- June **2016**: ConservationAsia 2016, Singapore.  
Presentation: *Is a site-based research & conservation model successful for protected areas? A case study from Lao P.D.R.* – by Camille Coudrat
- July **2016**: 13<sup>th</sup> International Otter Congress, Singapore.  
Presentation: *Otters in Laos and new data from a camera-trap survey in Nakai-Nam Theun* – by Camille Coudrat
- September **2016**: EAZA Annual meeting, Belfast, Ireland.  
Presentation: *Project Anoulak: Saving wildlife in the Annamite Mountains, in Laos* – by Brice Lefaux & Camille Coudrat
- November **2016**: IUCN SSC Beyond Enforcement Workshop, Hanoi, Vietnam.  
Presentation: *Nakai-Nam Theun National Protected Area: What have we learned?* – by Camille Coudrat







## IX. Communication in 2016

# Conferences/Workshops/Events

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On 17<sup>th</sup> December **2016**, Project Anoulak was invited by *Happy Nakai* to participate in a day event with youth from the Nakai District Community.

*Happy Nakai* is a local association based in Nakai District that aims to empower the young community of Nakai through scholarships for professional training, workshops and fun activities in order to develop their creativity, entrepreneurship, capacity and independence, ethically and with respect to the environment and nature that surrounds them.

This event marked the beginning of our collaboration for the years to come!

Through this collaboration we want to develop our 'Community Empowerment Programme' by involving the remote communities from enclave villages in Nakai-Nam Theun into the programmes of Happy Nakai. This will include vocational trainings (eg. sewing for women), handicraft making, environmental awareness campaigns, involving young people from the Nakai District to be our environmental education Ambassadors in enclave village schools and so much more!



# IX. Communication in 2016

## Social Media

In **2016**, Project Anoulak reported on and promoted our activities on:



[www.conservationlaos.com](http://www.conservationlaos.com)



[www.facebook.com/projectanoulak](http://www.facebook.com/projectanoulak)



[www.youtube.com/c/Conservationlaos](http://www.youtube.com/c/Conservationlaos)

*4 new videos in 2016 !*



[www.twitter.com/ConservationLao](http://www.twitter.com/ConservationLao)



[www.instagram.com/conservationlaos](http://www.instagram.com/conservationlaos)

# IX. Communication in 2016

## Social Media

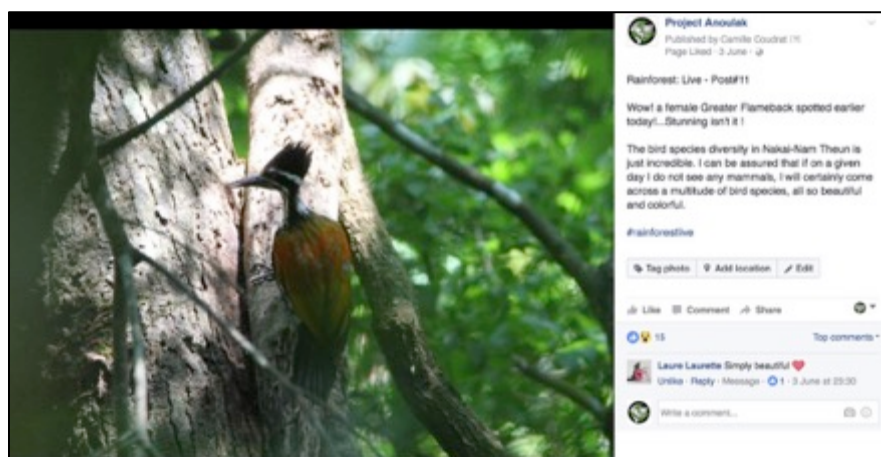
On 3<sup>rd</sup> June **2016**, Project Anoulak participated in the online event Rainforest: Live.

The event involves several conservation organisations around the world that, for 24hrs, post on social media about live events from the field!

On this occasion, Project Anoulak made 11 posts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

All the posts from all organizations are stored on this website:  
<https://storify.com/outrop/rainforest-live>

**Rainforest: Live**  
3 June 2016





# IX. Communication in 2016

## Social Media

In January 2016, Project Anoulak participated in an online event organized by the Asian Species Action Partnership (ASAP) in which partner organisations had to post about Endangered and Critically Endangered species they work on and share it as widely as possible, as an awareness raising campaign.

Project Anoulak made 4 compelling posts about the **Asian Pangolins**, the **Red-shanked Douc**, the **Saola** and the **White-Cheeked Gibbons**!



### #Saola

Have you ever heard of a Saola? This beautiful creature is teetering on the brink! Here is why an animal nearly as rare as the mythical #unicorn is #AlmostFamous:

Despite the Saola's large size, this "unicorn of Asia," as it is often called, was discovered to science only in 1992. This bovid, related to wild cattle, represented more than a new species but a whole new genus entirely, *Pseudoryx*.

The Saola is found in the #Annamite mountains of Laos and Vietnam, and nowhere else on Earth! Its total population is unknown, but the #Saola is believed to be the rarest mammal on earth, and due to unprecedented hunting levels of the illegal wildlife trade, also the most threatened.

Local people know the Saola as the "polite animal," as it plucks single leaves off of trees to eat and, except when directly threatened, has a surprisingly gentle and serene disposition.

More than ever, these species need our attention, visit the following link to raise your awareness:

[http://www.speciesonthebrink.org/species/saola/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=post&utm\\_campaign=almost\\_famous](http://www.speciesonthebrink.org/species/saola/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=almost_famous)

Photo taken by a camera trap set by William #Robichaud #SaolaWorkingGroup



Have you ever heard of a #Douc? These incredible animals are on the brink! Here is why they are #AlmostFamous:

With striking features and vibrant colors, Doucs are among the most beautiful primates on the planet. There are three species endemic to #Indochina, all with their own colorful variations: the red-shanked douc (found in Laos, Vietnam and #Cambodia), the black-shanked douc (in Cambodia and Vietnam) and the grey-shanked douc (found only in #Vietnam).

These three species are under an unprecedented threat of #extinction. They are rapidly losing their habitat and desperately need protection from illegal hunting. In #Laos, Project Anoulak is dedicated to the conservation of red-shanked doucs and their habitat.

Through research, capacity building, and education, we can help these enigmatic animals thrive in the #tropical forests of Indochina.

Let's not let their vivid colors fade into nonexistence.

More than ever, these species need our attention, visit [http://www.speciesonthebrink.org/species/grey-shanked-douc-langur/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=post&utm\\_campaign=almost\\_famous](http://www.speciesonthebrink.org/species/grey-shanked-douc-langur/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=almost_famous)

Please help #ProjectAnoulak win \$5k by liking and/or sharing this post!

#Red-shankedDoucs

# IX. Communication in 2016



#Pangolins

Have you ever heard of a #pangolin? This incredible animal is on the brink! Here is why they are #AlmostFamous:

These peculiar mammals are nocturnal, covered in scales, and have long sticky tongues used to hunt for their favorite foods - ants and termites.

Would you believe this improbably scaly creature is the most trafficked mammal on the planet? More than a million pangolins have been victims of the illegal wildlife trade over the past ten years. Populations of these odd little fellows are so depleted in Asia that they are now sourced from Africa to fuel the insatiable demand in China and Vietnam where pangolins are desired as a luxury food and products within traditional "medicine."

Project Anouak is dedicated to keeping these precious animals off dinner plates and thriving in the wild. The pangolin pictured was rereleased into the Nakai-Nam Theun National Protected Area in #Laos, where our team works.

More than ever, these species need our attention, visit

[http://www.speciesonthebrink.org/species/sunda-pangolin/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=post&utm\\_campaign=almost\\_famous](http://www.speciesonthebrink.org/species/sunda-pangolin/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=almost_famous)



Write a comment...



## Social Media

#Gibbons



Have you ever heard of a gibbon? These incredible animals are on the brink! Here is why they are #AlmostFamous:

Gibbons are apes, like us. They live in monogamous families, with a male, a female, and their offspring (usually 1-3 at a time). To reinforce their family bonds and claim their territory, the male and female sing beautiful, melodic songs every morning in duet, and sometimes their young ones join in, too.

17 species of gibbons live in the forests of SE Asia and sadly, all are threatened by extinction due to rapid loss of habitat and illegal hunting. You'll sometimes see orphaned gibbons sold as pets or used as photo-pros for tourists, as their parents were hunted and killed, like this one pictured. Please do not support this cruel industry with your money.

Let's not let the #gibbons and their songs disappear from the #tropical forests of #Asia.

More than ever, these species need our attention, visit

[http://www.speciesonthebrink.org/species/northern-white-cheeked-gibbon/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=post&utm\\_campaign=almost\\_famous](http://www.speciesonthebrink.org/species/northern-white-cheeked-gibbon/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=almost_famous)





# X. Financial Report 2016

## EXPENSES 2016

<b><u>LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMME</u></b>	<b><u>USD 19,078.00</u></b>
FOODS	USD 984.00
TRANSPORT	USD 2,520.00
SUPPLIES/CONSUMABLES	USD 3,078.00
SALARIES/COMPENSATIONS	USD 9,610.00
EQUIPMENT	USD 1,418.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP	USD 447.00
SMART TRAINING	USD 1,020.00

<b><u>BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH &amp; MONITORING PROGRAMME</u></b>	<b><u>USD 58,171.00</u></b>
FOODS	USD 2,928.00
TRANSPORT	USD 3,366.00
SUPPLIES/CONSUMABLES	USD 855.00
SALARIES/COMPENSATIONS	USD 27,321.00
CONFERENCES	USD 507.00
EQUIPMENT (incl. camera-traps)/BUILDING	USD 20,237.00
ADMINISTRATION	USD 1,091.00
OFFICIAL MEETINGS	USD 766.00
ENGLISH COURSE FOR STAFF	USD 1,100.00

<b><u>EDUCATION PROGRAMME</u></b>	<b><u>USD 8,004.00</u></b>
FOODS	USD 168.00
TRANSPORT	USD 488.00
SUPPLIES/CONSUMABLES	USD 2,287.00
SALARIES/COMPENSATIONS	USD 5,060.00

<b><u>GRAND TOTAL SPENT 2016</u></b>	<b><u>USD 85,253.00</u></b>
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# XII. Work Plan 2017

## 2017 (1/2)

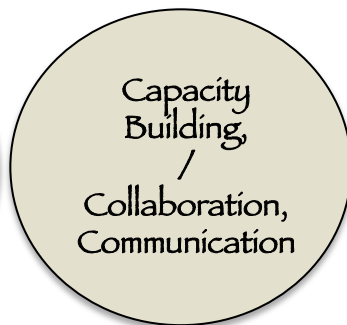
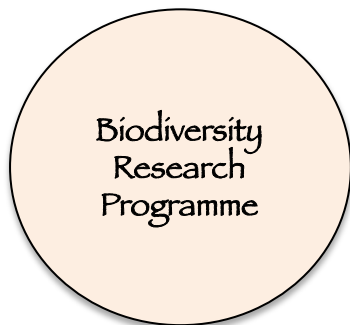
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Gibbon Taxonomy study: collecting gibbon calls + analysis + paper write-up												
Collecting dry-season camera-traps + data analysis												
Two primatologists from the National Museum of Natural History of Paris and two volunteers provide technical assistance and training to our local team to continue behavioural data collection on douc and gibbons												
Critically Endangered Large-antlered Muntjac project PHASE 1: population assessment, monitoring using camera-traps.												
Wet-season camera-trap survey + removal + analysis												
Otter survey												
Wonders of the Annamites' book launch in Laos in Vietnam												
Wonders of the Annamites' book launch France												
New illustrated book for adults and young adults "Spirit of the Saola" launch at Saola Working Group Annual meeting												
Teachers training workshop implemented in collaboration with Project Central (www.xxxx), StoneLion Puppet, Creative Literacy Laos; Happy Nakai: 48 teachers from NNT's enclave villages; 20 teachers from NNT's surrounding villages and 4 teachers from outside district to learn how to effectively teach about environmental issues in their classrooms												
Environmental & Biodiversity Literacy Ambassadors visits to the 3 village clusters to encourage teachers to apply lessons learnt during workshop												

# XII. Work Plan 2017

...continued

**2017 (2/2)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Lao Masters student research: <i>Natural resource use analysis and feasibility of ecotourism implementation, second biodiversity core zone of Nakai-Namtheun National Protected Area, Laos.</i>												
Collaboration development with Happy Nakai for community empowerment programme												
Four patrolling teams covering >300 km <sup>2</sup> every month + analysis + reporting												
Saola Working Group annual meeting												
European Federation of Primatology Congress, Strasbourg												
European Association of Zoos and Aquaria annual meeting												







## XIII. New Year's Greetings

Happy  
New Year  
2017 !

May this New  
Year 2017 be  
filled with happy  
and memorable  
wildlife moments!





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