

Regional Countdown 2010 Hub in the Lower Mekong



At the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development, Heads of State committed together to “achieve by 2010 a significant reduction in the current rate of loss of biological diversity.” Countdown 2010 is a powerful network that was created to help those that committed to the 2010 biodiversity target to collaborate to save biodiversity; IUCN Viet Nam will assist three of these partners - Viet Nam, Lao PDR and Cambodia – in pinpointing future partners as part of the process of building awareness of the 2010 biodiversity target, and in developing a plan to reach the target. IUCN will also support the three countries in developing and publishing a scoping paper developed in consultation with stakeholders that aims to share the region’s findings on progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target.

Project Length

Expected completion in August 2007

Objectives

1. Create awareness and build a stakeholder network in the region to support the 2010 biodiversity target and the Countdown 2010 Initiative.
2. Identify partners such as government agencies, non-governmental, national and international NGOs, private stakeholders, experts, and community activists.
3. Propose a roadmap for achieving the 2010 biodiversity target for Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Activities

1. Prepare a review focusing on current biodiversity status and action plans for biodiversity conservation in the three countries of the Lower Mekong Basin using relevant indicators and current experience of Vietnam in development of Biodiversity Law.
2. Organize a stakeholder consultation workshop and launch Countdown 2010 for the Lower Mekong Region.

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