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CHU MOM RAY NATIONAL PARK (CMRNP)

Chu Mom Ray National Park (CMRNP) is located in western *Quang Ngai* province in Viet Nam's Central Highlands. It borders *Virachey* National Park in Cambodia and the *Nam Ghong* Protected Area in Lao PDR, forming an important cross-border conservation area that helps protect Southeast Asia's rich biodiversity.

Named after Chu Mom Ray Mountain, the park covers 56,621 hectares, or 88,926 hectares including its buffer zone, and spans the communes of *Bo Y*, *Sa Loong*, *Ro Koi*, *Mo Rai*, *Ya Ly*, and *Sa Thay*.

CMRNP hosts diverse and rich forest ecosystems with five main vegetation types and is home to numerous rare and endemic species listed in the Red Book of Viet Nam and the IUCN Red List. Its outstanding biodiversity led to its designation as an ASEAN Heritage Park in 2003.

Local communities mainly depends on agriculture but productivity and access to extension and technology services remain a challenge. Ecotourism offers livelihood opportunities, but skills in hospitality and guiding remain limited.

The SGP II strengthened community capacity for conservation and sustainable livelihoods, supporting the park with EUR 604,517.65 for 10 grant projects—7 small and 3 micro—led by park management, local communities, and private organisations.

Launched in 2017, the *Small Grants Programme by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity II* (SGP II) is an initiative aimed at sustaining biodiversity in the ASEAN Heritage Parks in Viet Nam, in line with the interests of local communities who directly depend on the selected parks, providing alternative livelihood opportunities, and strengthening the role of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) in promoting biodiversity conservation in the ASEAN region.

SMALL GRANTS, BIG IMPACTS

"Since the cooperative provided me with beehives, I have no longer gone into the forest to collect wild honey, because it required climbing large tree branches and was very dangerous. Now, I stay at home to take care of these beehives, as they have created additional income for my family's livelihood, and gradually I have come to love and develop a passion for the bees."

Ho Quoc Viet
Member, Sa Thay Commune
Beekeeping Cooperative

FOSTERING PARTNERSHIPS

Through SGP II, the following agencies and organisations collaborated to advance biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihoods in the ASEAN region:

- ACB
- KfW Development Bank
- Project Management Unit, Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment (Viet Nam)
- CMRNP Management Board
- Hue Union for Science and Technology Associations
- Institute of Biotechnology, Hue University
- Hue Tourism College
- Centre for Biodiversity Conservation and Ecotourism of CMRNP
- Chu Mom Ray National Park
- Women's Union of Sa Nhon Commune
- Women's Union of Sa Son Commune
- Institute of Development Studies
- Research and Inclusive Development Action
- Faculty of Biology, VNU-University of Science
- Women's Union of Ya Xier Commune
- GITEC



WILDLIFE RESEARCH AND MONITORING

SGP II supported a project to assess and restore the population of Burma padauk or *Giang huong* (*Pterocarpus macrocarpus*), an endangered species listed under the IUCN Red List. It also strengthened biodiversity monitoring and protection by supporting the establishment of a database system, upgrading facilities, and building the technical capacity of park staff.

SGP II supported 3 wildlife research and monitoring projects with EUR 254,907.76 or 42 per cent of the total grant amount allocated to the park.

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Upgraded the park's biodiversity database system, improved forest surveillance, implemented active conservation measures, and strengthened the capacity of 50 park staff

DOCUMENTATION

- Recorded 120 individual Burma padauk in 10 distribution areas and developed species database and distribution maps for the park

COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Conducted 23 community awareness sessions on species conservation with 920 participants and 28 school sessions reaching 5,600 students, including 5 biodiversity field trips involving 150 students

CONSERVATION

- Planted 30,000 seedlings in 23 buffer zone villages across 8 communes and 1 town, with 690 participants from local communities

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SGP II supported sustainable agriculture livelihoods, vocational and extension training, and strengthened the capacity of women and indigenous groups to engage in rural and nature-based tourism to improved household incomes.

SGP II supported 7 community development projects with EUR 349,609.89 or 58 per cent of the total grant amount allocated to the park.

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Trained 35 Women's Union members on pig raising
- Trained 42 participants on organic composting
- Trained 40 women and participants from *Gia Rai*, *Brau*, and *Muong* ethnic groups on ecotourism awareness and nature-based tourism services
- Enhanced homestay, food and beverage, and cookery service skills of 80 community members, and digital marketing skills of 20 participants
- Developed 5 agricultural training curricula and trained 106 extension workers from 10 vocational and agricultural extension centres of 5 districts in the buffer zone of CMRNP and Kon Ka Kinh National Park
- Trained 60 community members from 4 ethnic groups on medicinal plant protection and cultivation
- Developed the capacity of 30 households in 2 communes in native beekeeping and commercialisation of honey products

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD

- Distributed 60 pigs (2 pigs per 30 households), with 6 pigs successfully reproducing a total of 47 piglets
- Provided stable source of organic fertiliser for 20 households, which farmers are also selling to other farmers and households



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