



# THE INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE



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## ▶▶▶ ABOUT IUCN



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**The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** is the world's oldest and largest global environmental organisation created in 1948. It harnesses the experience, resources and reach of its more than 1,400 Member organisations and the input of around 16,000 experts. IUCN is the only environmental organisation possessing an observer role at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly.

***IUCN's mission is to influence, encourage and support civil society around the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature, ensuring the equitable and sustainable use of natural resources.***

IUCN provides a neutral space in which diverse stakeholders including governments, NGOs, scientists, businesses, local communities, and others can work together to forge and implement solutions to environmental challenges and achieve sustainable development. As an organisation with the participation of both government and non-governmental members, IUCN is in a leading position to support environmental efforts in Viet Nam.



## IUCN IN VIET NAM



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IUCN has a long history in Viet Nam since it first supported the government in the preparation of the National Conservation Strategy in 1984. In 1993, the Vietnamese Government became an IUCN state member and IUCN Viet Nam Country Office also opened in the same year in Hanoi (IUCN signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment was appointed as a focal point working with IUCN). Since then, IUCN has made important contributions to the biodiversity conservation and environmental protection, primarily through support to the development of laws and policies such as the National Biodiversity Action Plan (1995), the National Environment and Sustainable Development Plan (1991-2000), the Forest Law, the Environment Law (2005), the Biodiversity Law (2008), the Fisheries Law (2017) and Law on Environmental Protection (2020).

In addition, IUCN works with partners to both support and build capacity on policy enforcement. IUCN Viet Nam partners include the National Assembly, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and Public Administration, ministries, businesses, local NGOs and other partners.

## IUCN VIET NAM PROGRAMMES

IUCN works on different thematic conservation areas including water/wetlands, marine/coastal, species, Protected and Conserved Areas, forest and agriculture landscape. IUCN's programmes include the formation of multi-stakeholder groups to supervise project activities, support local NGOs through small grant financing, pilot projects to test improved practices, improve the quality of environmental communications, engaging business to improve their environmental performance, and cooperate with provincial governments to demonstrate the benefits of Nature-based Solutions to environmental problems.

For more information about IUCN's activities in Viet Nam, please visit website [Viet Nam | IUCN](#).



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IUCN Viet Nam currently has 11 members including one state member (Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment) and 10 local NGOs members. For more information about IUCN members, please see [LINK](#).

By joining IUCN, you will advance your own cause and add to our collective strength in overcoming barriers to a sustainable future

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