



BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

Vietnam is one of the world's most biologically rich countries. Diverse ecosystems provide critical goods and services to the Vietnamese people through the provisioning of ecosystem services, including clean water, soil stability, buffers against storms and climate shocks, and a basis for tourism. USAID recognizes that biodiversity conservation is an essential component of achieving sustainable, resilient development. Activities aim to protect globally significant biodiversity by safeguarding a future for unique and endangered species, currently threatened for example by land use change, intense poaching and wildlife crime. USAID programs aim to shape a future in which both people and biodiversity thrive via improvements in economic prosperity, social equity and environmental stewardship.

CONSERVING BIODIVERSITY

Through the Green Annamites project, USAID supports interventions in the Central Annamites region that strengthen biodiversity conservation, increase the application of low emissions land use, and increase resilience for vulnerable communities. The project helps protect people, landscapes and biodiversity in Vietnam's priority forested provinces, working directly with local governments and citizens in the provinces of Quang Nam and Thua Thien Hue. USAID also supports Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research in biodiversity. Activities contribute to the science base and build connections between Vietnamese and U.S. research institutions.

COMBATING WILDLIFE CRIME

Vietnam is a source, destination and transit country for the illegal wildlife trade. The USAID Saving Species project aims to combat the illegal trade in wildlife. Working with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the project strengthens wildlife law enforcement and prosecution, improves and harmonizes the legal framework, and reduces consumer demand for illegal wildlife. Additionally, the USAID Governance for Inclusive Growth program implements a cross-sectoral effort to improve the legal and regulatory framework on combating wildlife trafficking, and strengthen law enforcement capacity and compliance.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

USAID promotes environmental protection of the Ha Long Bay World Heritage Site and Cat Ba Archipelago Biosphere Reserve. Activities include business and local engagement in environmental protection. The Ha Long-Cat Ba Alliance builds political will and business-led action to preserve the area. The Alliance also assists local residents in implementing good environmental practices and empowers local actors and organizations for greater participation in environmental protection.