

Decision No. 940/QĐ-TTg of July 19, 2012, approving the urgent action plan for elephant conservation in Vietnam through 2020

THE PRIME MINISTER

Pursuant to the December 25, 2001 Law on Organization of the Government;

Pursuant to the December 3, 2004 Law on Forest Protection and Development;

Pursuant to the November 26, 2003 Land Law;

Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 23/2006/ND-CP of March 3, 2006, on the

implementation of the Law on Forest Protection and Development;

Pursuant to the Prime Minister's Decision No. 733/QĐ-TTg of May 16, 2006, approving the urgent action plan for elephant conservation in Vietnam through 2010;

At the proposal of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development,

DECIDES:

Article 1. To approve the urgent action plan for elephant conservation in Vietnam through 2020 with the following principal contents:

1. Title: Urgent action plan for elephant

conservation in Vietnam through 2020.

2. Objectives:

a/ Overall objectives:

To conserve and sustainably develop the current population of wild and domestic elephants in Vietnam, at the same time to sustainably conserve the habitat in which elephants live.

d/ Targets:

- To prevent the declining number of elephants, ensuring that at least 3 areas inhabited by elephants will be conserved and developed in the 21st century.

- To mitigate conflicts between elephants and humans in areas with elephant distribution.

- To conserve and develop the population of domestic elephants in Dak Lak province.

- To enhance public information work for protecting the habitat in which elephants live.

- To boost transnational conservation cooperation.

3. Elephant conservation

a/ To further implement the project to conserve the permanent habitats of elephants in Dak Lak, Dong Nai and Nghe An provinces which satisfy sustainable elephant conservation requirements in terms of size of herd, habitat and area of living.

b/ The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development shall set up a Steering Committee for the urgent action plan for elephant conservation in Vietnam through 2020; and elaborate an overall plan for elephant

conservation through 2020.

c/ To organize in-situ conservation of elephants with small population, creating opportunities to the utmost for elephants to live permanently. To consider moving them to other places when all efforts fail. To mitigate potential conflicts in areas with elephant distribution and detail plans to implement specific solutions for each area.

d/ To make management dossiers and tag electronic chips to domestic elephants to strictly supervise elephant protection; to study the reproduction of domestic elephants so as to conserve and develop the current domestic elephant number; to build and develop a center for elephant conservation in Dak Lak province as a basis for research and conservation of domestic elephants.

e/ To deploy a campaign for raising awareness about elephant conservation for communities in elephant-inhabited areas.

f/ To increase effectiveness of law implementation, particularly in transborder provinces and effectively prevent the hunting and trading in elephants and their products through border gates.

4. Funding sources

Funds for implementation of the action plan for elephant conservation include:

- State budget funds for the forest protection and development plan during 2011-2020;

- Funds from domestic and overseas organizations and individuals;

- Other legal funding sources.

5. Organization of implementation

a/ The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development shall assume the prime responsibility for, and coordinate with related ministries, sectors and localities in, elaborating a plan on elephant conservation in Vietnam during 2011-2020, and submit it to Prime Minister for consideration and decision.

b/ The Ministry of Planning and Investment and the Ministry of Finance shall balance and ensure funds for implementation of the contents provided in this Decision.

Article 2. This Decision takes effect on the date of its signing.

Article 3. The ministers of Agriculture and Rural Development; Planning and Investment; Finance; and Natural Resources and Environment, and heads of related agencies and chairpersons of provincial-level People's Committees shall implement this Decision.-

For the Prime Minister

Deputy Minister

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