

Updating Project Activity
from January to April 2021

**The Northern Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbon
(*Nomascus anamensis*) Conservation Project
in Kon Ka Kinh National Park, Vietnam**



Fig 1: Gibbons in the Kon Ka Kinh National Park

May, 2021

I. Introduction to Project

1. Objective

Population of the northern yellow-cheeked gibbon (*Nomascus annamensis*) is safe and recovered in the Kon Ka Kinh National Park and Kon Cha Rang Nature Reserve.

2. Project activities of year 2020 continue until 30th March 2021 (the contract signed in 2019).

- Support forest guards of the station number 4, the Kon Ka Kinh National Park conduct monthly forest patrol and wildlife monitor.

3. Project activities of the year 2021 (new contract signed in 2021).

- a) Monitor population of the gibbon in the Kon Ka Kinh National Park.
- b) Conduct a survey in the corridor forest between Kon Ka Kinh NP and Kon Cha Rang NR to gain information on distribution and conservation status of the species.
- c) Build capacity for the forest guards of the Kon Chu Rang Nature Reserve.
- d) Support the forest patrol using SMART to the forest guards of Kon Chu Rang Nature Reserve.
- e) Conduct a raising awareness activity focus on local Bana communities about conservation value of the gibbon.

II. Project Progress

Time of report: From the 1st of January to the 30th April, 2021

1. Administration work

- The new contract for project activity from 2021 to 2023 was signed by 31st March, 2021. The grant for project activity in year 2021 was received in 07 April, 2021.
- The annual report 2020 (until 31.12.2020) was submitted to Stiftung Artenschutz by 19th March, 2021.
- The project staff who in charge for gibbon monitor and ranger support is committed to stay with project.
- The staff in charge for educational activity resigned her position in January 2021.
- The project is working with the Kon Cha Rang Management Board to obtain implementing permission by Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) of Gia Lai Province.
- From 27th of April, 2021 the covid pandemic returned to Danang City, so all activities in the field are on hold.

2. Gibbon monitoring in the Kon Ka Kinh National Park from January to April 2021

- From January and April 2021, gibbon monitoring activity was conducted in 15 listening posts across the whole park. The survey team consist of 4 members included FZS staff, park rangers and local people. The survey team checked each listening point for 3 continuous days and then moved to another listening point. In total, the survey team conducted 45 days in the field.
- As the result, 8 groups of gibbons were confirmed in 7 listening posts. These groups were recorded in the forest sub-zone 91, 102, 105, and 435.
- The survey team also recorded human disturbances in the distribution area of the gibbon. There were 4 used camps in the surveyed area. 2 hunters were observed and reported to forest guards of the park.

3. Support forest guards to conduct monthly forest patrol using SMART program in the Kon Ka Kinh National Park.

- The project provided funding 3,000,000 VND/ month (105 Euro/month) to support forest guards in the station number 4 to conduct forest patrol from January to March 2021. This funding was used to buy foods and petrol for forest guards.
- From January to March 2021, the forest guards of the station number 4 and other 8 stations of the park conducted 249 days of forest patrol covered about 1,751 km of forest trails.
- They removed 130 traps from the forest. They confiscated 5 self-made guns. Forest guards destroyed 5 used and new logging camps. There deported 125 local people who entered illegally to the park.

4. Raising awareness on gibbon conservation and outreach activity

- Due to the resignation of the staff who in charge for the educational activity in January 2021, the proposed activities which focus on Bana community in Kon Chu Rang Nature Reserve are on delaying. The project is recruiting new staff for the position.

III. Pictures from the field

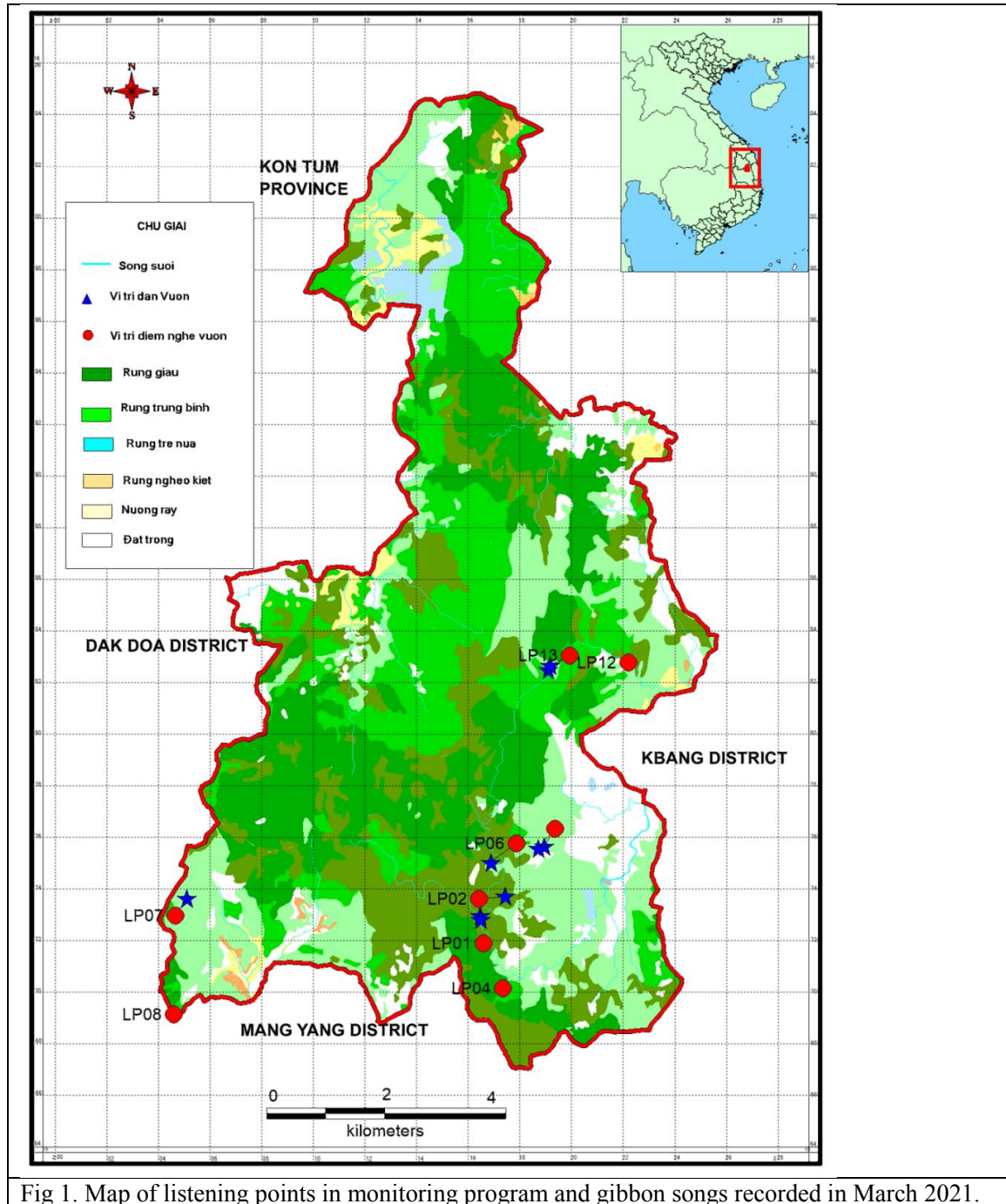


Fig 1. Map of listening points in monitoring program and gibbon songs recorded in March 2021.



Fig 2. Habitat of the gibbon in Kon Ka Kinh NP



Fig 3. Forest guards on the way to forest patrol



Fig 4. Used camps by hunter found during the surveying time.