

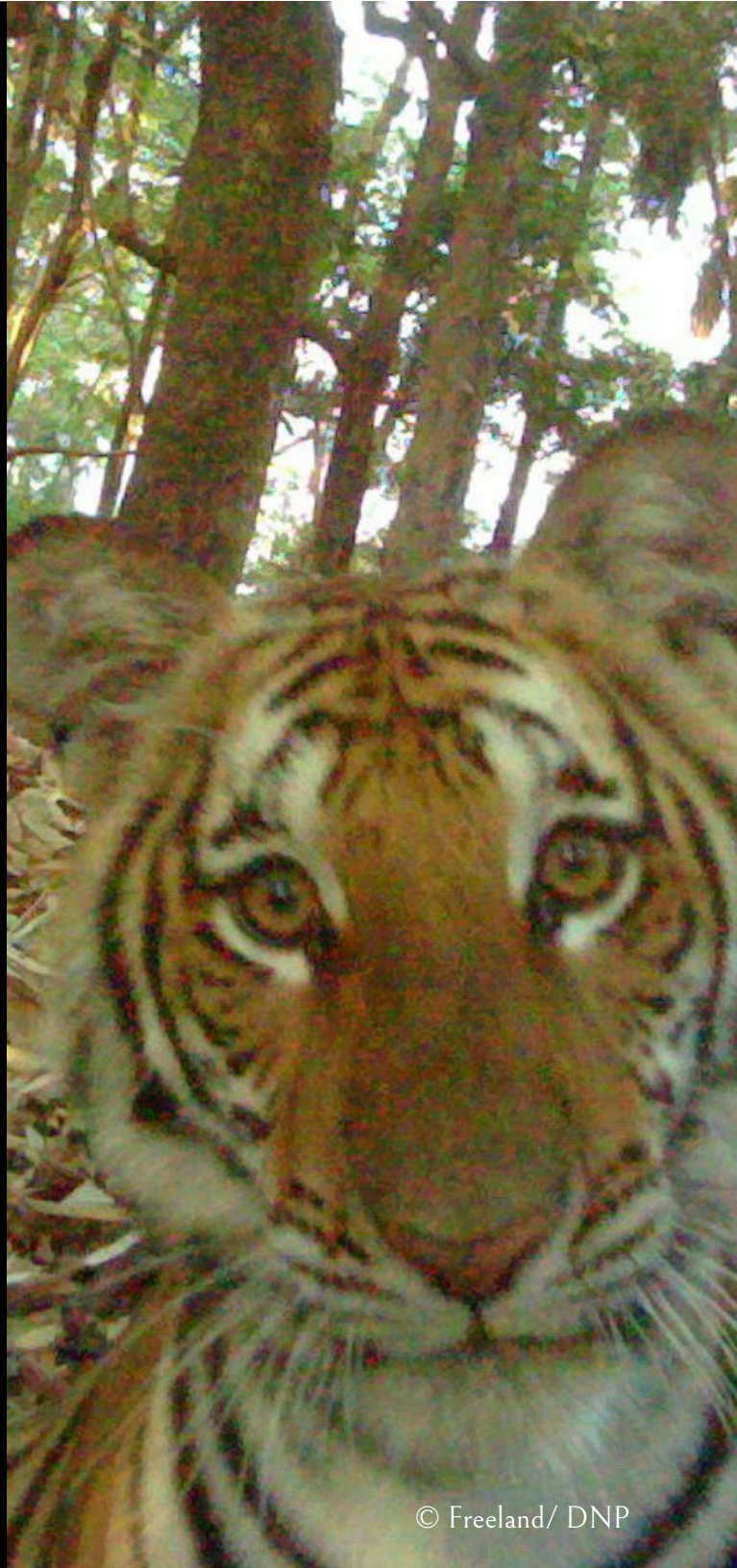


2020-2022 REPORT

PANDEMIC EDITION

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“Actress Jane Seymour plays Mother Earth in Freeland/EndPandemics PSA to remind the world that when you protect her, you protect yourselves.”

Message from our Founder

What is Freeland? What do we do?
And why?

I'm sure many of us asked these same questions about ourselves during long lockdowns as we gazed out the windows wondering about our own purpose in life. At Freeland, COVID made us feel more sure of our mission than ever.



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We protect people, plants and animals from trafficking. Because if we don't, violence, exploitation, zoonotic outbreaks, and sadness will rule our world. We want to be happy. And we believe it's impossible to be happy while other people and animals are being hunted, caged, and suffering. We feel the need to do our best to protect victims before we turn in for the night and start the next day.

During COVID and throughout our partnership campaign to prevent more pandemics, I learned that human health, animal health, environmental health, and happiness are in fact strongly connected. Not just in a spiritual sense. Scientifically too. There's even a name for a public health practice that describes this connection: "One Health". The United Nations touts it. We do too.

During the pandemic, as more people got sick, died, and economies went belly up, I began to realize that, as a global society, we were essentially suffering from a cancer. Partly self-inflicted. But thankfully a cancer that is curable. What do I mean?

Well, as we all know, cancer is mysterious and frightening because our immune system does not recognize it as a threat. So it spreads and wreaks havoc. If we're lucky, we can cut it out on time, then change our lifestyles so that it does not come back. Too often, though, we are too late. I think trafficking is a global cancer that we have yet to recognize as a major threat to our own survival and happiness. Over \$200 billion a year is made from the illicit trades in people, plants and animals that leads to untold suffering, not to mention an unhealthy environment. Much of trafficking happens in the light of day, right in front of us, and we don't see it.

Message from our Founder

During our campaign, I learned from health professionals that they are using a new treatment to cure cancer, which they call immunotherapy. They train the immune system to recognize cancer cells as a threat, so they can fight them off. Through awareness, Freeland and our partners are trying to wake people up to the scourge of trafficking and fight it off before it destroys us all.



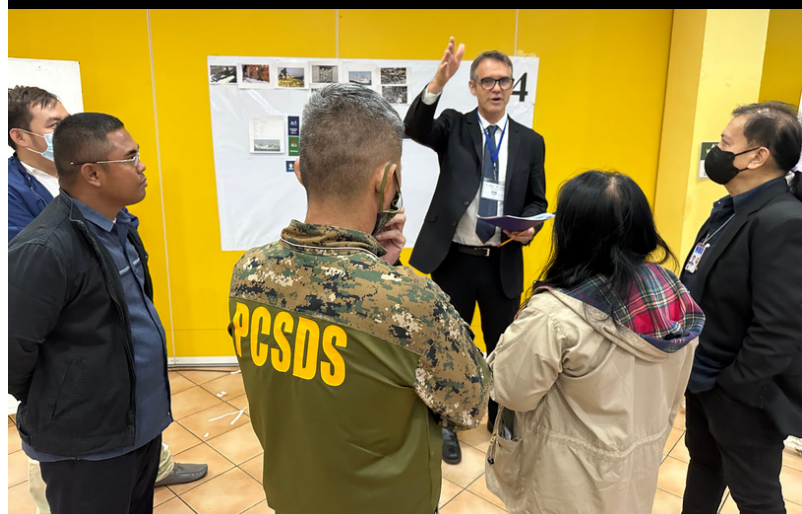
We formed an awareness campaign on the day COVID-19 got its name, calling on leaders and the public to recognize that pandemics like this one (and so many before, like HIV, SARS, Bird Flu, MERs, etc) are zoonotic in origin, and can only be prevented if we protect Mother Earth. Our new public service announcement, featuring actress and philanthropist Jane Seymour playing Mother Earth, ends with her face to camera: "protect me, and you protect yourselves."

Freeland also created a new training program that helps governments and civil society illuminate trafficking supply chains and destroy them. And it's working.

During this "Covid period", Freeland teamed up with 82 organizations and 57 government agencies, not to mention hundreds of individuals, to immunize our planet and make it healthy and happy. We reached over 750 million people with our EndPandemics campaign. We held film festivals in Wisconsin, Bangkok and globally through virtual platforms to show the One Health connections. We trained thousands of frontline nature protectors. We helped authorities dig up and seize over \$50 million in secret, dirty money made from trafficking, which we are now trying to convert to victim recovery support. And we continue working every day to find and help rescue victims of trafficking, while building the Earth back, one community and ecosystem at a time.

This struggle is not to be done alone. Partnerships with other organizations and donors have been the key. So, thank you to those who advised, supported, and even constructively criticized us.

Keep it coming! We need you.



STEVE GALSTER,
during CTOC Philippines

A Big Thanks to our Global Community

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and thanks to



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Global Alliances

- AIPA (ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly)
- EndPandemics (A Global Alliance to Protect and Regenerate Nature)

Business Partners

- Amazon
- AsiaWorks
- Canva
- Cellebrite
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Freeland thanks many organizations that make it possible for us to deliver on a global scale. We are grateful for their ongoing support.

Program/ Project Partners

- Big Cat Rescue
- Born Free Foundation
- Conservation International
- David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation
- Friedman French Foundation
- FFI Myanmar
- Golden Triangle Asian Elephant Foundation (GTAEF)
- Global Conservation (GC)
- IUCN
- IFAW - International Fund for Animal Welfare
- Mekong Club
- Peoples Resource Conservation Foundation (PRCF)
- TGLF - Thin Green Line Foundation
- Wagmore Foundation
- WildCats
- WWF - World Wide Fund for Nature
- Wildlife Alliance
- Wildlife Asia (Australia)

A Big Thanks to our EndPandemics Partners

Academia Sinica	Generation Blue	PRC Global Pte Ltd
ACTAsia	Global Ocean Trust	Project Coyote
ADM Capital Foundation	Global Regeneration CoLab	Rede Latino-Americana de
ALERT	Global Tiger Forum	-Ministerio Publico Ambiental
Animal Defenders International	Green Consumers' Foundation	Regen Network
Ark Ventures	GreenRone	Save Wild Tigers
AsiaWorks	GTI Council	SEEDS
Asociación de Becarios de Casanare	Hemp for the Future	SmartAgro
B.Grimm	Humane Society International	Solidaridad Network Central America
Big.tc	Hyphae	Sumatran Tiger Project
Blood Lions	International Fund for Animal Welfare	Task.io
Blue Sphere Media	International Tree Foundation	The Corbett Foundation
Born Free Foundation	Lancaster University	The Land App
Born Free USA	Land of the Leopard National Park	Threefold.io
Catalyze	Leadership Knowledge Learning	Third Avenue Business Improvement
China Biodiversity Conservation and	Liberia Chimpanzee Rescue & Protection	-District
-Green Development Foundation	Memememeshop	Transparent World
David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation	Michigan State University	United for Regeneration
EarthPulse	Muktir Bondhon Foundation	Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust
Education for Nature Vietnam	National Park Rescue	Voices 4 Biodiversity
Endangered Species Coalition	Norwegian Yacht Voyages	WildAid
Endangered Species Protection Agency	NOW Partners	WILD Foundation
EndTheTrade	Ocean Conservation Trust	Wilderness Foundation Global
Environmental Investigation Agency	Oceanic Preservation Society	Wildlife Alliance
For the Animals	Open Hearts Foundation	World Agroforestry
Freeland	PawPAC	World Animal Protection
Fundación Entropika	Peace Journey	Worldview International Foundation
	Planetary Health Alliance	World Youth Wildlife Summit

“
We are united to end pandemics by changing our
global relationship with nature.
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Freeland Board, Advisors, & Leaders



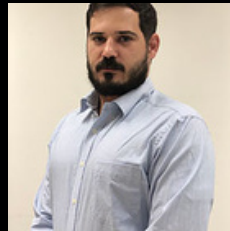
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Our WORK

Freeland's comprehensive approach involves Protecting People, Plants and Animals from Trafficking; Educating the Public How to Help Stop Trafficking; and Rewarding Protectors.

PROTECT



Protected-area Operational & Tactical Enforcement Conservation Training

(PROTECT): Over the past 10 years more than 1,500 rangers have been killed in the line of duty around the world. Freeland is dedicated to building up the skills and knowledge of these rangers and officials so they can fight these battles on more even terms with poaching gangs and crime syndicates armed with high-tech tools and plenty of firepower.

Since 2000, Freeland has trained more than 4000 front-line protected area and wildlife law enforcement officials from over 50 agencies in 20 different countries.

8250

Trainees trained by
our Trainee
Instructors

*"I will be explaining to my
higher officers that we
ought to possess the
knowledge I have gained
from CTOC course"*
- CTOC Malaysia
Trainee

203

Rangers trained
in 2022

The **DETECT** training program is designed for action. For example, the advanced DETECT Course is called "C-TOC" (**C**ounter-**T**ransnational **O**rganized **C**rime). C-TOC convenes officers from multiple agencies and helps them illuminate criminal supply chains. Then, using "Mock Syndicates", we train them how to dismantle the syndicates. Once officers are ready for action, Freeland helps them form a real taskforce to start sharing information on actual syndicates, while making plans to put the criminals out of business. Results speak for themselves: DETECT/CTOCs have brought officers together from within countries and across borders to go after some of the most notorious trafficking syndicates in the world, resulting in hundreds of seizures, dozens of arrests, and millions of dollars of assets forfeited.



362

LE professionals
trained in 2022

"Part of analyzing a case / making an operation plan so that it makes us able to think long-term and have a clear vision and mission"

- CTOC Indonesia Trainee

- **Snapshot 2022** - Two TRIPOD project based CTOC trainings were conducted in Malaysia and Indonesia. Three online and two in-person Detection of Cross Border Wildlife Trafficking Training, one CTOC online for Brazil where agents from several institutions from Brazil and Argentina attended. Trained Indonesian NGO Orangutan Information Centre (OIC) on OSINT.
- **Snapshot 2021** - One online CTOC in Brazil, one online Detection of Cross Border Wildlife Trafficking in Brazil, one SIG/CTOC for Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Guyana and Suriname.

2022 additions to our TRAINING MANUALS



Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) is the gathering and analysis of information from unclassified and publicly accessible sources that is used to produce useful intelligence.

OSINT Manual (June 2022) as an additional resource for law enforcement officers enables trainers to gather and analyse OSINT from the internet, while maintaining privacy and security.



CTOC Marine Manual 2022 was designed and developed for the TRIPOD project in South East Asia. These manuals were launched in Indonesia and Malaysia CTOC trainings.

TRAFFICKING FREE ENTERPRISES



TRAFFICKED WILDLIFE BOARDING NOW

BOARDING PASS

NAME: HYACINTH MACAW
FROM: PARAGUAY
TO: TAIWAN >> TRANSITING THROUGH EUROPE
GATE: 7
SEAT: 78%
TRAFFICKED BIRDS SEIZED A DAY*
OF TRAFFICKED BIRDS ARE HIDDEN IN PASSENGER CLOTHING OR LUGGAGE

*2017 average seizure data. CITES Report to Parties, August 2018.

For training, toolkits and guidance to counter wildlife trafficking in aviation visit the **ROUTES partnership**. www.routespartnership.org

ROUTES A
USAID
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AUSTRALIAN

- Reducing the illegal trade of endangered and protected species means closing down the supply lines, as much of the wildlife sold around the world travels on commercial flights or is shipped via major ports. This includes both the legal and illegal trade that makes it difficult to determine which is which. Packed into crates or suitcases without sufficient food, air or water, the creatures suffer terribly; many are dead on arrival.
- To this end, Freeland's Wildlife Friendly Skies, Seas and Roads Program is an awareness training course designed to build the capacity of stakeholders to close down these key transit points and in handling of seizures.
- All participants are given a comprehensive training package in their own language, including tips on how to identify wildlife species and products, how to profile and detect traffickers, examples of smuggling methods, and how to respond to wildlife trafficking cases. Copies of all the training materials are given for use in their internal training procedures.

Countering Trafficking in Person (CTIP)

There are over 40 million modern-day slaves today – more than any other time in history. Covid-19 has only exacerbated the situation. Human trafficking or trafficking in persons is a form of modern-day slavery involving the illegal transport of individuals by force or deception for the purpose of labour, sexual exploitation, or activities in which others benefit financially. Human trafficking, is a \$150 billion industry that often goes undetected. Human trafficking is both a domestic and global crime, with victims trafficked within their own country, to neighbouring countries and between continents.



Late Kraisak Choonhavan, Chairman of Freeland, signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Isra Sunthornvut, Secretary General of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) to join forces against human trafficking in Southeast Asia in 2018. "Freeland and AIPA have been collaborating to combat wildlife trafficking by helping ASEAN lawmakers strengthen and harmonize legislation for some time," said Chairman Kraisak.





AIPA-FREELAND WEBINAR:

PREVENTING PANDEMICS THROUGH ONE HEALTH APPROACH



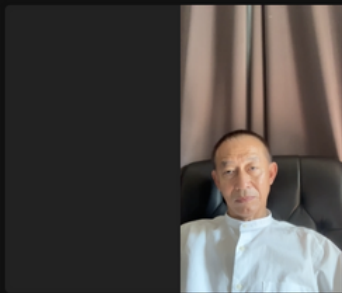
Virtual Meeting



7 July 2021



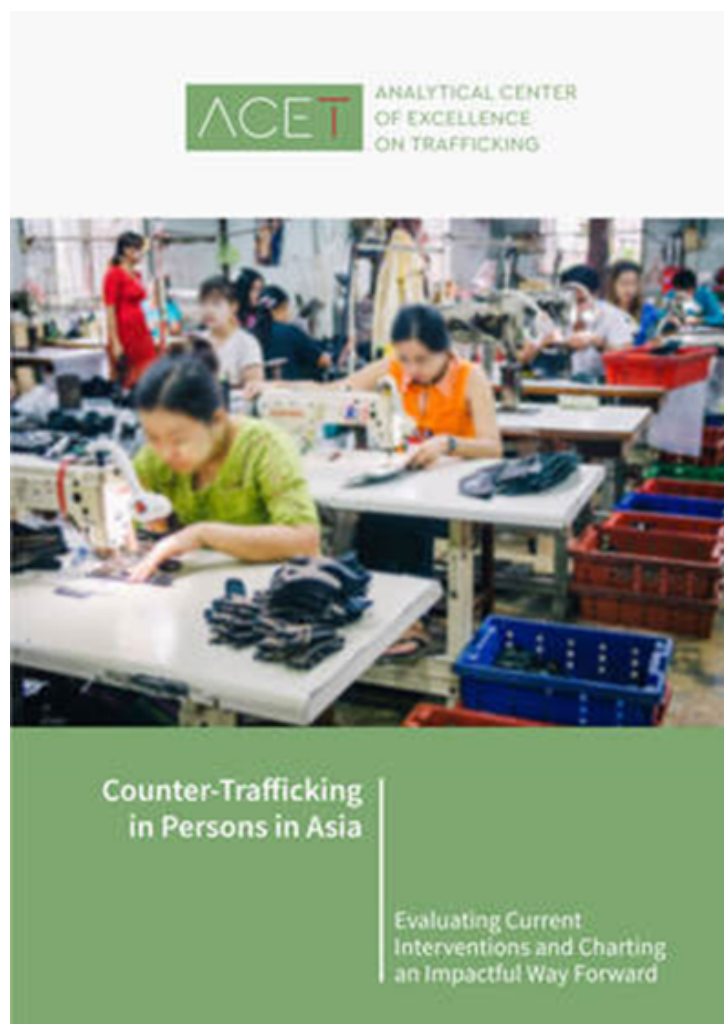
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Counter-Trafficking in Persons in Asia – Nov 2020

This report is a snapshot of the problem and current approaches being taken. It broadly evaluates counter-trafficking in persons programs in Asia, noting gaps and highlighting key impediments to improve efforts.

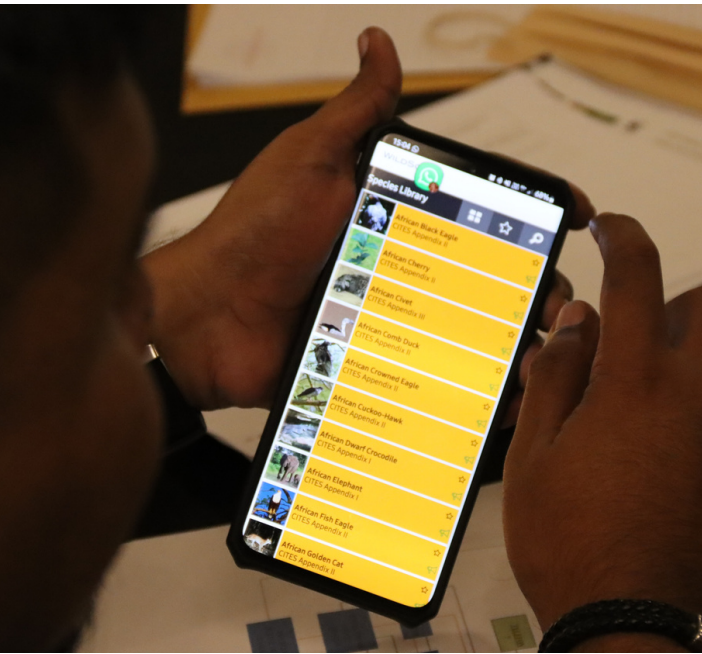


Freeland prepared a joint report with The Mekong Club (CTIP partner based out of Hong Kong) and held a joint virtual event with Matt Friedmann (CEO of The Mekong Club) at the Foreign Correspondents Club Thailand (FCCT) on March 4th, 2021 to launch the report and discuss the state of human trafficking in SouthEast Asia and how COVID-19 has affected it.

This evaluation can be used as a springboard for charting the way forward in the counter-trafficking field and identifying programmatic needs and key stakeholders. It can also be used to predict the expected impacts of proposed policy changes, and necessary improvements to intervention procedures. This report hopes to be a resource for other policymakers and field professionals to draw from, as well as an impetus for social change.

EDUCATE

WILDSKAN



25+
countries

7
languages

>700
species

- WildScan is an effective species identification and response application created by Freeland. It is a free downloadable app for smartphones or tablets designed to help frontline wildlife enforcement agencies, conservation officers, and the general public to correctly identify animals in danger of being snared in the international wildlife trade and report them to the relevant authorities in real time.
- WildScan currently includes an ever expanding visual library of over 700 species commonly trafficked into and throughout Southeast Asia, Asia, Africa and key global species, as well as information about giving primary care to injured animals which have been confiscated.
- So far, more than 2200 law enforcement officers, airline and airport staff, and park rangers have been introduced to WildScan and its many applications on the field. Outreach events and school visits have also helped to publicize the app among the general public.
- Our latest training took place virtually in 2021 where we trained members of Lao WEN to use a special version of WildScan developed uniquely for Lao PDR.

SURVIVING TOGETHER



- From working on the ground and investigating the hubs of human and wildlife trafficking, we have discovered that two of the major drivers are greed and poverty. As a result, we help vulnerable communities in rural areas to develop plant nurseries, fish and mushroom farms, renewable energy sources and reforestation projects, as alternative sources of income that also teach them to respect and preserve the environment.



- This program takes a holistic approach to preserving biodiversity that works to protect vulnerable ecosystems at every level. It's been purpose-built to assist communities by working closely with protected area managers, rangers, and the surrounding communities to address the root causes of environmental degradation and bolster conservation efforts where they are needed most.



- The ST team assists communities to understand and appreciate the natural beauty around them, while encouraging them to respect and protect the environment.



24

Human wildlife
conflict meetings
in 2022

4

SMART
supported
protected
areas in 2022

4

communities
reached in
2022 outreach

3651

students
reached in
2022 outreach

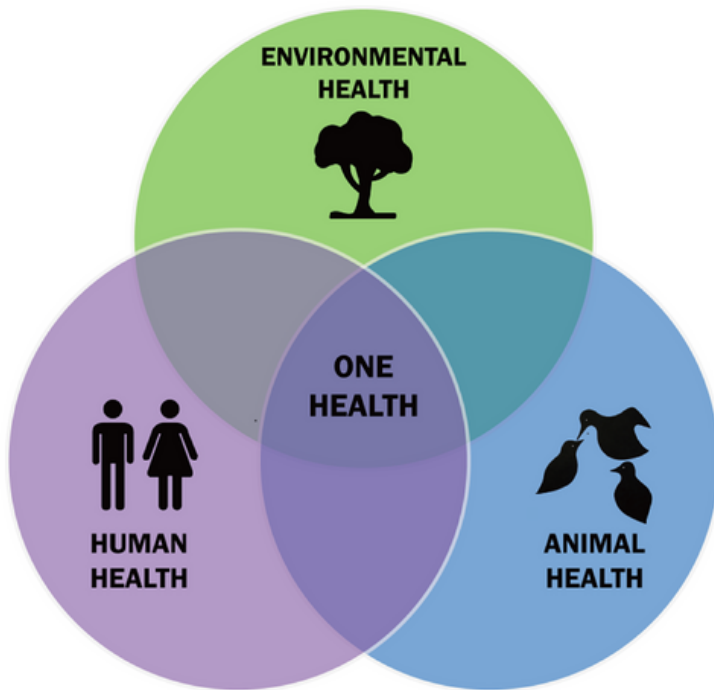
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Community
Patrols in 2022

Under the program there are six core activities:

- **Wildlife Monitoring** – Utilizing science-based techniques to monitor key wildlife and threats, ensuring informed and focused protection for these species
- **Protected Area Monitoring Systems (SMART)** – Institutionalizing systems and tools to monitor patrols and their effectiveness, critical for adaptive management
- **Ranger Training** – Improving park protection skills through PROTECT while simultaneously building local training capacity
- **Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation** – Improving local support for conservation by minimizing the impact of conflict between local communities and wildlife
- **Community Education and Outreach** – Improving awareness and inspiring local conservation champions
- **Alternative Livelihoods** – Empowering and training former poachers and other local community members to switch to environmentally-friendly and sustainable livelihoods.

EndPandemics Campaign



We must prevent current and future pandemics by addressing their root causes, and in doing so, we create a better, healthier, happier world. Our approach addresses the root causes by first and foremost reducing demand for wildlife and related products. To better understand how pandemic prevention encompasses and supports reversal of global warming, as well as species and biodiversity loss, the EndPandemics campaign alliance was created to address nature protection, animal wellbeing, wildlife trade, and regenerative agriculture. Together, we make ONE HEALTH comprehensible and attractive. We implement one health and scale it.

Freeland through EndPandemics is actively delivering globally on these ongoing key COP concerns:

- UNFCCC How Can a Post COVID World Recover Better?
- CITES Doc 23.1: Role of CITES in Reducing Risk of Future Zoonotic Emergence from IWT.
- CITES Doc 36: Wildlife Enforcement Support in West and Central Africa.
- CITES Doc 55: Registration of Operations Breeding App I species for commercial purposes.
- CITES Doc 67: Big Cat Task Force.
- CITES Doc 71.1 and 71.2: Pangolin Report of Standing Committee and Recommendations from UK.



**REDUCE
DEMAND**



**PROTECT
NATURE**

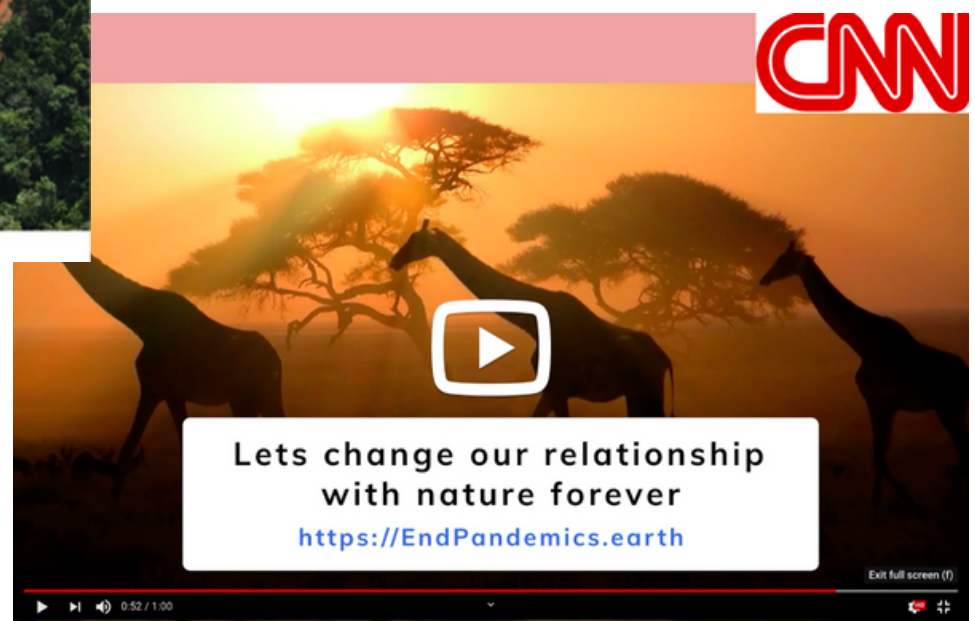
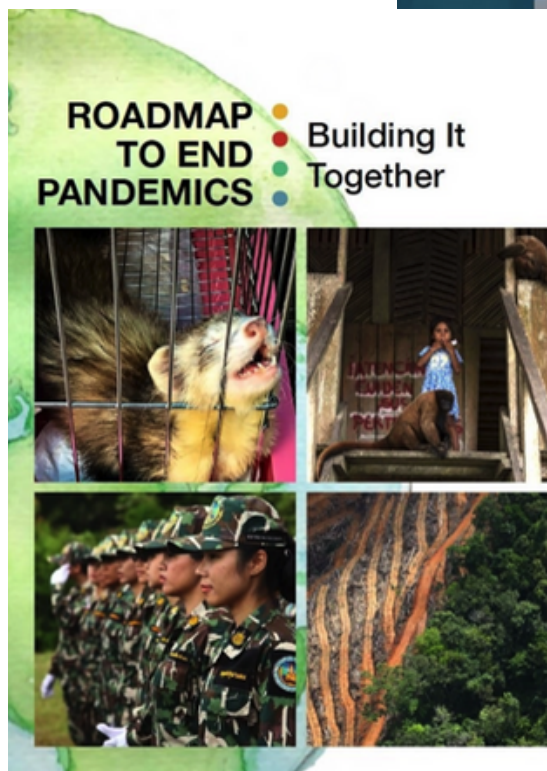


**STOP
TRAFFICKING**



**REFORM
FARMING**

One of the world's top superstars and philanthropists, Jane Seymour, has joined our partnership campaign, EndPandemics, to speak as Mother Earth and spread the simple message: "When you Protect Me, You Protect Yourself". The EndPandemics campaign has reached over 750 million people on TV and the internet, with sponsorship from B.Grimm.





TIME

Person of the Year

THE FINAL REVEAL OF 2020...
1 YEAR FOR \$20

SUB

PERSON OF THE YEAR 2020

FRONTLINE HEALTH WORKERS

RACIAL-JUSTICE ORGANIZERS

NEWSLETTER

Don't Blame China. The Next Pandemic Could Come From Anywhere



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OPINION
Coronavirus pandemic

The wildlife trade caused coronavirus, and a vaccine can't fix it

The multibillion-dollar wildlife trade must be brought to an end if we want to avoid more pandemics in the future.

Steven R Galster

Steven R Galster is founder of Freeland.

11 Apr 2020



Residents pay for their purchases over barriers set up around a wet market in Wuhan, Hubei province, the epicentre of China's coronavirus outbreak [Aly Song/Reuters]

Gesundheit > Chatuchak-Markt in Bangkok: Wird dies das nächste Pandemie-Epizentrum?

TIERMÄRKTE

Könnte der Chatuchak-Markt in Bangkok das nächste Pandemie-Epizentrum werden?



Ein Arbeiter sprüht auf dem Chatuchak-Markt Desinfektionsmittel als Vorsichtsmaßnahme gegen die Verbreitung des



COVID-19: The latest from The World

Pangolin smuggling: The next coronavirus time bomb?

For years, the plight of the pangolin has been a niche concern, mostly worrying conservationists. But the COVID-19 pandemic has pulled pangolins into the spotlight.

The World
December 01, 2020 · 3:45 PM EST
By Patrick Winn

A global storytelling platform featuring films about people, wild animals and ecosystems that are facing daunting challenges. These are stories of hope and inspiration during an annual weekend festival that includes films, panels, live music, local food, and workshops presented to the public, critics, students, aspiring filmmakers, and activists.

FREELAND FILM FESTIVAL

The Freeland Film Festival returned to Green Lake in Sep 2021, with a focus on preventing future pandemics. Although the festival was scaled-down due to the pandemic, it featured films, panels and shorts aimed at eliminating the root causes of pandemics and creating a world beyond pandemics. Prior to the film festival, Freeland teamed up with the Vatican, The Independent and United for Regeneration to educate world leaders about preventing pandemics by protecting nature during a roundtable discussion.

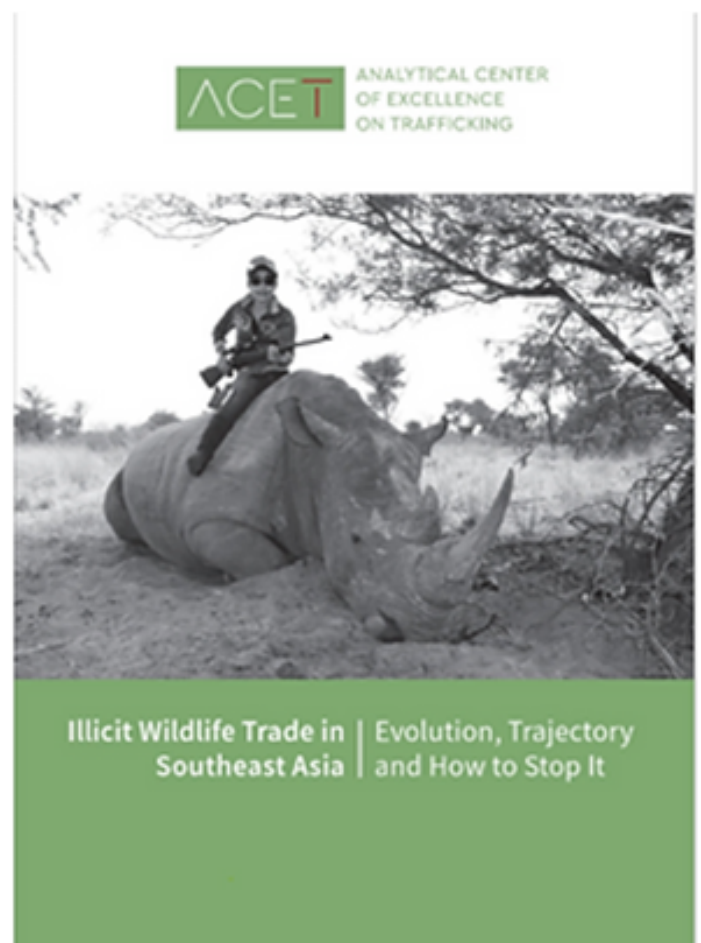


Freeland Film Festival 2022 festival theme "A Better World: Beyond Pandemics." The festival took place from January 13-15th 2022, both virtually and in person at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand in Bangkok. The line-up included films that explain the drivers and impacts of pandemics, and how we can prevent them from recurring by addressing their root causes.

Analytical Centre of Excellence on Trafficking (ACET) Report Releases

Analytical Center of Excellence on Trafficking (ACET, pronounced "asset") is a data analysis and fusion company established by Freeland to provide recommendations on counter-trafficking, and to help recover criminal assets and return them to civil society for recovery efforts. ACET reports are designed for lawmakers and senior law enforcers.

Asia's Deadly Wildlife Trade:
New Insights on its
Dimensions, Threats to
Society, and Opportunities to
End It at Foreign
Correspondents Club in
Thailand (FCCT) on February
26, 2020.



As both a supplier and consumer, Southeast Asia lies at the heart of the trade and plays a major role in the international fight against wildlife trafficking. Giving the region and its actors tools and strategies will help to dismantle these criminal syndicates and set an example for the rest of the international community.

This report maps the evolution and trajectory of wildlife and counter trafficking in Southeast Asia, while analyzing what has (and has not) worked and where the region should go next. The research points to challenges, opportunities, and a pathway forward.

English Version

Thai Version

Vietnames Version

Lao Version

Khmer Version

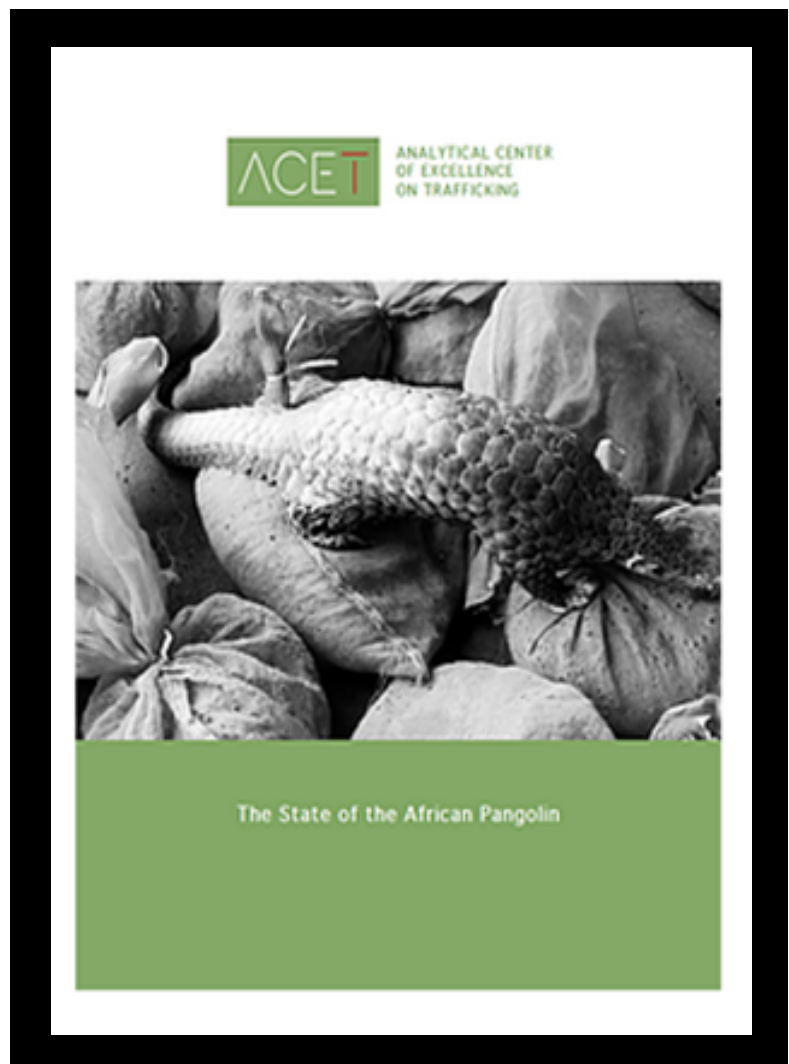


Making Wildlife Traffickers Finance Wildlife Recover: The Case for Creating Conservation Restitution Funds from Asset Forfeitures and Seizures on October 29, 2020

Organized crime continues to destroy wild animal populations around the world, reaping billions of dollars in profit. Meanwhile, law enforcers and conservation organizations struggle to fund their protection efforts. This new multi-language report guides governments on how to reverse the equation by seizing assets from wildlife criminals to finance wildlife protection.

The report is available in English, Vietnamese, Thai, Lao, and Khmer.

The State of the African Pangolin, April 2020



With pangolin species in Asia facing catastrophic decline due to poaching, traffickers have increasingly started to source scales from African pangolins to cater to Asian demand. This demand can only be countered by a comprehensive response encompassing local and regional law enforcement cooperation, involving stakeholders from pangolin habitat areas, and reducing consumer demand.

This report traces the rise of the trade, and offers recommendations on ending it.

REWARD

Freeland acknowledges and rewards the hard work and skills of our “protectors and educators” who work in dangerous environments to spread awareness and bring justice to living beings who can't fight for themselves in the world of illegal trafficking.

BEST PERFORMING TRAINEES FROM TRIPOD CTOC TRAINING SERIES



FREELAND FILM FESTIVAL WINNERS



The award for the best feature film of the 4th Annual Freeland Film Festival went to "The Fever" by Katharina Weingartner from Austria

Audience award went to the film "Tigre Gente" by Elizabeth Unger from the United States.



The award for the best short-medium length film of the 4th annual Freeland Film Festival went to "El regreso/ The Return" by Eriberto Gualinga from Ecuador

RECOVER

RESTITUTION COLLABORATIVE FOR VICTIMS TO ENABLE RECOVERY

ACET

MAKING TRAFFICKERS FINANCE COUNTER-TRAFFICKING

PROBLEM: \$200 billion generated each year from illicit trafficking in people and wildlife. Judicial systems often fail to prosecute culprits, so the suffering persists.

SOLUTION: RECOVER disables trafficking operations by finding their assets, then redistributing them to community, wildlife and ecosystem recovery programs.



IDENTIFY/INVEST



Experts and ordinary citizens identify data on potential assets linked to trafficking

They send this data to ACET

or

Invest in ACET's RECOVER program

REPORT



ACET analyzes the data.

Once verified, data providers are issued tokens.

ACET compiles report on trafficking assets, gives to relevant authorities, and follows up.

CONVERT



ACET collaborates with authorities to channel part of seized assets into remedial projects run by RECOVER partners.

Data providers, investors exchange tokens for rewards.

RECOVER is a partnership of civil society organizations and companies from around the world that share this aim:

- To protect nature and people from trafficking and corruption, and
- Help the victims – people, ecosystems, and wildlife – recover.

RECOVER is spearheaded by ACET – the Analytical Center of Excellence on Trafficking.



WWW.ACET-RECOVERY.COM

HYDRA

Thailand's anti-money laundering authorities worked with Freeland to seize and freeze more than \$11 million worth of assets in a sting operation against a suspected wildlife trafficking ring and the arrest of the kingpin. Run by a handful of powerful gangsters, the Hydra network utilized an army of suppliers who would deliver rhino horns, elephant tusks, lion bones, tiger bones, bear bile, the scales of pangolins (anteaters found in dwindling numbers in Southeast Asia and Africa), and other parts harvested from protected wildlife.

International Herald Tribune
 "He is the single largest known illegal wildlife trafficker in Asia."
 With devices multiplying, data can leak by accident
 U.S. closing deficit gap, at a risk to its economy

Thailand says \$11M seized in wildlife trafficking sting
 By ELAINE KURTENBACH March 17, 2021

Trading on the endangered

NGO used state-of-the-art tech to take down Thai general
 By A. Azim Idris | 21st July 2017 | @AzimIdrisHybrid

606 SOCIAL BUZZ

AFRICA-ASIA | African 'gang' linked to big hauls of wildlife seized in Asia
 Major seizure of pangolin scales in Hong Kong last week is allegedly the latest of multiple consignments sent via Nigeria en route to China; anti-trafficking group says better training helped nab five members of 'gang' in the Congo last month
 By JIM POLLARD | JULY 26, 2018 9:15 PM (UTC+8)

African 'gang' linked to big hauls of wildlife seized in Asia

Highlights of 2020-2022

TRIPOD

TRIPOD – Targeting Regional Investigations for Policing Opportunities and Development – provides joint training and capacity building for law enforcement agencies operating within the territory around the Sulu and Celebes Seas. The project supports increased CWT enforcement cooperation between Indonesia (ID), the Philippines (PH), and Malaysia (MY).

CTOC and Care for Confiscated Wildlife (CCW) training under TRIPOD is sponsored by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, through US Embassy Jakarta-Indonesia. Freeland, WWF and IFAW are partners delivering on capacity and performance improvement included handling and repatriating wildlife confiscated from illegal trade.

COVID initially challenged, but did not stop the project. With travel restrictions in target countries lifted in 2022, implementation sped up, with the successful deliveries of multiple trainings. A busy set of events is scheduled for year 2023.



Malaysia CTOC

June 2022. Sabah is a global hotspot for biodiversity, featuring one of the world's oldest rainforests that hosts orangutans, clouded leopards, proboscis monkeys, elephants and many more species. Unfortunately, palm oil plantations have reduced Sabah's forest cover and made its wildlife more vulnerable to subsistence and commercial hunting.

Freeland's counter-trafficking experts conducted a five day specialized training course in Sabah, Malaysia for 27 trainees from 12 agencies to help local enforcers find and dismantle criminal networks. The training course was supported by WWF-Malaysia.

According to feedback collected from participants:

- 5 participants found OSINT session interesting
- **All 27 participants wrote that they plan to apply this training to their jobs**
- 10 participants mentioned that there should be more practical/on-field training sessions and hands on activities





Indonesia CTOC

August 2022. Last year, over 11,000 recorded cases of illegal wildlife trade were pursued by Indonesian law enforcers. In response to ongoing criminal exploitation of Indonesia's marine wildlife, agencies from across the country convened to find and dismantle the organized criminal rings behind the poaching and trafficking that is causing serious harm to many species, like sea turtles, sharks, as well as critically important ecosystems.

Freeland conducted a CTOC in Bali for 35 trainees from 22 agencies in collaboration with Indonesia's National Police Security Maintenance Agency (Baharkam) and the Directorate General of Marine and Fishery Resources Supervision (PSDKP-KKP). TRIPOD partner IFAW also conducted a Care for Confiscated Wildlife course. Both trainings were supported by WWF-Indonesia.

According to feedback collected from participants:

- 21 participants mentioned that the OSINT was the most useful and interesting part of the training
- All 35 participants wrote that they plan to apply this training to their jobs

28

Training courses
conducted

455

LE professionals
trained

412

Rangers trained

120

Rangers
Mentored (OJT)

2

New ranger support
associations started

Africa

In 2020, Freeland convened the first Big Cats Investigation Group conducted in Karingani Game Reserve, Greater Limpopo Transfrontier National Park, Mozambique. Participants included law enforcement officers from Mozambique, South Africa and Tanzania. They jointly investigated trafficking of lion body parts and related forms of wildlife trafficking.

South America

- One book / full report on the legal framework related to counter wildlife trafficking in Brazil published
- Three technical notes on bills in Congress produced in Brazil
- Six detrimental bills "stopped" in Brazil
- 18 public speaking events in Brazil (one for a profile with close to 100k followers) and participation in two TV news pieces, increasing awareness about wildlife trafficking and its effects.
- In 2022, Freeland Brazil developed the "Detection of Transnational Wildlife Trafficking" CTOC online training, for 6 law enforcement agencies.
 - 100% of attendees perceived the abilities conveyed at the CTOC as relevant and planned to apply the new skills in their daily jobs
 - 100% of the interinstitutional groups applied the tools and were able to build a thorough operational plan for the training scenario, showing that they were able to learn skills or, at least, shift their minds to the relevance of applying them to wildlife trafficking cases, going beyond simple seizures.
 - Participants have a site on Teams and a messaging group, alongside the 2021 participants to coordinate, share and help each other.
- May 2021, Freeland Brazil collaborated with 6 law enforcement agencies to stop wildlife trafficking through the CTOC online program.
 - 65% of CTOC participants willing to organize a CTOC training session
 - 100% of CTOC participants claimed that they would like to be part of an interagency group in a real transnational case
 - **One high- level international trafficker arrested partly due to a coordination between officers who met during the CTOC**



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Argentina and Brazil



20h intensive course - online

+250 AGENTS TRAINED



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ONLINE LIVE COURSE





Intensive course 45h - online

Asia

30

Protected
areas
supported

10

SMART
supported
protected areas

15

Communities
reached during
awareness outreach

466

people reached
during awareness
outreach

5981

Students
reached in
schools

- Officers from the Royal Thai Police and Department of National Parks collaborated, with support from Freeland, to identify suspects possessing and offering to sell skins of tigers, leopards, clouded leopards, and other endangered species. Undercover buyers lured the suspects to a location in Kanchanaburi province where the arrest of 4 men and seizure of wildlife body parts was made during the morning of Tuesday February 15, 2022. Freeland provided investigation assistance to local police and is now working with provincial authorities to support mitigation measures to ensure local villagers refrain from killing the handicapped big cat and other tigers.
- From November 22-26 in 2022, Freeland and Wildlife Alliance conducted dual Thai/Khmer language educational and community outreach in the border area between Ta Phraya National Park in Thailand and Banthey Chhmar in Cambodia. The training followed up on one conducted in August 2022, when Freeland travelled to Cambodia to participate in educational and community outreach at Banthey Chhmar. These wildlife and environment-focused education activities are in support of bilateral efforts to conserve the Dangrak Ecological Corridor, a steep forested watershed that divides Thailand and Cambodia and is the most important water source for Northwest Cambodia and Northeast Thailand. Apart from being such an important water source for communities and agriculture, this forest helps mitigate the severe effects of climate change while providing safe dispersal routes for wildlife between the two countries.
- Oct 2022 Freeland held a training supported by The Thin Green Line Foundation to build the capacity of park rangers working in all three protected areas of Sadej Naikrom Krom Luang Wildlife Sanctuary on the Thai/Myanmar border. The protected areas are home to tigers, leopards, elephants, pangolins and tapirs, but there are many threats to these wildlife species in the region, and their numbers are generally low. The five day course was designed to give rangers the basic skills to permit safe and effective patrolling in the parks, including navigation, remote first aid, drills and discipline, patrolling tactics, silent field signals, take downs, and weapons safety.

25+

Countries use
WildScan App

7

languages in
WildScan App

172

Human wildlife
conflict
meetings

Asia

- On 19th March 2022, Freeland's Surviving Together Team conducted training related to identification of gaur and elephants with Ban Klong Sai villagers and community leaders near Khao Yai National Park. The objective is to improve safety among volunteers as they push the crop-raiding wildlife out of fields back into the forest. Eighteen villagers participated in this training activity.
- On February 15, 2022. Freeland's Surviving Together Team organized educational outreach activities to four schools near Pang Sida National Park. The fun-filled events are designed to raise awareness about the importance of various wildlife species including; tigers, pangolins and elephants and their respective roles in maintaining ecosystem health. Activities include discussions about wildlife and the threats leading to the decline and extinction of many species, especially at a local level in the protected areas close to where the students live. Information is disseminated through games, music and drama during which students learn more about wildlife. They are then invited to suggest how nature may be preserved from their perspective, using the media of mini-plays.
- February 28 - March 2, 2022. Freeland's Surviving Together Team organized enforcement ranger training courses at SDNK.
- Freeland's Surviving Together Team participated in the training program for patrol rangers protecting Pang Sida National Park, Sa Kaeo Province between 23 to 28 January 2022. A total of 41 officers attended. The activity was organized to validate previous training and to offer refresher training to keep the rangers skills effective. By providing ranger training it helps prevent and suppress offenses related to forest law and the National Park Act. The course included navigation, operations, discipline and ethics. This will improve the conservation of wildlife and forests in the Dong Phrayayen- Khao Yai World Heritage Site.



688

Human wildlife
conflict -
Community
patrols

38

no. of parks
surveyed for
wildlife

166

Human wildlife
conflict crop
damage
assessments

210

Human wildlife
conflict moving
wildlife

Asia

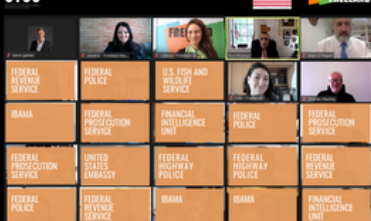
- Jan 2022 Freeland's Surviving Together Team strategized with Ban Klong Sathon villagers and community leaders near Khao Yai National Park on ways to reduce human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC). This particular community is affected by crop-raiding elephants, gaur, wild boar and sometimes macaques. They have made a decision to reduce retribution for damaged and lost crops, so they may live a more harmonious life alongside nature. They patrol every night to keep wildlife out of their fields, which is a very arduous, but quite successful way to prevent loss of crops and income.
- March 2021 Frontline Counter-Poaching. Freeland conducted its "PROTECT" Basic Ranger training for rangers in Pang Sida National Park, Thailand, home to tigers, elephants and also part of a world heritage site. Topics included laws, role and responsibilities, codes of conduct, first aid, navigation, enforcement tactics. There were 53 ranger participants. Instructors from the Border Patrol police, police, Military, the DPKY Hasadin unit joined Freeland.
- Frontline Counter Wildlife Trafficking. On March 16, 2021 Freeland, with support from USAID, trained 39 Thai officers from 5 agencies on how to identify and stop wildlife trafficking. The course was held in Sakeo near the Cambodia border.
- On September 30, 2021, Police Major General Piyapun Pingmuang, Secretary General of Thailand's Anti-Money Laundering Organization (AMLO), awarded Freeland with an official plaque of recognition and appreciation for its critical support of a multi-year, multi-country case against an international wildlife trafficking syndicate, which resulted in over 330 million baht in assets being frozen and seized. The case targeted multiple suspects based in Thailand who were suspected of trafficking endangered species across the country's borders, and laundering money from their related sales and purchases money.

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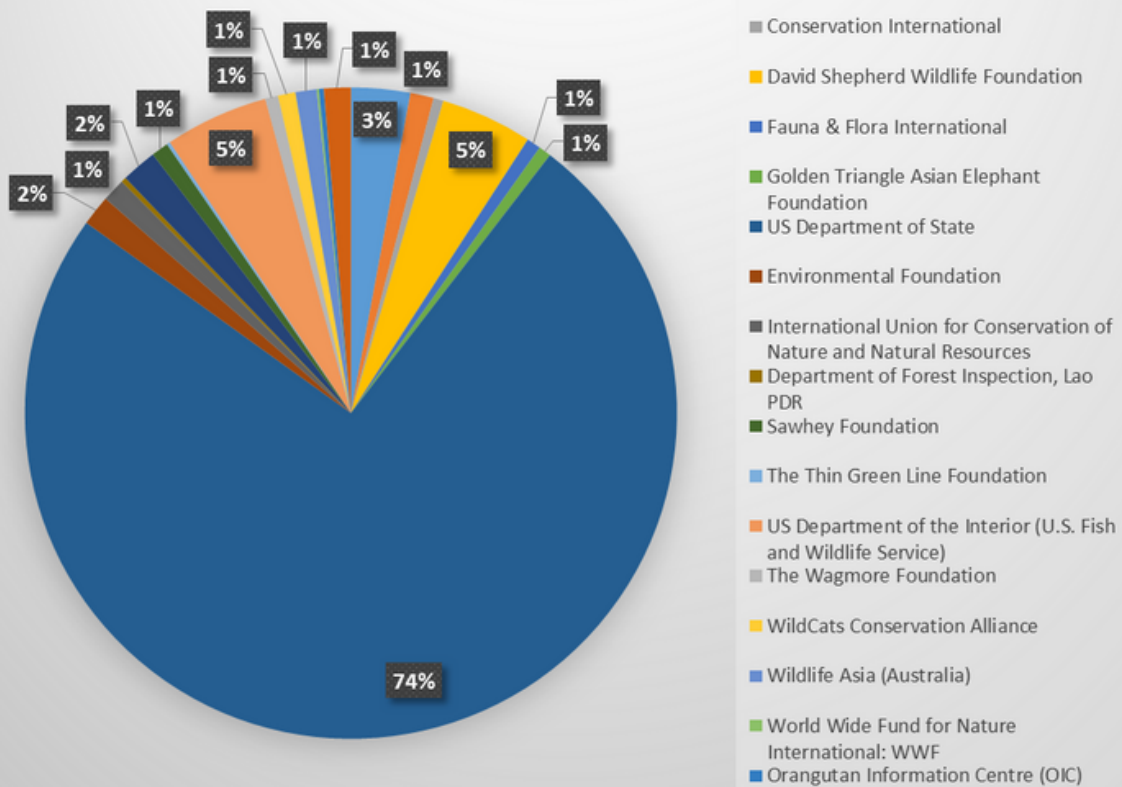


Intensive course 45h - online

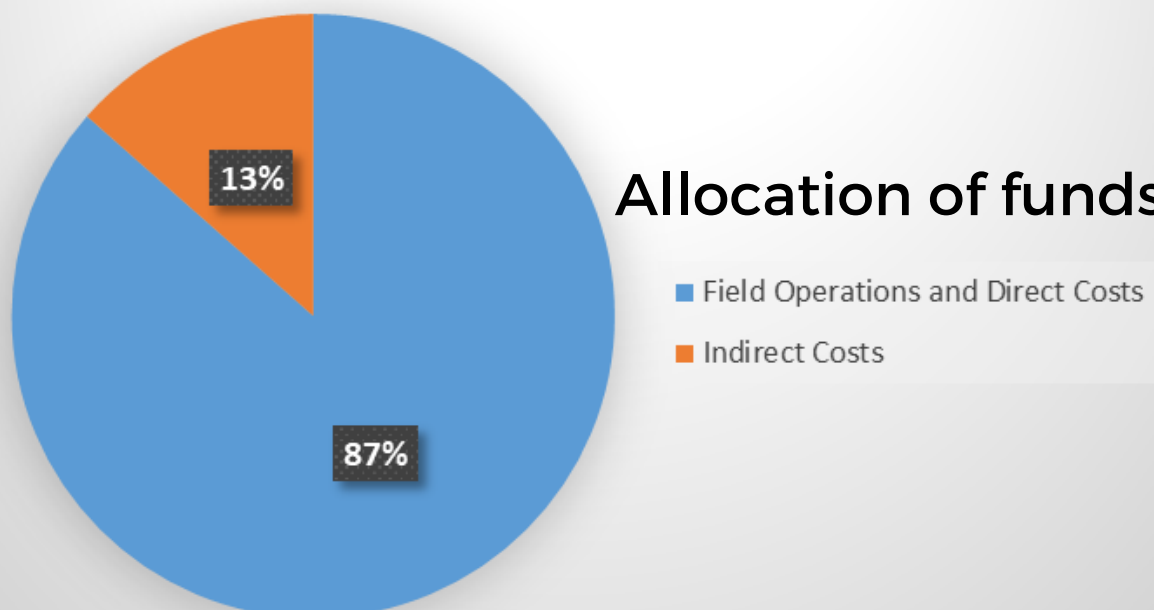


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Upcoming in 2023

Sri Lanka CWT Awareness, Capacity & Empowerment (ACE) Program

In 2023, Freeland will focus on continuing with the research and translations for WildScan for the region. In addition, under the INL-funded ACE program, the CTOC training package will be refined and a CTOC training course and Special Investigative Group meeting implemented.

TRIPOD Philippines in Jan

Freeland and WWF are all set to deliver the CTOC in Palawan in January.

Online Community: EarthTeam

Freeland is thrilled to be working on revamping how its Wildlife Protection Toolkit and CTOC Online course is made available to the global online community.

Regional TRIPOD CTOC-SIG in May

With the focus on strengthening LE networking, a SIG meeting will be held between enforcers from Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines to counter wildlife trafficking in the Sulus/Celebes Seas. Tools will be distributed to sustain/improve the SIG at national and regional levels. The network (SIG) is sustained by ASEANAPOL, TRIPOD partners and national agencies.

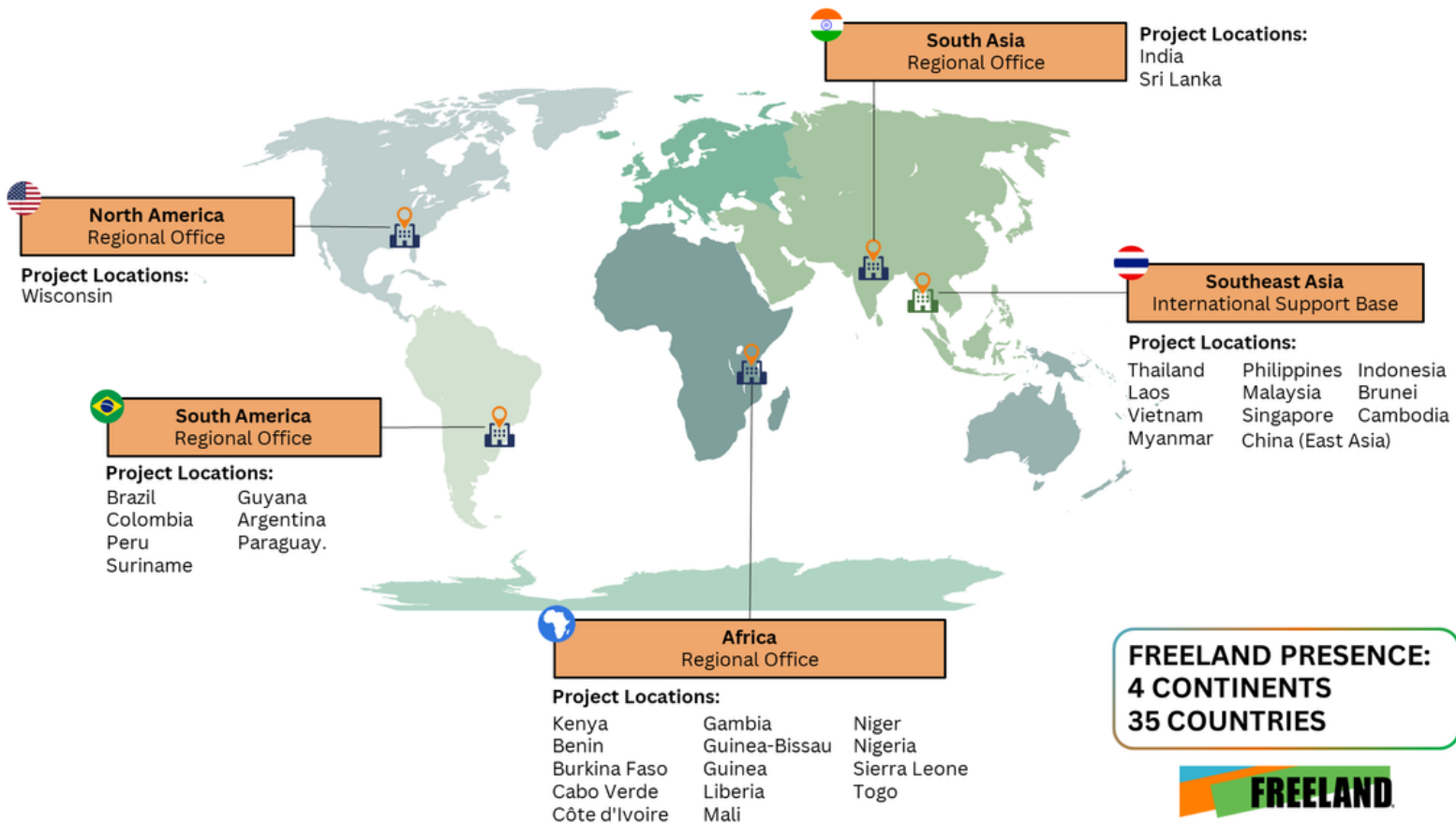
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