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Ms Sally Jewell and Mr Ha Cong Tuan, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) shared viewpoints on wildlife conservation strategy.

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## U.S. Secretary of the Interior visits the Turtle Conservation Centre (TCC), Vietnam.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2015, Sally Jewell, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, visited Cuc Phuong National Park, Ninh Binh province, Vietnam to tour the Endangered Primate Research Centre, Pangolin Conservation Program and Turtle Conservation Centre.

During her official visit to Vietnam she also met with senior government officials, including Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, to discuss ways the United States and the South Asian country can work together to combat the world's growing trade in illegal wildlife, which threatens to push to extinction species ranging from elephants and rhinos to marine turtles, tigers and pangolins.

Ms Jewell said, "I decided to visit Cuc Phuong, as it is a forest of rich biodiversity and is safe shelter for many rare and endangered wildlife that need conserving." She also gave positive comments on care and conservation of pangolins, turtles and primates in Cuc Phuong National Park. "So, when back home, I will share with my friends about the memories during this trip as well as suggest proposals to build comprehensive cooperation program between the two countries on wildlife conservation," said Sally Jewell.

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Primates are taken care of at Endangered Primate Rescue Centre  
of Cuc Phuong National Park. Photo credit: VietnamPlus



Ms Sally Jewell carefully handled a turtle at Turtle Rescue Centre  
(TCC) of Cuc Phuong National Park. Photo credit: VietnamPlus



Sally Jewell, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, and her fel-  
low-workers visited the Endangered Primate Rescue Centre  
(EPRC), Turtle Conservation Centre (TCC) and the Small  
Carnivore and Pangolin Centre (SCPC) of Cuc Phuong  
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