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Group photo of Ho Chi Minh city workshop participants on the 13th of April 2021. © SIE.

Workshops to support conservation in the Deo Ca Forest area, central Vietnam

Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam, in collaboration with the Southern Institute of Ecology (SIE) regarding the application of remote sensing and field surveys in protected area planning for the central highlands and central Vietnam area. In the first workshop, 25 participants from 7 provinces, including 9 representatives from relevant authorities in Phu Yen took part in the workshop. In the second workshop, 46 participants from the Biodiversity Conservation Agency (BCA) of Vietnam Environment Administration at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE), VNFOREST, Forest Inventory and Planning Institute (FIPI), provincial authorities, international NGOs such as Flora and Fauna International (FFI), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), SNV, and staff from various Protected Areas were invited.

During these workshops, presentations were made to present the current conservation work of Asian Turtle Program of Indo-Myanmar Conservation (ATP/IMC) and SIE in the Deo Ca area which highlight that urgent protection



Hoang Van Ha, Vietnam turtle program coordinator, presenting biodiversity survey findings with a highlight of urgent protection for Deo Ca area. © Tran Van Bang – SIE.

is needed for this biodiversity hotspot. Deo Ca is proposed to be listed as a new National Park under Forestry Planning, in the period from 2021 – 2030, with a vision to 2050 and is a focal site for conservation of the endemic and critically endangered Southern Vietnam Box Turtle (*Cuora picturata*).

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Tran Van Bang of the SIE presenting the Species Distribution Modelling method used in this project to identify potential areas for field surveys. © SIE.



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