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## (EXCLUSIVE): LANA CONDOR AND RE:WILD VISITED TURTLE CONSERVATION CENTRE IN CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK, VIETNAM



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(Hanoi, Vietnam) - On the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2022, the **Asian Turtle Program (ATP)** of **Indo-Myanmar Conservation (IMC)** welcomed Hollywood's emerging talent **Lana Condor** and the team of **Re:wild** at **The Turtle Conservation Centre (TCC)** in **Cuc Phuong National Park** in Ninh Binh Province, Vietnam. The trip to TCC is part of **Re:wild** and their goodwill ambassador-Lana journey to learn about conservation efforts across Vietnam to protect unique species for the future generation, with some species found nowhere else in the world.

During the trip to Cuc Phuong, Lana and the crew of **Re:wild** got to learn about tortoise & freshwater turtle species in Vietnam, with some species listed as critically endangered. During the guided tour by a staff of the TCC, Lana and her team got to see how TCC the turtles are cared for after rescue from the illegal wildlife trade, as well as the incubation of eggs and hatchling buildings used for conservation breeding of some priority species. The team was impressed by the variety of turtle species cared for by the centre, including some endemic species like the **Vietnamese Pond Turtle** (*Mauremys annamensis*), which is listed as **Critically Endangered** by the **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** and only found in the wild in a few provinces of central Vietnam.

The **Turtle Conservation Centre** in **Cuc Phuong National Park** is a world-renowned rescue centre for tortoises & freshwater turtles. Founded in 1998, the Centre has rescued, cared for, bred and released various turtle species. With the objective of conserving these unique creatures that have been present on earth for over 150 million years for future generations. In Vietnam, as is the case globally, the major threats to the survival of most tortoise and freshwater turtle species in the wild are illegal hunting and trade and habitat loss.



Thank you, Lana and **Re:wild** for taking the time to learn about tortoises & freshwater turtle conservation in Vietnam at **The Turtle Conservation Centre**. We believe that activities like this one will help raise public awareness about the importance of turtle to the ecosystem. Learn more about Asian turtle conservation and TCC at [www.asianturtleprogram.org](http://www.asianturtleprogram.org)



Mr. Hoang Van Ha-Vietnam Turtle Program Coordinator talks with Lana Condor about the work at TCC. Photo: Tran Thi Ngoc Hang (ATP/IMC)



Re:wild crew & Lana learns about the habitat of turtles. Photo: Tran Thi Ngoc Hang (ATP/IMC)



The team checked in with the Statue of Cu Rua- the famous Swinhoe's softshell turtle (*Rafetus swinhoei*)

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