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Summary Findings

## Wildlife Trade Survey in Thanh Hoa city, Thanh Hoa Province

### Introduction

Wildlife trade surveys were carried out by ENV in restaurants, hotels, and other commercial establishments in Thanh Hoa City of Thanh Hoa province aimed at documenting wildlife crimes and establishing baseline information that will assist local authorities and the ENV Wildlife Crimes Unit in combating illegal trade and use of wildlife.

The surveys were carried out on May 2, 2007 by members of the ENV Mobile Wildlife Awareness Team and volunteer students from the Thanh Hoa group of the Wildlife Volunteer Network.

### Methods

Survey teams visited restaurants, hotels, bars, and cafes within assigned areas of the city, and recorded whether wildlife and wildlife products were advertised, offered, displayed, or sold within the establishment. The teams also documented the name, address, and contact details of each location surveyed, including establishments for which no crimes were observed. Pho and other fast food establishments were not surveyed.

### Limitations

The number of establishments that were surveyed was small.  
The survey teams did not survey all districts within the city.  
Identification was limited to general species groupings (e.g. "porcupines").

### Survey Highlights

- **Survey findings:** A total of 20 restaurants, hotels, and cafes were surveyed in Thanh Hoa city. The survey teams documented wildlife crimes in 14 of the 20 establishments surveyed (70%). Six establishments that were surveyed did not sell or advertise wildlife.
- **Live animals documented:** Live animals or wildlife meat were observed in only two establishments. Observations included only porcupines and monitor lizards (Decree 32 Group IIB).
- **Menus and Advertising:** Wildlife dishes were advertised on the menu of only three restaurants. Menu items included monitor lizards and porcupines.
- **Bear products:** Five establishments offered bear bile or bear wine products. Bear paw wine was documented in one restaurant. Bear bile was observed or advertised in another four restaurants. A stuffed Asiatic black bear was observed in one restaurant. Bears are listed under Group IB of Decree 32.
- **Wildlife wines:** Only three of the restaurants surveyed offered wildlife wines. Wildlife in wine included snakes, geckos, unidentified birds, and bear paw and bear bile wine.

### Conclusion

The Wildlife Crime Survey resulted in five new wildlife crime cases under the management and tracking of the ENV Wildlife Crime Monitoring Unit (WCU). The WCU has reported serious violations documented during the survey directly to the Thanh Hoa Forest Protection Department and/or other functional agency/government bodies. For smaller cases involving menus and advertising, the WCU is working with restaurant owners to raise awareness and encourage owners to voluntarily comply with the law.

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The Thanh Hoa group of the Wildlife Volunteer Network will continue monitoring efforts to measure the effectiveness and response of subsequent enforcement and awareness actions following the survey.

This summary version of the report was compiled from the original survey report.

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## Stop Wildlife Crime

If you see wildlife in restaurants or other business establishments, contact your local Forest Protection Department or the ENV Wildlife Crime Hotline

Hotline: **1800-1522** Email: **Hotline@fpt.vn**

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