

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Vietnam	Project ID:	P162792
Project Name:			
Team Leader(s):	Thu Thi Le Nguyen		
Estimated Date of Approval:	30-Jun-2017		
Managing Unit:		Lending Instrument:	IPF
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	3.27	Total Bank Financing:	0.27
Financing Gap:	0		
Financing Source			Amount
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT - Associated IBRD Fund			0.27
Global Environment Facility - IBRD as Implementing Agency			3
Environment Category:	C - Not Required		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The proposed project development objective is to strengthen the policy and regulatory framework, and the related implementation capacity for endangered wildlife protection in Vietnam.

C. Project Description

The project activities fall under four different components, which include: (i) Strengthen legal and regulatory frameworks; (ii) Enhance capacity to implement and enforce more effectively Vietnam's wildlife protection related policies and regulations; (iii) Improve knowledge and support behavior change; and (iv) Project management. These components are detailed below.

Component 1: Strengthen legal and regulatory framework (US\$1m). This component would aim to harmonize legal instruments provided under national wildlife conservation related laws and regulations to make clarity on responsibilities of agencies engaging in endangered wildlife protection. The component would provide support to assess the implementation status of the 2008 Law on Biodiversity in relation to the protection of endangered wildlife and identify gaps. Informed by this assessment, guidance to improve the application of the Law towards more effectively protecting endangered wildlife in Vietnam would be provided. The assessment, along with other

recommendations (e.g. ICCWC toolkit) would form the basis for prioritized activities for implementation under MONRE's mandate. In close coordination with GoV and development partners, this component would also provide other technical assistance and advisory support and would support for the development of key tools and materials. This component will involve mainly MONRE, MARD and MOJ.

Component 2: Enhance capacity to implement and enforce more effectively Vietnam's wildlife protection related policies and regulations (US\$1m). This component would aim to increase inter-agency coordination and capacity of key enforcement and law implementation agencies at central, provincial and district levels to more effectively protect endangered species. In addition to strengthening the coordination of the Biodiversity Steering Committee, the implementation capacity of agencies would be enhanced through selected training on key competencies, knowledge sharing, development of manuals and tools, and the integration of illegal wildlife trade into other aspects of the national crime prevention strategy. This component would involve mainly MONRE, MARD, MOJ and enforcement agencies including MSP, MOF (Customs), Supreme People's Procuracy, and the Supreme Court.

Component 3: Improve knowledge and support behavior change (US\$0.72m). This component would aim to support knowledge development and sharing, and support behavior change to reduce demand for wildlife consumption. The component would focus on expanding the wildlife partnership platform as a networking and coordination platform to prioritize demand reduction activities; and designing and deploying initiatives for priority target groups to change wildlife consumption behavior based on recent market surveys. This component would involve MONRE, communication agencies and NGOs.

Component 4: Project Management (US\$0.28m). This component supports project management and capacity building for MONRE to implement the project. This component is expected to support project operations, financial management, procurement, and monitoring and evaluation. This component would mainly support MONRE in project management.

D. Project location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis (if known)

The project consists solely of technical assistance activities and does not finance any physical activity on the ground.

E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) will be the implementing agency. MONRE has implemented the Bank-financed projects in the past and is familiar with the World Bank safeguard policies and their requirements.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

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II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
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Environmental Assessment OP/ BP 4.01	Yes	<p>The project will provide technical assistance and capacity building to Vietnam in its efforts to protect the globally significant endangered species. It is anticipated that the project will have positive environmental effects.</p> <p>The project will not support any infrastructure investments. The project activities are technical assistance (TA) activities which aims at strengthening of endangered species protection policies, national enforcement capacity and partnership through training, small equipment purchase, piloting a model of multi-stakeholder anti-poaching patrol teams, and communication campaigns for behavior change and awareness raising on biodiversity conservation. Accordingly, the project is envisaged to not cause any adverse environmental effect.</p> <p>However, there is possibility that studies and recommendations for enhancing policy and institution for improved protection of the globally significant endangered species may lead to the policy development or revision of certain provisions of existing policies. Therefore, the TORs for these studies will embed the directions and principles of the safeguard policies. An analysis of potential environmental and social issues will be included in the TORs for policy and institutional studies which will need to describe how the identified issues will be addressed either through existing safeguard instruments or provisions in proposed policies and institutional set up. TORs will be reviewed by and have inputs from the Team's Environment and Social Development Specialists.</p>
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	No negative impacts to the natural habitats are anticipated as the project does not finance any physical investments. The project TA activities aim at protecting globally significant endangered species will surely not cause any significant conversion or degradation of natural habitats.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	The project is not expected to have any impact on forests.

Pest Management OP 4.09	No	The project does not involve pest management.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/ BP 4.11	No	Given the nature of the project TA activities the project is envisaged not to have any impact on physical cultural resources.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	The project supports will be solely on provision of TA to relevant agencies in Vietnam to enhance the protection of the globally significant endangered species. Thus, there is no adverse impacts anticipated on indigenous people. However, there is possibility that the policy and institutional studies and recommendations may lead to development or revision of certain provisions of existing policies that may involve indigenous peoples. Therefore, the TORs for these studies will embed the directions and principles of the safeguard policy of OP/BP 4.10 on Indigenous People. An analysis of potential issues related to indigenous people will be included in the TORs for these studies which will need to describe how the identified issues will be addressed either through existing safeguard instruments or provisions in proposed policies and institutional set up. To ensure a more systematic approach that analysis of safeguard implications is well-integrated into each study and TA activity, any TOR should be reviewed by and have inputs from the Team's Social Development Specialist.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	The project activities will not involve in land acquisition, relocation or restrictions of access to natural resources. However, considering that the policy and institutional support may have implications for provisions under OP/BP 4.12 on Involuntary Resettlement in regards to access restrictions, The TORs for these studies will embed the directions and principles of the safeguard policy of OP/BP 4.12 on Involuntary Resettlement. An analysis of potential issues related to restriction of access to natural resources will be included in the TORs for these studies to describe how the identified issues will be addressed either through existing safeguard instruments or provisions in proposed policies and institutional set up. Team's Social Development Specialist will be involved in

		reviewing and providing with inputs to the TORs to ensure the analysis of safeguard implications is well-integrated into each study and TA activities
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	The project does not involve activities related to new construction of dams and/or rehabilitation of existing dams nor rely on the performance of an existing dam or dam under construction.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	The project activities will not take place on any International Waterways.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	The project activities will not take place in any disputed areas.

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

Appraisal stage ISDS required?: No

IV. APPROVALS

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