

## About our partner Viet Nature

Viet Nature evolved from the BirdLife International Vietnam Programme, inheriting a prestigious 20-year portfolio of conservation successes.

They are committed to the protection and conservation of Vietnam's rich biodiversity, enhancing human quality of life and building sustainable development.

WLT work with Viet Nature to protect 20,000 hectares of highly threatened Annamite forest in central Vietnam's Khe Nuoc Trong. Viet Nature's mission is to research and apply sustainable solutions to nature and biodiversity conservation, to maintain and restore ecosystems, to manage natural resources sustainably, and to make appropriate responses to climate change.



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Red-Shanked Douc mother and baby in the Khe Nuoc Trong (above), western side of Khe Nuoc Trong (below)



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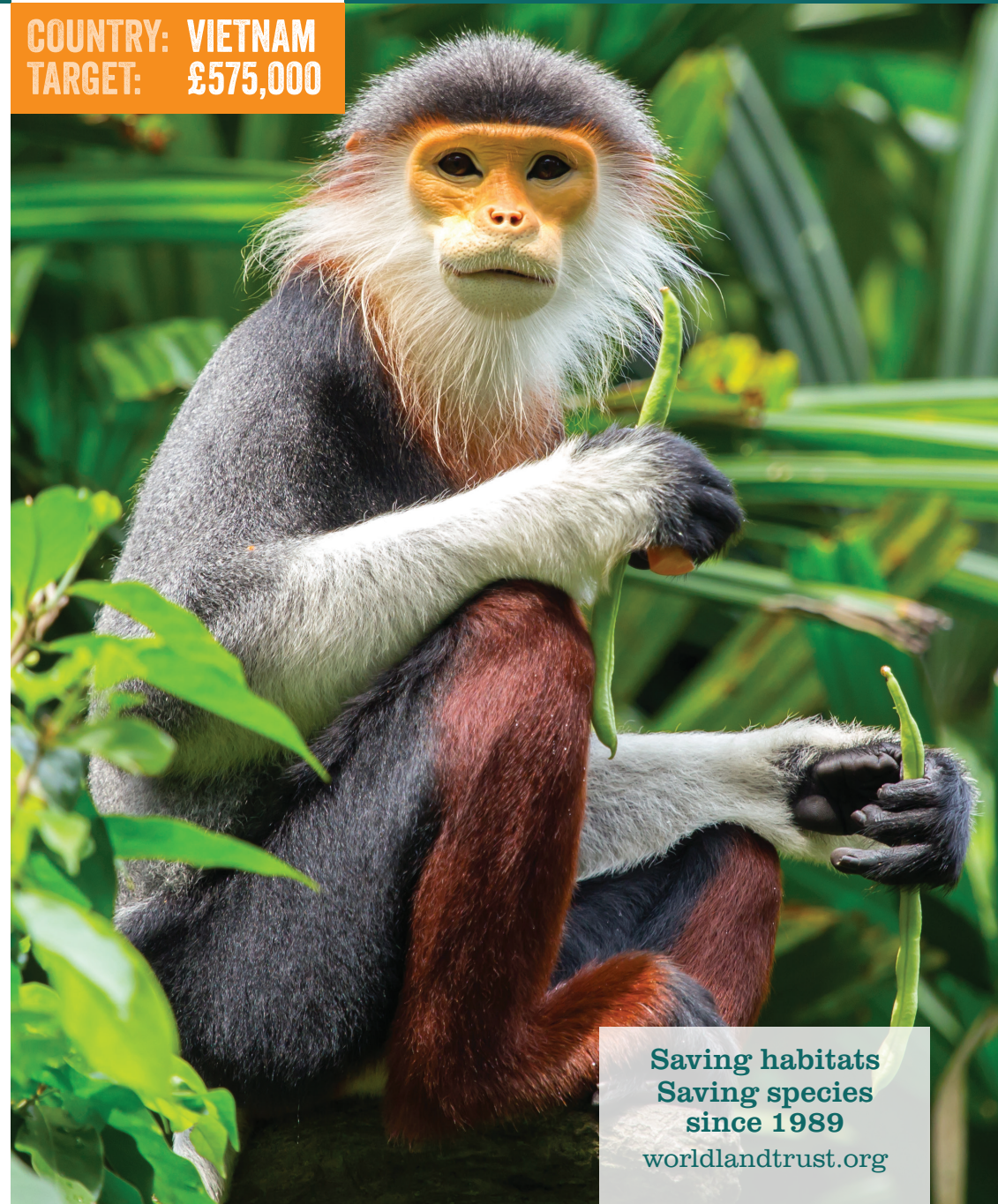
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## Scorched Earth to Forest Haven Restoring Vietnam's tropical forests

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**Scorched Earth to Forest Haven:** World Land Trust (WLT) and its local partner Viet Nature aim to rejuvenate a landscape still struggling to shed the legacy of the Vietnam War.

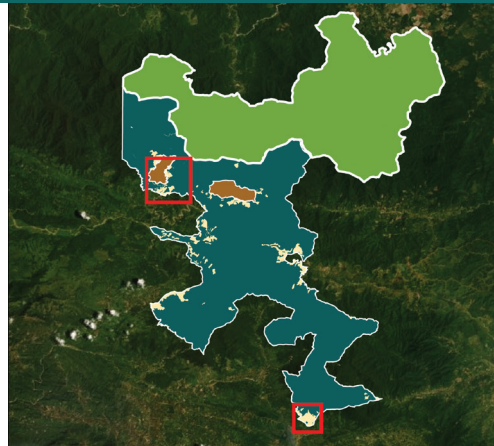
Widespread use of the herbicide Agent Orange 50 years ago led to a deforested and degraded landscape, covered in invasive grasses in place of the forest that previously thrived there.

#### How will the money be spent?

The money raised will go to Viet Nature to begin the process of restoring healthy tropical forest – a vital refuge for rare species. Re-establishing our target areas as healthy, biodiverse forest is no easy task. Your donation will help fund an ambitious, labour-intensive project to rejuvenate depleted soils, clear invasive grasses, nurture native tree seedlings and care for them until they're established.

#### Why is this project important?

Planting the seeds to transform Vietnam's scorched earth to a forest haven will not only restore a lost ecosystem, safeguarding biodiversity and increasing habitat range for many threatened species, it will also rebuild a healthy environment for local people, while tackling climate change by sequestering carbon.



- Location of reforestation areas
- Khe Nuoc Trong Nature Reserve
- Bac Huong Hoa Nature Reserve
- Community land

The appeal will support the reforestation of 246 acres of land (74 acres in Huong Lap and 172 acres in Huong Linh) and is a crucial step towards supporting Viet Nature's aim of restoring 3,500 acres of land in Bac Huong Nature Reserve that was affected by Agent Orange.



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## Restore forests, save species, fight climate change

Red-shanked Douc



#### Our vision for the forests

What could these areas of degraded land be like following restoration? Writer and WLT Council Member Simon Barnes visited Vietnam recently and describes *"walking into towering cathedral rainforest and getting the feeling of life going on all around you"*.

Vietnam is one of the world's most biodiverse countries – home to more than 13,200 terrestrial plant species and around 10,000 animal species. Its tropical forests are particularly rich in life, with no fewer

Sunda Pangolin



Crested Argus



than 25 primate species – 11 of which are critically endangered. Overexploitation and fragmentation of Vietnam's forests not only threatens its astonishing primate biodiversity, but also the future of numerous other endangered species. By restoring forest to link with existing reserves, we will not only increase forest area and lock away carbon but also make a real difference for Vietnam's extraordinary biodiversity.

#### Protecting Vietnam's biodiversity

Our aim is to reforest land that will contribute to one of the largest remaining areas of Annamite forest. Primates such as the colourful **Red-shanked Douc** (threatened by hunting and habitat loss) will find much-needed new territory, as will the **Southern White-cheeked Gibbon**, **Northern Pig-Tailed Macaque** and

**Stump-tailed Macaque**. Other threatened mammals that rely on southern Vietnam's forests include the **Annamite Striped Rabbit**, **Pygmy Slow Loris** and **Sunda Pangolin** (a victim of the illegal trade in wildlife), while threatened and regionally endemic birds include the elusive but spectacular **Crested Argus**.