

A History of the Vietnam Pheasant

- 1896 Edwards's Pheasant *Lophura edwardsi* described
- 1920s 28 birds sent by Delacour to Europe – founders of current captive population
- 1964 Vietnamese Pheasant *Lophura hatinhensis* described
- 1994 5 pairs of Edwards's Pheasants sent to Hanoi Zoo by WPA
- 1996 Rediscovery of Edwards's Pheasant in Vietnam
- 1997 A male Edwards's Pheasant confiscated in trade and sent to Hanoi Zoo to supplement the captive population with wild genetic stock
- 1999 Last record of Vietnamese Pheasant from the wild
- 2000 Last record of Edwards's Pheasant from the wild
- 2012 *L. edwardsi* and *L. hatinhensis* recognised as the same species
- 2015 First Edwards's [Vietnam] Pheasant Conservation Strategy and Action Plan
- 2018 First conservation breeding centre established in Vietnam
- 2030 Vietnam Pheasant reestablished in the wild?

The Vietnam Pheasant is probably
extinct in the wild.

Our goal is "sustainable persistence of the
Vietnam Pheasant in the wild by 2030."

Your help enables us make the difference.

Please get involved!

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Karlsruhe Zoo
Many *Lophura edwardsi* enthusiasts (in kind support)



Photo: Mulhouse Zoo

Saving the CRITICALLY ENDANGERED Vietnam Pheasant in the wild



Photo: Don Butler





Photo: Ariel Jacken

The Vietnam Pheasant is Critically Endangered and endemic to Vietnam. It was last seen in the wild in 2000. Since 2011, Viet Nature and its predecessor, BirdLife Vietnam Programme, have carried out intensive surveys using camera traps in its most suitable habitats, but have not yet obtained any records of the bird. Fortunately, there is a stable population in captivity, mostly in Europe and North America.

The first Edwards's [Vietnam] Pheasant Conservation Strategy and Action Plan (2015-2020) with Vision to 2030 was developed in 2015. To view it visit our website: <http://thiennhienviet.org.vn/ep/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/EP-Action-Plan-VN-EPWG.pdf>



Potential forest habitat of the Vietnamese Pheasant

Photo: Viet Nature

Key actions

- ▶ Protect remaining habitat
- ▶ Search for Vietnam Pheasants in the wild
- ▶ Establish a conservation breeding programme in Vietnam
- ▶ Awareness raising and resource mobilization

What has been done

Khe Nuoc Trong proposed Nature Reserve in Quang Binh Province is one of the key sites in the Vietnam Pheasant distribution range. In 2015, Viet Nature leased 768 ha of forest there for 30 years, as a site for future reintroduction of the Vietnam Pheasant.

Viet Nature has also acquired five hectares of land near the Khe Nuoc Trong forest to establish the first Vietnamese Pheasant conservation breeding station in Vietnam and a visitor centre.

Please join us...



...to bring the Vietnam Pheasant back to its homeland

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