



# Exploring the Impacts of Hunting and Logging on Endangered Gibbons and other Primates in Veun Sai-Siem Pang National Park, Cambodia



## Abstract

Approximately 60% of primate species are threatened with extinction globally due to hunting and habitat loss. Six confirmed primate species inhabit Veun Sai-Siem Pang National Park (VSSP) in Cambodia. Local people in the surrounding villages rely on the national park for food, traditional medicine, and income. Illegal logging frequently occurs in the park and in recent years there has been an increase in primate hunting. However, the hunting pressure on primates in the park and the impacts of logging on the recently described endangered gibbon *Nomascus annamensis* are unknown. Semi-structured interviews were conducted with local people in five villages surrounding VSSP to determine which primates are most hunted. Additionally, auditory sampling methods and vegetation survey were used to investigate the impact of logging on the density of gibbons in the park. This presentation discusses the results of this research and uses these findings to demonstrate the importance of continued research into the threats facing primate populations in VSSP.

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## Details

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## Zoom Link

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