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CONSULTATION AND TRAINING WORKSHOP

**DEVELOPING CAPACITY AND INFORMING PRIORITIES
FOR APE CONSERVATION UNDER CLIMATE CHANGE IN VIETNAM:
DISSEMINATION, IMPLEMENTATION, AND TRAINING WORKSHOP II**

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Opening remarks for Workshop on

Developing capacity and informing priorities for ape conservation under climate change in Vietnam:
Dissemination, implementation, and training

On behalf of the leadership of the University of Science and Education, The University of Da Nang, I warmly welcome you all and thank you for being here today at this crucial workshop on "**Developing Capacity and Informing Priorities for Ape Conservation under Climate Change in Vietnam: Dissemination, Implementation, and Training**". We are proud to organize this workshop, a vital step in evaluating the impact of climate change and enhancing research capacity for one of the most endangered groups of organisms in Vietnam and globally – the Gibbons.



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- Climate change poses one of the greatest threats to biodiversity today, with global warming endangering countless species and habitats. Vietnam is among the countries most severely impacted by climate change, and our biodiversity is significantly affected. Alongside other threats like habitat loss, ecosystem degradation, and overexploitation, climate change increases the extinction risk for endangered species unless we act swiftly.
- To effectively protect these species, we need to understand how they respond to climate change. Currently, we lack sufficient data and expertise to accurately assess the impact of climate change on almost all species in Vietnam.
- This workshop aims to enhance our data and research capacity on the impact of climate change on Gibbons, create a network connecting re-search units and management agencies in Vietnam, and promote collaboration in gibbon conservation efforts. It is also an excellent opportunity for young researchers to learn and exchange knowledge, particularly in using machine learning methods to model distribution areas and assess the impact of climate change on primates in Vietnam.



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- We are delighted to have representatives from research institutes, universities, conservation centers, managing authorities, non-governmental organizations, and national parks from Vietnam, Laos, and the United States. We extend a special welcome to Ms. Camille Coudrat, Director of the Anoulak Conservation Organization from Laos, and Mr. Daniel Lopez from the American Museum of Natural History for their attendance and support.



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We would also like to thank our partners:

- The Center for Biodiversity and Conservation at the American Museum of Natural History;
- The Central Institute for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, Vietnam National University, Hanoi;
- GreenViet Biodiversity Conservation Center;
- and the Acus Foundation, USA.

With these remarks, I hereby declare the workshop open and wish all delegates a productive and successful event.

Thank you very much!