Press release

**Ho Chi Minh City, 15 June 2011** - Wildlife At Risk (WAR) announces the results of its latest biodiversity survey from Ba To district, Quang Ngai province. The result from this survey is one of the first sources of biodiversity information of this area.

The survey was conducted in two weeks by WAR in cooperation with national and international experts in various fields of fresh water fish, insects (Dragonflies, Butterflies, Cerambycidae family, Lucanidae family), amphibian and reptile species, mammals and plants.

Preliminary results have recorded nearly 60 species of amphibians and reptiles in BaTo district, 32 species of mammal (including 15 species of bats) and 52 species of dragonflies. Notably, Taylor’s bug-eyed frog (*Theloderma stellatum*) – an endangered species found in the IUCN Red List, and Yellow-spotted Spadefoot Toad – an endemic species for Viet Nam. Some endangered species of mammal were also recorded during the survey, such as Gibbon (*Nomascus sp.*), Northern pig-tailed macaque (*Macaca leonine*).

"The list of animals and plants were found after two weeks surveying this area high-lighting the great potential for biodiversity in Quang Ngai Province. We hope that the findings of WAR will contribute to conservation and academic research", said Mr Nguyen Vu Khoi, WAR’s director.

The recent survey in Quang Ngai is one of the annual conservation survey activities of WAR. Modifications, additional records are anticipated.
About WAR

Wildlife At Risk (WAR) is dedicated to protecting the biodiversity of Vietnam by combating the illegal wildlife trade and promoting the conservation of endangered species and their habitats.

Founded in 2003 in Vietnam, WAR currently co-operates with government bodies, local authorities, institutions, organizations and individuals both nationally and internationally to implement it's initiatives in four provinces including Ho Chi Minh City, Kien Giang, Dong Nai and Can Tho. WAR is working in three areas including:

- **Wildlife education programmes** aim to raise awareness, improve knowledge, foster attitude and enhance skills for stakeholders so that they are able to make educated decisions to change their behaviours towards wildlife protection.

- **Enforcement programmes** aim to reduce the exploitation of endangered species and support the confiscation, rehabilitation and possible release of illegal traded wildlife. WAR is working with the Forest Protection Department to support, establish and operate the Cu Chi Wildlife Rescue Station, Cat Tien Bear and Wild Cat Rescue Station, and Hon Me Wildlife Rescue Station.

- **Conservation programmes** aim to identify the richness of biodiversity and to safeguard endangered species and their habitats.