

Our Vision:

"Keeping Cambodia's wilderness intact and connected, helping people protect their wildlife while sustaining livelihoods"



Weaving

Revenues from the tours will contribute to the protection of this wilderness area and support the livelihoods of the community through a community fund.



Sustainable honey collection

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Guidelines:

- Follow the instructions from the guides
- Do not litter
- Do not light fires
- Do not disturb, harm or hunt animals
- Do not take products out of the forest without asking the guide
- Do not eat wildlife meat
- Respect local culture and traditions
- Ask before taking photographs
- Dress properly before visiting a village

How to get there?

The Eastern Plains Landscape is located in the North East of Cambodia in Mondul Kiri Province and accessible from the town of Sen Monorom. To get there, in the wet season: take a pick up or taxi to Mondul Kiri, leaving from the taxi station near Dom Dek pagoda (Wat Dom Dek) behind the calmette hospital. In the dry season it is also possible to take the bus, leaving from street 118, behind the 3 tv channel.

Contact address for booking

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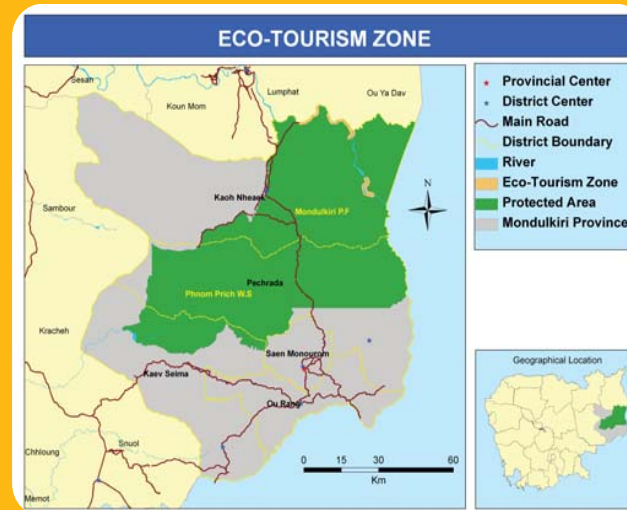
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For information about the project:

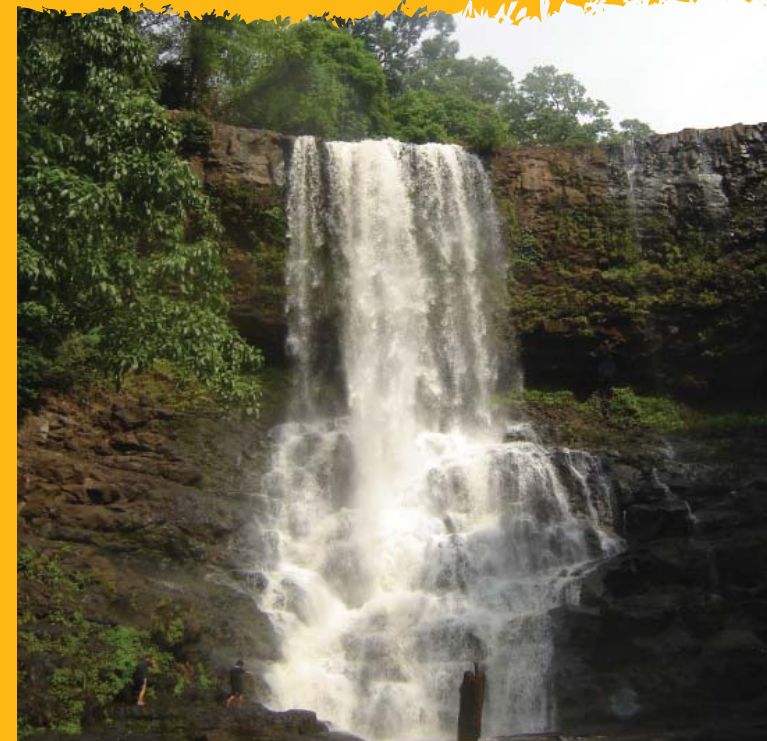
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www.panda.org/who_we_are/wwf_offices/cambodia/



ECOTOURISM IN THE EASTERN PLAINS LANDSCAPE



Our project:

Started in 2005, The Eastern Plains Landscape (EPL) project, located in north eastern Cambodia, covers 2 protected areas: Mondulkiri Protected Forest (MPF) and Phnom Prich Wildlife Sanctuary (PPWS). Both protected areas are part of the world's 200 most biologically important eco-regions. Spread over an area of almost 800.000 ha, the EPL contains one of the largest continuous stretch of dry- and semi evergreen forest in Southeast Asia; a mosaic pattern of natural habitats, including several small ponds and wetlands. This unique landscape supports a large population of endangered wildlife species, such as tiger, wild elephant, Banteng and Siamese crocodile. Several perennial rivers, containing large variety of fish, traverse the landscape attracting large numbers of threatened bird species and providing an important source of livelihood for the communities.



Wildlife

The landscape also hosts several indigenous groups, of which the Phnong is the largest. Most of these indigenous people remain dependent upon the natural resources for their livelihoods, therefore many of them are now enrolled in the ecotourism programme to provide an additional income and lower their dependence on the natural resources.

Explore the forest

Mountain bike trip (3 days, possibility to extend to 6 days)

Passing Phnong villages, enjoying magnificent views over the valley and discover the variety of vegetation in the forest. You might even see tracks of animals or spot wildlife at one of the waterholes. After the ride jump in the river for a good swim while you watch the village life pass by. At night the older people in the village can sing for you one of their traditional songs.

Extension of this trip goes to the core of the Mondulkiri protected forest towards the Srepok River. This trip will be organised via a tour operator in Phnom Penh or can be done separate when bringing you own mountain bike.



Trekking (1 or 2 days)

Experience the forest by foot while a local guide explains about the flora and fauna. At night you camp along the river. An elephant assists in carrying your luggage and supplies



Wilderness and river life (3 days)

Explore the last remaining wilderness area in Cambodia and learn from rangers about patrolling and protecting the area, feel the thrill of spotting wildlife during a night drive. Take a boat ride to a village and experience the life of the people along the river. Go fishing and assist on working at the rice fields or join a workshop on handicraft making.



Discover The village

Livelihoods (1 or 2 days)

Discover the daily lives of the Phnong people see how they collect the honey or resin, learn how to make baskets, and participate in the wild traditional dancing while sipping from some home brewed jar wine.



Phnong culture