

Wildlife-snaring crisis in Asian forests

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An elephant lays snared. Credit: WCS Cambodia

A very important article co-authored by WCS scientist Tony Lynam has been published in this week's *Science* about a crisis emerging in Asia from snaring, which is wiping out wildlife in unprecedented numbers.

Other authors include Thomas N. E. Gray of Wildlife Alliance; Teak Seng of the World Wildlife Fund; William F. Laurance of James Cook University; Barney Long of Global Wildlife Conservation; Lorraine Scotson of the University of Minnesota; and William J. Ripple of Oregon State University.

The article points out that use of homemade snares are largely driving unsustainable levels of commercial hunting in Southeast Asia to the point of extinction.

The authors also make recommendations for how this issue might be managed to avoid "empty forests."

More information: Thomas N. E. Gray et al, Wildlife-snaring crisis in Asian forests, *Science* (2017). [DOI: 10.1126/science.aal4463](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aal4463)

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