

Songbird trade in Southeast Asia

The image shows a dense arrangement of numerous wooden cages, likely for songbirds, stacked in multiple rows. The cages are made of light-colored wood with vertical bars. Many of the cages contain small birds, some of which are yellow and black. The cages are tied together with blue and green string. The background is slightly blurred, showing more cages and some outdoor elements like a black bucket and a broom.

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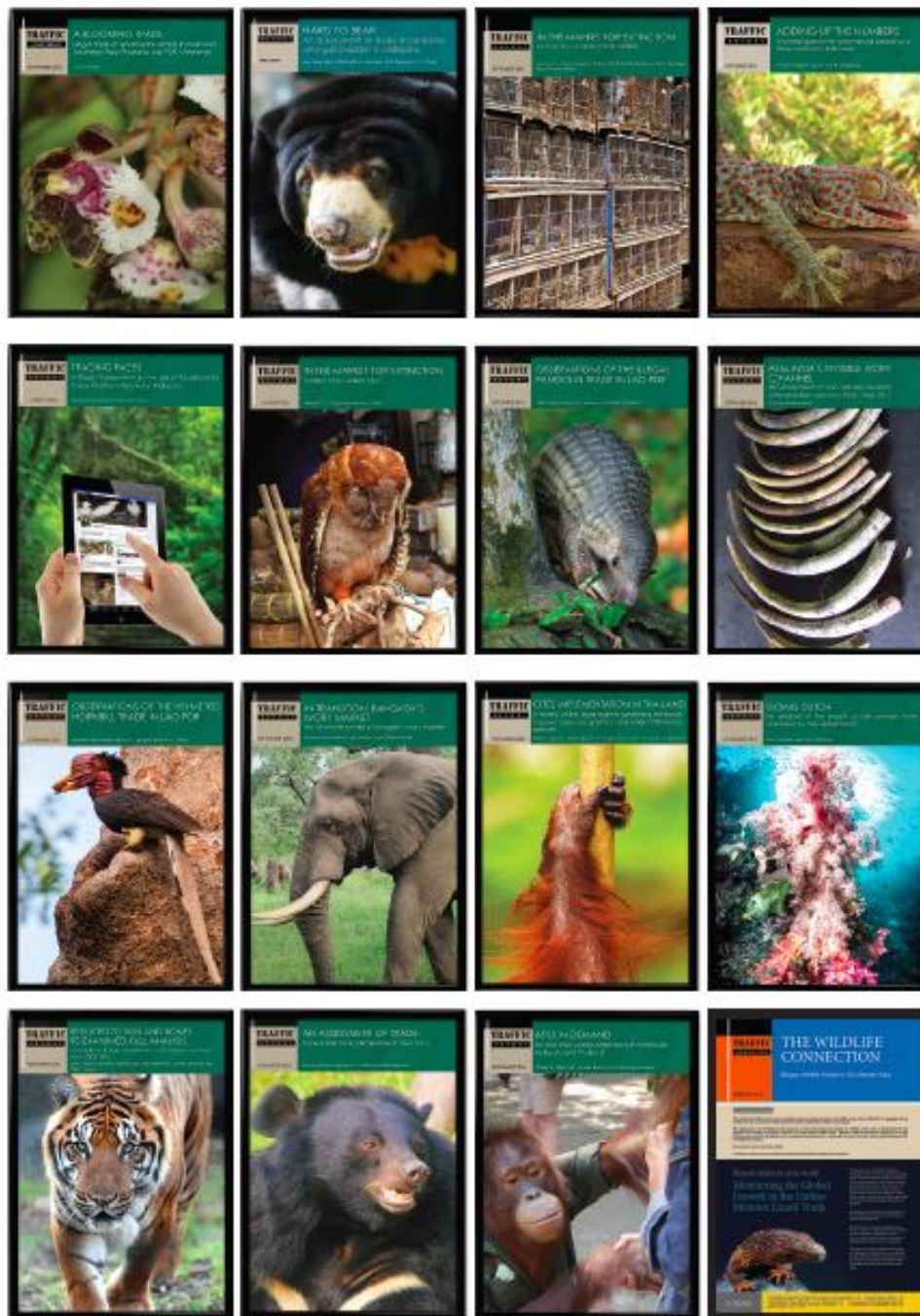
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Bird trade in Southeast Asia

1. Live animal

- Pet
- Singing competition
- Merit release

2. Meat

- Food

3. Trophy

- Head
- Feathers



3. Trophy



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2. Food





1. Pet





Motorbike vendors in Viet Nam





Singing competitions

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Picking the best singer



Merit release



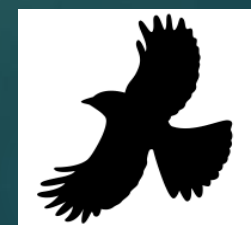
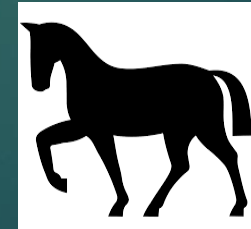
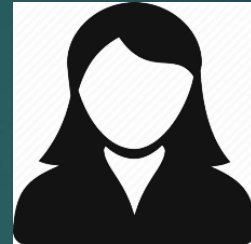
TRAFFIC's bird surveys



INDONESIA

Cultural desirability of bird-keeping

*“A man is considered to be a real man...”
(Byard-Jones, 2005)*





Jakarta 2014

- 19,036 birds
-
- 206 species
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- 3 markets
- 3 days



Surabaya, Yogyakarta & Malang, 2015:

- 22,911 birds
- 241 species
- 5 markets
- 3 days



West Java (Bandung), 2016:

- 3,178 birds
- 154 species
- 71 stalls



Sumatra (Medan, Pekanbaru, Palembang, Jambi), 2017

- 7,269 birds
- 130 species
- 4 days

THAILAND

Bangkok, 2016

- 1,271 birds
- 117 species
- 45 outlets
- 2 days





SINGAPORE, 2015

- 14,085 birds
- 109 species
- 28 shops
- 4 days

VIET NAM, 2016

TRAFFIC REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2017

CAGED IN THE CITY:

An inventory of birds for sale in Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam

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LEGAL BUT UNSUSTAINABLE?

Viet Nam's Unchecked Wild Bird Trade



KEY SPECIES AT RISK

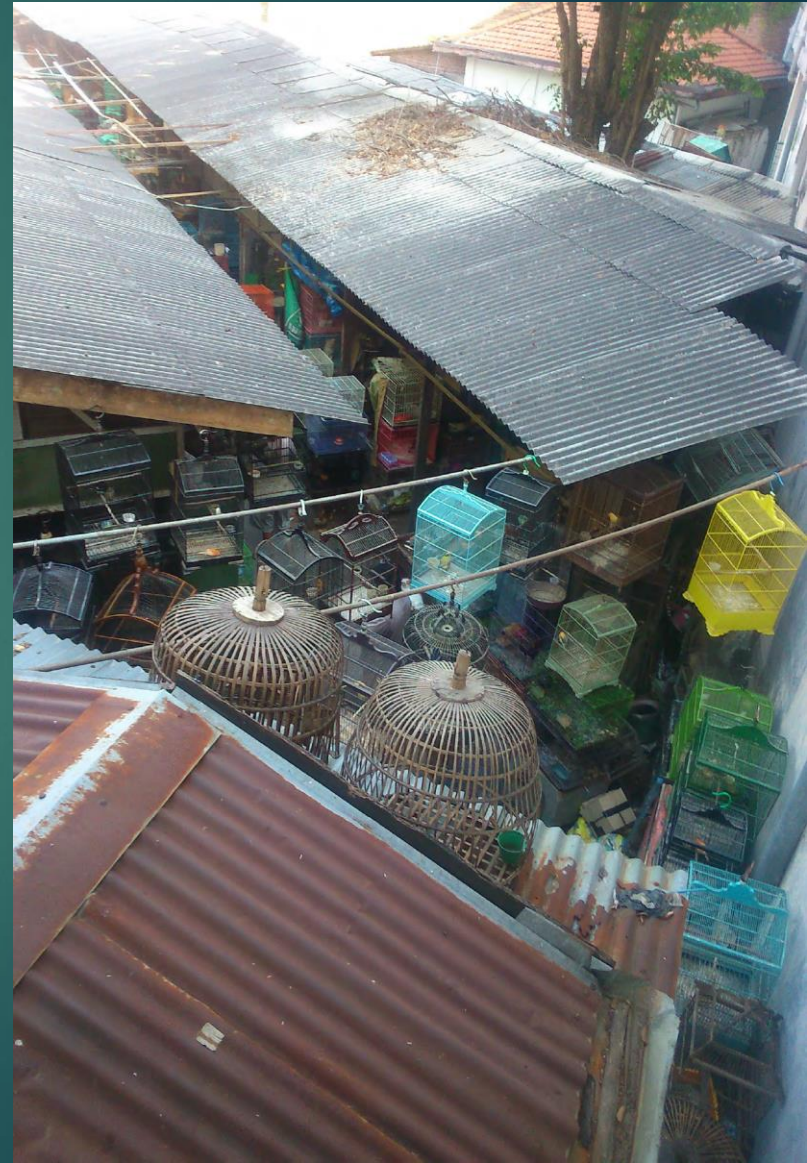


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Beyond the stats – identifies trends & issues

- ▶ Dominant species (native/non-native)
- ▶ Species of concern
- ▶ Trapping vs trade locations: Indonesia
- ▶ Prices over time
- ▶ Market appeal
- ▶ Shifting trends in marketplace

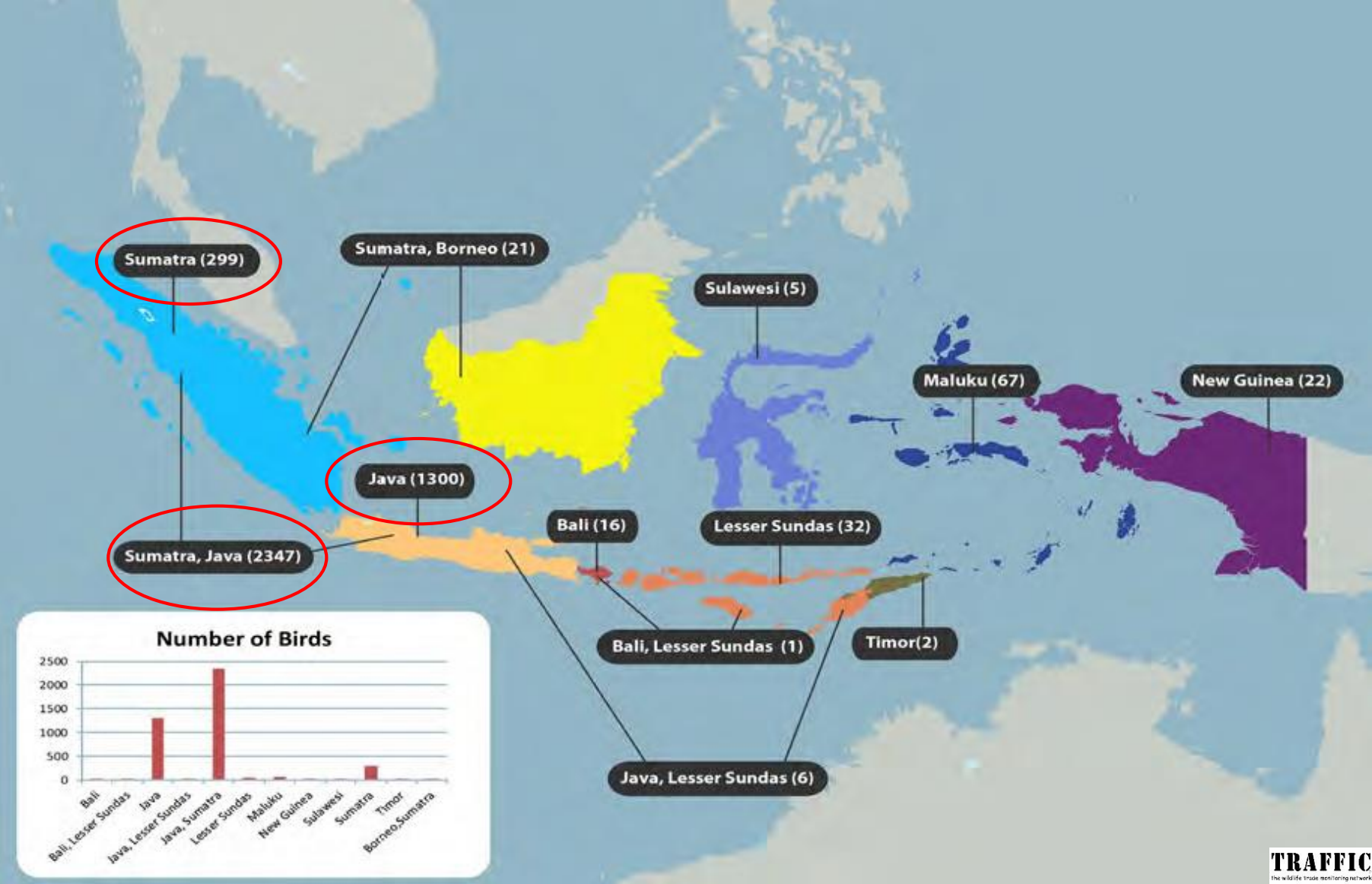


Species dominating markets (native/non-native)

- **Indonesia** – 90% of birds are native – most protected
- **Viet Nam** – 85% of birds are native – not protected
- **Singapore**: 80% of birds are not native (Indian Subcontinent, Central America, elsewhere in SEA)



Indonesian endemic sub-species observed in Jakarta markets, 2014

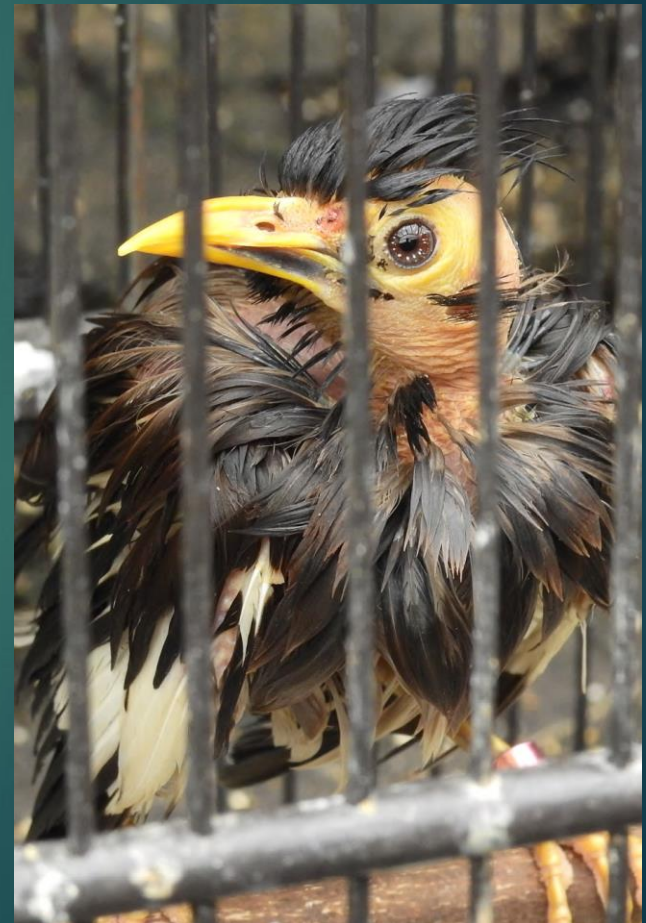


Beyond the stats – trend & issue insights



► Source vs demand : Indonesia

- Java – trade (45 000 birds)
- Sumatra – source (7000 birds)



Beyond the stats – identifies trends & issues



► Trends on species of concern

Kicau mania : Greater Green Leafbird in Indonesia -

- *Fashionable, increased trapping*
- *2014 – 2016: 3000 birds in Indonesian markets*
- *2014 – 2016: 13 seizure involving 2244 birds (Kalimantan & Sumatra to Java)*
- *~ 5000 individuals a month are imported into Kalimantan from Sarawak.*

• Price

- *1987: USD 2*
- *2014-2016: USD44 – USD 99*



Prices

Jakarta, 2014

	1987 (Basuni and Setiyani)	2009 (ProFauna)	2014 (Chng et al.)
Black-winged Myna	USD 12.50	USD 25	USD 270
Tanimbar Cockatoo	NA	USD 100	USD 215
Banded Pitta*	NA	USD 7	USD 43
Rainbow Lorikeet	USD 22	USD 27.50	USD 17
Greater Green Leafbird	USD 14	NA	USD 44
Straw-headed Bulbul	USD 18	NA	USD 547
Sumatran Laughingthrush*		USD 5	USD 90
(Shepherd, 2007)			

**Both species have recently been split, which means that individuals recorded in earlier surveys may now belong to separate species. It should also be noted that all banded pitta recorded in 2014 were Javan Banded Pitta.*

Market appeal

► Bleaching / colouring



Sunda Scops Owl, Indonesia



White-crested Laughingthrush, Indonesia



Red-billed Starling, Viet Nam

Physical to online market



Knobbed Hornbill:

3 juveniles advertised USD 3,479 each
4 adults advertised for USD 2,174 each

(June-July 2016)

CONSERVATION STRATEGY FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN SONGBIRDS IN TRADE

Recommendations from the first Asian Songbird Trade Crisis Summit 2015
held in Jurong Bird Park, Singapore

27-29 September 2015



1. Genetic and Field Research
2. Captive breeding and Husbandry
3. Community, communication, engagement
4. Trade, legislation, enforcement

Asian Songbird Trade Specialist Group

Species	Scientific Name	IUCN	CITES	Range States in Greater Sunda
Black-winged Myna	<i>Acridotheres melanopterus</i>	CR (2015)	NA	ID: Java and Bali
Common Hill Myna	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>	LC (2012)	II	BN, ID, MY, MM, SG, TH
Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	LC (2012)	NA	ssp <i>jalla</i> : ID only but probably extinct in wild, only in breeding facilities
White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>	LC (2013)	NA	BN, ID, MY, MM, SG, TH
Javan White-eye	<i>Zosterops flavus</i>	NT (2012)	NA	ID: Java, Kalimantan
Java Sparrow	<i>Lonchura oryzivora</i>	VU (2012)	II	ID: Java, Bali
Silver-eared Mesia	<i>Leiothrix argentauris</i>	LC (2012)	II	ID: Sumatra, MY
Straw-headed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus zeylanicus</i>	VU (2012)	II	BN, ID, MM, MY, SG, TH
Rufous-fronted Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax rufifrons</i>	EN (2013)	NA	ID: Java
Bali Myna	<i>Leucopsar rothschildi</i>	CR (2015)	I	ID: Bali
Sumatran Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax bicolor</i>	VU (2013)	NA	ID: Sumatra
Javan Green Magpie	<i>Cissa thalassina</i>	CR (2015)	NA	ID: Java
Oriental Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	LC (2012)	NA	BN, ID, MY, MM, SG, TH
Sumatran Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis media</i>	LC (2012)	NA	ID: Sumatra
Sunda Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax palliatus</i>	LC (2012)	NA	BN, ID, MY
Ruby-throated Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus dispar</i>	LC (2012, as <i>P. melanicterus</i>)	NA	ID: Java, Sumatra
Greater Green Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis sonnerati</i>	LC (2012)	NA	BN, ID, MM, MY, SG, TH
Orange-spotted Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus bimaculatus</i>	LC (2012)	NA	ID: Java, Sumatra
Chestnut-capped Thrush	<i>Geokichla interpres</i>	NT (2012)	NA	BN, ID, MY, TH
Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>	LC (2012)	NA	ID, MY, MM, SG, TH
Chestnut-backed Thrush	<i>Geokichla doherityi</i>	NT (2012)	NA	ID
Javan Myna	<i>Acridotheres javanicus</i>	LC (2012; as <i>A. grandis</i>)	NA	ID: Java, Bali
Pin-tailed Parrotfinch	<i>Erythrura prasina</i>	LC (2012)	NA	BN, ID, MY, MM, TH
Grey-cheeked Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus bres</i>	LC (2012)	NA	BN, ID, MY, MM, TH
Zosterops group (including Oriental White-eye)	<i>Zosterops spp.</i>	LC (2012, for <i>Z. palpebrosus</i>)	NA	BN, ID, MY, MM, SG, TH
Hill Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis banyumas</i>	LC (2013)	NA	BN, ID, MY, MM, TH
Asian Fairy Bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>	LC (2012)	NA	BN, ID, MY, MM, SG, TH
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	LC (2012)	NA	BN, ID, MY, MM, SG, TH

28 species

Tier 1

12 species: immediate action

Tier 2

16 species: further research, taxon-specific action planning

Collaboration with Zoos

Awareness campaign



Collaboration with Zoos

- Trade research
- Law enforcement and policy support
 - Awareness and communication



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suspicious
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