



Summary of Preliminary Procedures for Planting Microchips to Improve Management of Captive Wild Animals

(For two species: Asiatic black bear and sun bear)

This booklet was prepared to assist Forest Protection Department (FPD) rangers and managers in planning, implementation and monitoring of planting microchips into bears and other wild animals for long-term managerial purposes. The booklet was divided into four main sections comprising: survey and inventory stage; preparation stage prior to microchip implantation; implementation and monitoring stage; and reporting stage. The booklet contains several forms of commitment between bear keepers and provincial FPDs for animal husbandry, and minutes of planting microchips. FPD HCMC and all bear keepers in HCMC have signed these commitments and minutes. Microchip implantation is a pioneering activity proposed by Wildlife At Risk (WAR) to address the complexities of bear management. This action is also recognized as a pilot project on the management of bears and other wild animals by The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), FPD Vietnam and other relevant authorities (*Official letter from MARD, No. 964/BNN-KL, dated 29 April 2004*).