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*This competition supports the work of Save Vietnam's Wildlife.
Mr Thai Nguyen, Founder and CEO of SVW, is the patron for the 2023 S4P competition.*

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Competition Summary

1. This Information and Support Package is for the 2023 S4P Vietnam competition. It contains information about the competition categories and the judging criteria; it also provides some links to articles relevant to the theme.
2. You can participate if you are a secondary-school-aged student at school in Vietnam.
3. The topic for the competition is **Go Wild! Protect Vietnam's Wildlife**. The intention is that participants focus on the wildlife of Vietnam. All entries and performances must be based on this topic.
4. This is an online competition. All entries must be submitted through the portal link provided in this document and on the S4P website. Please note that **each student can enter only one submission, and each school is limited to seven entries**.
5. All submissions must be in English.
6. All submissions must be original.
7. There are three competition categories:
 - **Speaking** – prepared speeches of 3-4minutes. Note that all speeches must be in English. Students are asked to identify themselves as Vietnamese or Non-Vietnamese. Prizes will be awarded for Vietnamese and non-Vietnamese entrants.
 - **Writing** – 30-40 words. Submissions must be in English.
 - **Visual Arts** – paint, graphite, charcoal, pen, ink, textile, etc. may be used; the artwork must not be digitally created. Note that another option is comic/manga (4 panels maximum).
8. Research is vital. This package contains some links to useful information, but all participants are encouraged to do their own research.
9. Prizes will be awarded to each category (speaking, writing, art). Note that, for the speaking, there are two sub-categories – students who are Vietnamese, students who are not Vietnamese.
 - 1st - 2,500,000vnd
 - 2nd - 1,500,000vnd
 - Two Encouragement Awards of 500,000vnd will also be given for each category.
10. Closing date for the competition is 15 December 2023.
11. All participants receive a certificate and an exclusive poster delivered by email.
12. Please note that no feedback will be provided on submissions.
13. **By entering this competition, participants give permission for their entries to be placed on the Speaking 4 the Planet website and/or used on the Speaking 4 the Planet YouTube channel. Submissions may also be placed on the websites of Save Vietnam's Wildlife and other supporters.**

Participation is free!

10% of all funds raised in this competition will go to Save Vietnam's Wildlife to support their work in protecting Vietnam's wildlife.

If you have any questions, please contact Phil at phil@speaking4theplanet.org.au

A message from the Wild

It is essential to speak up for the protection of Vietnam's wildlife as they play a crucial role in maintaining a healthy and balanced ecosystem. These species also provide valuable resources and cultural significance to the local communities. However, the pangolin and many species are facing the extinction from habitat loss, illegal hunting, and trade, and it's important to raise awareness and take action to conserve them for ourselves and for future generations. By speaking up and supporting conservation efforts, we can help to secure a hopeful future for Vietnamese wildlife.

Thai Nguyen, Founder and CEO of SVW

Nguyen Van Thai is a Vietnamese conservationist who has dedicated his life to protecting the pangolin, a critically endangered species and the world's most heavily trafficked animal. He joined the Asian Pangolin Conservation Program (APCP) based in Cuc Phuong National Park as a volunteer in 2005, later becoming the program coordinator for captive management of carnivores and pangolins. During this time, he has completed many research projects and co-authored many papers that have been published in international journals.

In 2014, he founded Save Vietnam's Wildlife (SVW), an NPO that has rescued, rehabilitated and released nearly 3000 confiscated animals from illegal wildlife trade. SVW strives to save the last remaining endangered species, stop illegal wildlife trade and poaching, eliminate illegal wildlife consumption and champion the recovery and establishment of thriving wild species. To do this, the organisation works actively in these main activities: rescue and rehabilitation, habitat protection, advocacy, research conservation and education outreach.

Mr Thai was one of only six people in the world to receive the Goldman Environmental Prize in 2021. He has also been awarded the prestigious Future for Nature Award in 2016 and a recipient of the 2022 National Geographic Wayfinder Award.



A message for the future

Are you passionate about the environment and want to impact our planet positively? Are you ready to make a difference and be a voice for our planet?

*If the answer is yes, then I have an exciting opportunity for you! It's time to unleash your speaking skills and join the **Speaking 4 the Planet** competition!*

Sign up now and be a part of this exciting journey!

I'm Tue Minh, a secondary school student here in Hanoi. I am proud to be the **Youth Ambassador for Speaking 4 the Planet Vietnam** and to be a part of an initiative that is aimed at strengthening youth voice for a sustainable world! Together, let's speak up for our planet, inspire change, and create a greener, healthier, and more sustainable future for all.



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The reason I dedicate myself to helping animals so much is because there are already so many people dedicated to hurting them.

Erik Daniel Shein

American writer, philanthropist, pet enthusiast and animal health advocate.



1. Purpose of this booklet

Speaking 4 the Planet competitions create opportunities for participants to express their ideas for a better world. Participants are invited to prepare and deliver punchy, quirky, creative, and pointed submissions. They should seek to influence the thoughts, emotions, and actions of the audience.

This information package is designed to help participants prepare quality entries for the competition. It provides:

- Information on Speaking 4 the Planet and the competition categories
- Links to relevant websites and articles
- Judging criteria.

All participants are encouraged to research widely and build evidence-based, powerful, personal and global messages.

2. Speaking 4 the planet: changing the world, one presentation at a time

Speaking 4 the Planet (S4P) is an arts-based approach to sustainability education. It is a competition for secondary school students that invites students to express their views on matters related to the planet and the future – their future. S4P creates space and opportunities for young people to intertwine humanities and sciences, to philosophise about human actions, and to imagine a better world while standing deep in the science of the world they live in. Youth marches and student strikes are the very public faces of (climate change) protest. Speaking 4 the Planet is an equally powerful opportunity for students to speak up and advocate for a healthy future.

S4P events inspire young people to think creatively, independently, and courageously; they create space for students to ask challenging questions; and they provide opportunities for critical thinking – applause and jeers – about decisions made at various levels of government. S4P creates opportunities for youth voice instead of silence. The sustainability changes that the world needs won't occur by following existing dogma and practices. New thinking is required. Youthful thinking is required. The arts invite influential ways of communicating through school curriculum areas typically omitted from sustainability education. Speaking 4 the Planet is founded on the belief that science provides the information we need to achieve sustainability, and the arts deliver the vehicles for transformation. Science provides the data; the arts change the world.

Here's a video prepared to support the nomination of S4P for an international Earth Prize. It tells you more about the initiative and demonstrates some of the skills of the students.

[Advocates 4 the Earth - S4P - YouTube](#)

3. Competition partners

SAVE VIETNAM'S WILDLIFE

Save Vietnam's Wildlife (SVW) is a national Non-Profit Organisation in Vietnam founded in 2014 with the mission to stop the extinction and champion the recovery of threatened species in Vietnam.

Since its establishment, SVW has planned and implemented many long-term conservation programs and projects. Their on-site conservation activities include Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, Habitat protection, Conservation Research, Conservation breeding, Education Outreach, and Advocacy.

In 9 years, SVW has rescued more than 2,500 wild animals from 68 species, including nearly 1,700 pangolins - the Critically Endangered species. they have rehabilitated and returned more than 60% to the wild. In 2018, they established Vietnam's first anti-poaching unit, responsible for protecting wildlife habitats in collaboration with Pu Mat National Park. As a result, law enforcement in Pu Mat National Park has improved, the threats decreased by 80%, and increased the park's diversity and species richness. In 2021, they expanded this model to three more National Parks in Vietnam: Cat Tien NP, U Minh Thuong NP and U Minh Ha NP. SVW also carries out education outreach programs to educate and raise awareness for over 12,000 students in the buffer zones of National Parks, implement wildlife demand reduction projects and sustainable livelihoods for communities, providing direct and sustainable value in wildlife conservation in Vietnam.



Contact details for SVW [Save Vietnam's Wildlife - SVW - Save Vietnam's Wildlife](#)

PADDY PALLIN

Paddy Pallin has supported S4P since the beginning. Paddy Pallin is the first outdoor and adventure company in Australia, and it's also the first outdoor business to support S4P to connect with the next generation of environmentalists. Paddy Pallin sells clothing and equipment to help you get outside and into nature. Paddy Pallin wants to help maintain the quality of the environment so there's something to enjoy when you get out there!



www.paddypallin.com.au

4. Competition categories and criteria

There are 3 categories in this competition.

Speech – Participants prepare and deliver a 3-4minute speech on the competition topic.

Speakers will need to state clearly the problem or issue being addressed. They will also need to make links between problems and solutions and use techniques of persuasion that can shift the way the audience thinks and feels about the issues. The time limit is important. Please avoid reading your speech. Video your talk and submit the link.

Here are some public speaking tips: [Public Speaking Tips – Speaking 4 the Planet](#)

Here's an article with good advice on public speaking The Article: The communication habits that can undermine speakers' power [The communication habits that can undermine women's power – Speaking 4 the Planet](#)

Judging criteria: [SPEECH – Speaking 4 the Planet](#)

Writing – This category requires you to write 30-40 words on the topic of the competition. The writing must be prose, not poetry. Submissions that exceed 40 words will not be considered.

[Tips for Better Writing – Speaking 4 the Planet](#)

Judging criteria: [WRITING – Speaking 4 the Planet](#)

Visual Arts – Artworks need to be related to the competition topic. Artworks can be paintings or drawings. Paint, charcoal, ink, graphite, pen, textile, etc. may be used. Note that comic/manga is also an option in this category. The maximum number of panels is 4. The artwork must not be digitally created.

Please submit 3 photos of your artwork (taken from different angles).

Here's an article that may be of interest:

Art can Change the World

[Essay: Art can Change the World – Speaking 4 the Planet](#)

Judging criteria: [ART – Speaking 4 the Planet](#)

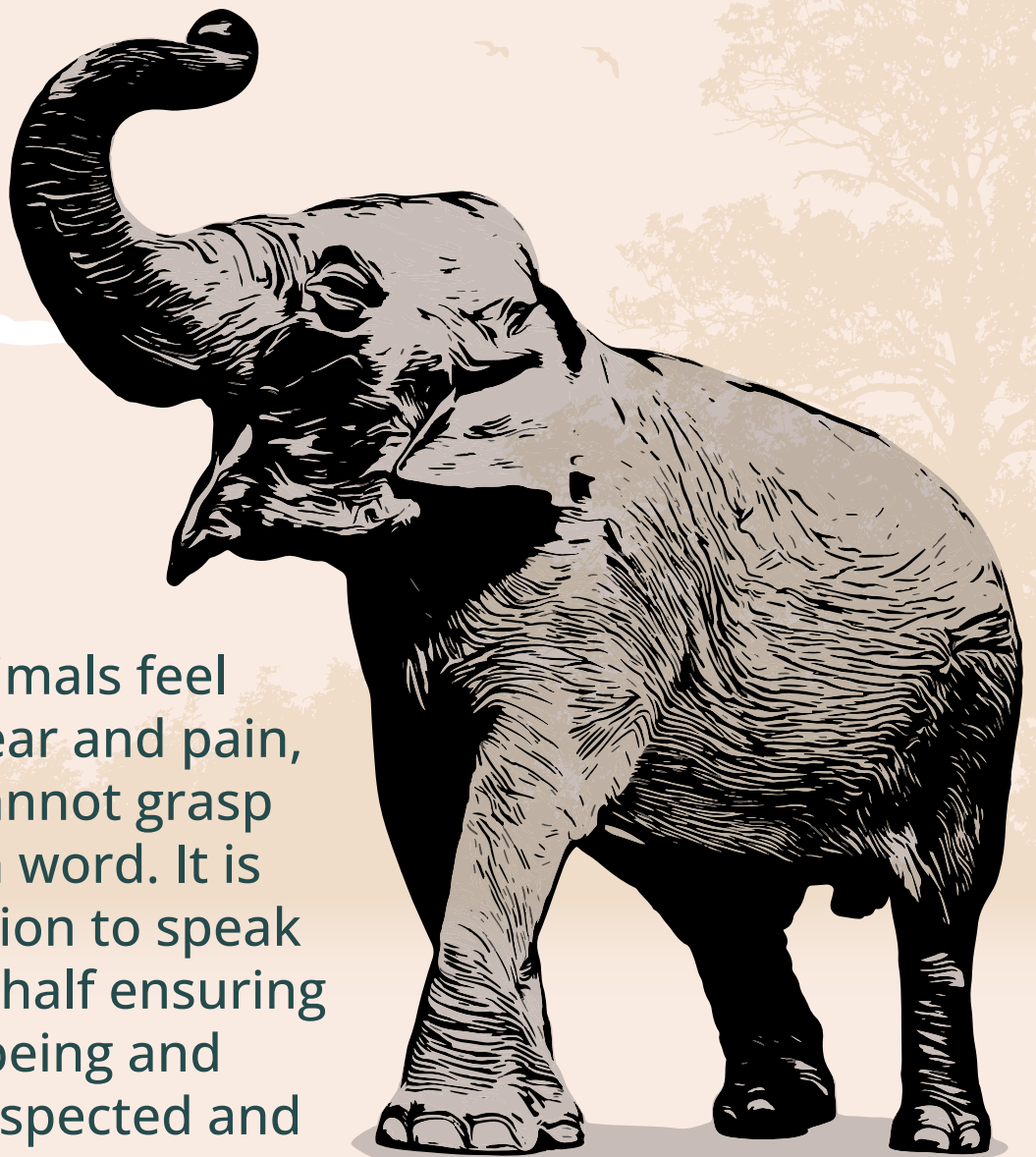


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Like us, animals feel love, joy, fear and pain, but they cannot grasp the spoken word. It is our obligation to speak on their behalf ensuring their well-being and lives are respected and protected.

Sylvia Dolson

Naturalist, wildlife photographer
and freelance writer.



Submission details

All submissions are to be made through the following portal. Click on the link – it will take to you a page with questions about name, age, etc., and it will ask you to upload your submission.

<https://forms.gle/qhJNfXQDfCswMzNi8>

To submit your speech items as a URL, you must create a channel in YouTube.

- You can sign in with your Gmail account and click on the user icon at the top right of the screen
- Click on the gear icon to get to your account's YouTube Settings
- Click on Create a new channel

Upload your video in the channel **and keep in as public or unlisted**. Do not use background music as it may lead to copyright violations.

- After logging into YouTube, click on the 'create a video or post' button in the top right corner of the page.



- From the drop-down menu, select the 'Upload video' option to be taken to the upload page.

While choosing a privacy setting option, select the option of **"Unlisted"** or **"Public"**. Once the uploading completed, add a title and a short description of your video.

5. Resources

All participants are urged to research the topic. This section contains several links to articles and websites that will help in the preparation of submissions. Participants are encouraged to do their own research as well.

Save Vietnam's Wildlife

<https://svw.vn>

Cuc Phuong National Park

[Welcome to Cuc Phuong National Park \(cucphuongtourism.com.vn\)](http://cucphuongtourism.com.vn)

Cat Tien National Park

[Home Page - Vườn Quốc gia Cát Tiên \(cattiennationalpark.com.vn\)](http://cattiennationalpark.com.vn)

Pu Mat National Park

[Vườn quốc gia Pù Mát – Vườn quốc gia Pù Mát \(pumat.vn\)](http://pumat.vn)

You can also look up many other National Parks and nature reserve areas in Vietnam. Such as U Minh Ha NP, U Minh Thuong NP, Van Long nature reserve, Dong Nai culture and nature reserve in Vinh Cuu

Bear Sanctuary of Four Paws in Ninh Binh

[BEAR SANCTUARY Ninh Binh - FOUR PAWS International - Animal Welfare Organisation \(four-paws.org\)](http://four-paws.org)

Bear Sanctuary of Animal Asia in Tam Dao

[Trung tâm Cứu hộ Gấu Việt Nam \(animalsasia.org\)](http://animalsasia.org)

Their short cute meaningful cartoon – “No Bear Left Behind”

[No Bear Left Behind - YouTube](#)

The wildlife of Vietnam

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wildlife_of_Vietnam#:~:text=These%20are%20broadly%3A%20Indian%20elephants,and%20lizards%20are%20also%20reported.

Vietnam: A biological diversity hotspot.

But much is being lost

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/01/travel/vietnam-wildlife-species-ecotravel-tourism.html>

16 Facts about Vietnam's Biodiversity

<https://env4wildlife.org/2020/05/21/16-biodiversity-facts/>

Forests – rich with biodiversity, but under threat

https://vietnam.panda.org/en/our_work/forests/

Endangered species in Vietnam

[https://www.itourvn.com/blog/endangered-species-in-vietnam#:~:text=Vietnam%20is%20also%20home%20to,monkey%20\(around%20200%20left\).](https://www.itourvn.com/blog/endangered-species-in-vietnam#:~:text=Vietnam%20is%20also%20home%20to,monkey%20(around%20200%20left).)

A video about the extinction of the Java Rhino in Cat Tien National Park

[Video: Hành trình tê giác một sừng tuyệt chủng ở Việt Nam - YouTube](#)

Animals in Vietnam

<https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/asia/vietnam/>

Endangered species in Vietnam

<https://www.itourvn.com/blog/endangered-species-in-vietnam>

Humans and wildlife

<https://www.idahoconservation.org/blog/animals-emotion-a-human-wildlife-connection/>



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