## **Project Update: April 2013**

The project has completed most of field surveys in the sites. The findings are very impressive. We found several rare conifers, especially a possibly new pine species in Xuan Nha Nature Reserve.

Please see our preliminary information from the survey published on the web:

http://www.nature.org.vn/en/news/projects/a-community-of-endangered-conifers-found-in-xuan-nha-nature-reserve/

and

http://www.nature.org.vn/en/news/projects/another-five-needle-pine-species-discovered-in-vietnam/

The articles were published in Vietnamese:

http://www.thiennhien.net/2012/12/31/phat-hien-quan-the-cay-la-kim-quy-hiem-o-khubttn-xuan-nha/

and

http://www.thiennhien.net/2013/02/18/phat-hien-them-mot-loai-thong-5-la-o-viet-nam/)

Discovering a new pine for Vietnam (possibly for the world) stresses the importance of the area for biodiversity conservation. Further work is implemented now.