

Project Update: July 2014

In June 2014, the project started by meeting with Management Board of Xuan Nha nature reserve and People Committee of Chieng Xuan commune. The workplan of project has been agreed with the two key partners. Two villages, Xuoi Quanh and Kho Hong, were chosen to participate in the activity of establishment of a Conifer Club. A local secondary school in Kho Hong was also suggested to be the key participant in the Club.

In July 2014, the project team conducted a field survey in the area of Pha Luong Mountain and has found a small population of the endangered conifer *Cunninghamia konishii*. That is the first time for the species to be recorded in the Xuan Nha nature reserve, as well as in Son La province. Information and photos of the finding has been published in the websites of PanNature in the following links:

<http://nature.org.vn/vn/2014/07/ghi-nhan-moi-ve-loai-ngoc-am-o-khu-btt-n-xuan-nha/>
<http://www.thiennhien.net/2014/07/13/ghi-nhan-moi-ve-loai-ngoc-o-khu-btt-n-xuan-nha/>



Figure 1 - *Cunninghamia konishii* in Xuan Nha nature reserve. Figure 2 - A dead stump of *Cunninghamia konishii*