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For centuries, Asian elephants have been integral to Cambodian culture and essential to ecosystem health. Today, Asian elephants are endangered largely due to habitat loss. With some of the most intact forests remaining in southeast Asia, Cambodia is a critical refuge for Asian elephants and many other at-risk wildlife.

Wild Earth Allies' mission is to protect vital areas of our natural world for the benefit of wildlife, habitats, and people by inspiring collaborative action. In Cambodia, we work to ensure Asian elephants remain in Cambodia's globally important forests. Together with community and government partners, we conserve millions of acres of key habitat in ways that integrate cultural values and enhance local livelihoods.

We believe investing in locally led conservation is key to turning the tide of biodiversity loss globally. In Cambodia, Tuy Sereivathana (Vathana) directs our community-based elephant conservation to create lasting, positive impact for people and wildlife. Also known as Uncle Elephant, Vathana is a National Geographic Explorer and Goldman Environmental Prize recipient.

We are delighted to be partnering with Stefano Ricci in this new edition of their Explorer project. Together, we will increase protection for Asian elephants and their forest homes in Cambodia. Thank you, Stefano Ricci, for supporting field research and conservation, reforestation, and environmental education to activate the next generation to protect nature.

With gratitude,

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