

Habitat Loss Deforestation: Logging, agriculture, and infrastructure development (such as roads) are destroying the dense forests of the Annamite Mountains where saolas live. Limited Research Little is known about saola biology, behavior, and population trends, making it hard to develop effective conservation strategies. Increased Hunting Pressure: Local hunting for bushmeat or illegal wildlife trade indirectly affects saolas by reducing prey species and increasing snares in their habitat. Poaching and Snares Bycatch in Snares: Although saolas aren't targeted directly, they often fall victim to wire snares set for other animals like deer and wild boar. 2.3.4.5.6.