



Dear Friend,

As we all look forward to the summer, stretching in the sunlight from the confinement of this past year, we finally feel hope for the future.

The spread of vaccines and a stronger international political will on environmental issues seem to confirm it.

The end of captive breeding and [canned hunting](#) of lions in South Africa, a potential ban on EU [ivory trade](#), the steep decline in demand for [seal products](#) or the upcoming UN Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP 15) in October in China, are among the things to follow.

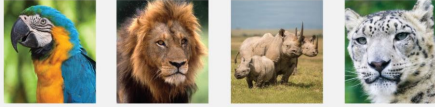
With this fourth issue of our newsletter, we wanted to share with you some of the latest work on wildlife cybercrime, the Belgian government's efforts to tackle underwater noise, continued threats to harp seals, and detection dogs sniffing out wildlife crime in Benin.

We hope you will find this content of interest, and, as always, we are ready to discuss any of these issues more in detail with you.

Here's to seeing each other, face to face, soon!

Online multi-stakeholder workshop

together to defeat wildlife traffickers:



**disrupting wildlife trafficking online
and through parcels in the EU**

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IFAW co-organized a webinar on [wildlife cybercrime](#), bringing together over 140 participants from various sectors to discuss the issue and come up with recommendations for better policy, prevention and enforcement. Read more [here](#).



three questions to... Vincent Van Quickenborne

We interview the Belgian Deputy Prime Minister Responsible for the North Sea, to discuss the impact of [underwater noise](#) on our ocean and possible solutions to tackle this issue. Read the interview [here](#).



from climate change to culls, threats against harp seals continue in 2021

IFAW was founded in 1969 to bring an end to the hunt for whitecoat harp seal pups on the East Coast of Canada. Despite an EU ban on seal products import in 2009, the [hunt continues](#), and it's not the only threat they face. Read more [here](#).



detection dogs sniff out wildlife crime in Africa to protect animals

In Benin, we're training detection dogs to help us disrupt trafficking networks. While incorporating high animal welfare standards, the program allows dogs to become an integral part of the solution for disrupting the illegal wildlife trade. Watch the video [here](#).

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