



In these difficult times, IFAW continues to work around the world so that **animals and people thrive together**.

The work we do on the ground can only be sustainable with the support of proper policies and sufficient funding to address wildlife and conservation issues. Our office in Brussels is dedicated to influence the European Union's policy, legislation and international agreements, as decisions taken by the EU can have far-reaching impacts, not only in Europe, but globally.

It is my pleasure to share with you the first edition of our EU Office's newsletter to keep you up to date with our work in Brussels and across the globe.

In the event you would prefer to no longer receive this newsletter, feel free to unsubscribe at the bottom of the e-mail, however we hope the diversity of content and the achievements our teams have accomplished will be of interest to you. We look forward to working with you to **protect animals, people and the place we call home**.

Staci McLennan
Director, European Union Office



Three questions to ... Catherine Bearder

We interviewed former MEP and founder of MEPs4Wildlife [Catherine Bearder](#) on the role of the European Parliament in addressing wildlife crime issues and the impact that COVID-19 pandemic will have on the protection of biodiversity. [Read the interview here.](#)



The EU fights against wildlife crime

More than ever, the need to control wildlife trade is essential, which is why the EU [should renew](#) the Action Plan Against Wildlife Trafficking. IFAW continues to advocate for a [ban on ivory trade](#). [Take our quiz!](#)



The world must change its relationship to animals

Weak sanitary measures and inadequate regulation on global wildlife trade have played a critical role in the pandemic. It is now imperative that the EU and Member States develop clear policies [regulating wildlife trade](#), with criteria to safeguard biodiversity and public health as well as animal welfare. [Read our Director's op-ed here.](#)



Community rangers in Africa continue to protect wildlife despite COVID-19

The pandemic is seriously impacting community rangers who continue to work in difficult conditions, [facing additional threats](#), to protect both wildlife and community members. [Read our Ranger FAQ here.](#)



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