



It has been seven months since COVID-19 was officially declared as a pandemic, our lives have been changed, and we must shift towards a new way of living, working, consuming and engaging with our environment.

This second issue of our newsletter will indeed discuss our relationship with wildlife, which was a key factor that led us to the immensely tenuous situation we find ourselves in today. Our latest report “*Beyond COVID-19*” addresses that fact and discusses a wide range of actions to **change the way we interact with our environment.**

Some of these actions are at the core of our international policy work, especially at the European level. As the EU looks at ways to build back better and greener, the EU Green Deal and the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 offer **ambitious prospects for the future** that must be aligned with external action. IFAW’s Director of International Policy, Matthew Collis, outlines **the important role of EU leadership** in this newsletter. **We are calling for programme and funding to protect biodiversity in the new EU budget.**

Our rescue efforts in the California [wildfires](#) or the patrol missions of our [Team Lioness](#) in Kenya can only be sustainable with the support of proper policies and sufficient funding to address wildlife and conservation issues. The role of the EU will be central in this regard, so that **animals and people can thrive together.**

Staci McLennan
Director, European Union Office



[Five questions to ... Matthew Collis](#)

Meet our International Policy Director, Matthew Collis, and read about the critical role for EU leadership to drive biodiversity protection on the continent and globally.

Read the interview [here](#).



[Beyond COVID-19: Preserving Human Health by Reinventing our Relationship with Wildlife](#)

Wildlife trade, habitat destruction, and loss of biodiversity are leading to an increased outbreak of zoonotic diseases. In this report, IFAW investigates ways that we can improve our relationship with wildlife and protect human health.

Read our [report](#).



[A new ranger outpost in Uganda for increased wildlife security](#)

With funding from the European Union, IFAW has worked with the International Union for Conservation of Nature to [build a ranger outpost](#) along the Uganda – DR Congo border, often used as a crossing point by wildlife criminals, to protect the Virunga National Park. Learn more [here](#).



Executive Vice President Francisco
European Commission
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Dear Executive Vice President Francisco,

Subject: EU Global Leadership on Biodiversity Finance

We are pleased to write on behalf of a number of the world's leading conservation organisations working in the Global South, including the Wildlife Conservation Society, Conservation International, Wildlife International, Wetlands International, The Nature Conservancy, ...

[The need for EU global leadership on biodiversity finance](#)

IFAW and other NGOs call on the EU to continue its leadership and set a 10% biodiversity target under the EU budget currently [being debated](#). The EU Green Deal and budget are critical to the recovery strategy and development aid [must address biodiversity](#).



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