

animal rescue impact report

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Elephant with handler at Panda Masuie.



the guiding principle behind animal rescue

At IFAW, we make no secret of what we believe is key to animal rescue success: preparedness. It is the invisible thread that connects each of the stories in this year's impact report.

This past year has not been without stories of heartbreak and loss, but through IFAW's knowledge, training, resources and involvement, we were able to come to the aid of thousands of animals around the world affected by the rise of natural disasters and human conflict. This year we also established important and lasting frameworks — through trainings, provision of equipment and the development of collaborative networks — to better prepare rescuers and communities across the globe. We continue to make sure that rescue teams can respond to crises quickly and effectively.

Animal rescue is not one size fits all, but we know that taking steps to prepare — whether through training, being well stocked with supplies or having crucial rapid response funds — improves the chance of survival for animals in need. Thank you for joining us on this mission.

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Water rescue operations during Hurricane Ida in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

ifaw to serve as trusted resource of best practices

Threats to animals have been escalating across the globe. Natural disasters, marine mammal strandings, poaching, illegal wildlife trade and human-driven conflict are on the rise. Demand for trained experts and crisis assistance has increased exponentially.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Suzanne McGraw Foundation, IFAW has opened the new Centre of Excellence (CoE), located on Cape Cod, MA. Through in-person and virtual trainings, workshops, courses, research and dissemination initiatives, the Centre will prepare and empower global rescue teams to operate safely, effectively and to the highest standards of care. All over the globe, caring professionals spring into action to rescue animals every day. By offering trainings and certifications focused on welfare and evidence-based techniques, we will improve the care of animals in crisis and save more lives.

IFAW has 50+ years of hard-earned rescue expertise to share and in the past five years the demand for that expertise has more than tripled. In that time, we have provided more than 125 trainings, reaching over 7,000 individuals in 35 countries. With the CoE, we anticipate that our training will double in capacity within the first two years, reaching as many as 10,000 rescuers annually and providing rescue teams with an additional layer of confidence and efficiency to respond in times of need. When safer and more effective rescuers are being deployed, animals in need get a better chance of survival.

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Happy the dog, owned by Ukrainian refugee Anna and her daughter, gets warm clothes and something to eat at the Ukraine-Poland border crossing in Medyka, Poland.

ifaw's plans to aid Ukraine in the coming years

When Russia invaded Ukraine in February, IFAW quickly provided funds to partner shelters, rescue and rehabilitation centres, zoos and sanctuaries throughout Ukraine and surrounding countries in Europe. In March, IFAW's trained responders deployed. In collaboration with the Polish veterinary authorities, we stationed veterinarians at Przemyśl train station in Poland, a key entry point for refugees. IFAW assumed control of the only animal care tent, which had been established by German NGOs Deutscher Tierschutzband (DTSchB) and the Bundesverband Gemeinschaft Deutscher Tierrettungsdienste (GTD). Nicknamed "the blue tent," it was located at the Medyka border crossing between Poland and Ukraine between March and June 2022.

We have also developed a multi-year plan for our continued efforts in the region. This multi-year plan focuses on improving animal welfare standards and practices, as well as rebuilding more resilient facilities, systems and wildlife habitats.

over 45,000 animals helped

2,425 dogs, cats & other pets aided by IFAW vets at "the blue tent"

3,355 animals assisted at Przemyśl

7,925 wild animals helped

52 responders (including 7 veterinarians) deployed

49 grants provided towards rescue & rehab centres, animal shelters, zoos and other organisations

over USD 300,000 worth of pet food & pet care supplies purchased and distributed

as of July 13, 2022

Photo: Michael Zomer / @IFAW



A refugee with her pet in a new carrier provided by IFAW leaves the animal service station at the Ukraine-Poland border in Medyka, Poland.

IFAW plans to address the welfare needs of companion animals and wildlife (both captive and wild) with four key priorities:

Protect wildlife and habitats. IFAW will provide funds and resources for wildlife sanctuaries, rescue centres and veterinarians to recover and rebuild. We will aid in habitat restoration and promote critical landscape conservation for vulnerable habitats. Injured, orphaned and displaced wildlife will be rehabilitated at rescue centres and eventually released back into the wild.

Develop infrastructure for animals in crisis. Promoting policies that improve the individual welfare of community animals and wildlife in Ukraine and the surrounding region is a key part of building a foundation of resilience.

Promote healthy people and animals. IFAW will collaborate with the Ukrainian government and NGO partners to minimise the risk of infectious disease transmission which could result from an increase in displaced wildlife and unmanaged community animals.

Plan for animals in crisis. IFAW will coordinate with other NGOs, Ukrainian authorities, local animal organisations, aid recipients and other stakeholders to develop a common strategy for the future of animal welfare in Ukraine - including those animals affected by this and future crises.

Your generous support during the Ukraine crisis allowed us to grant emergency funds at the onset of the conflict, when swift action was needed most. IFAW has earmarked most of the funding received to support shelters, rescue and rehabilitation centres and sanctuaries in Ukraine during the recovery and rebuilding phase. A portion of funds will also be allocated to our European Disaster Response Fund to address emergency aid as well as long-term rescue needs in Ukraine and the surrounding region.

To read all past updates surrounding IFAW's work in Ukraine scan the QR code.



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Veterinarian Andrew Kushnir with dogs belonging to Ukrainian refugee Tatiana—some of the dogs are in new carriers provided by IFAW.

the hidden impact of war

Earlier this year IFAW released a new report, *animals, people and war: the impact of conflict*. This report examines the history and connections between people and animals affected by conflict and the aftereffects on community animals, wildlife and habitats.

The impact of war can be observed in many ways, including habitat destruction, the degradation of food and water sources and noise pollution. Changes in the environment brought about by conflict affect each individual animal, family, community and species, the repercussions of which can last for generations. Conflict often results in the depopulation of towns, villages and entire regions and all too often, animals are left behind.

The collateral damage of the war will also destroy biodiverse ecosystems throughout the region. Ukraine's virgin steppes and old-growth forests aren't just home to thousands of other species; they are also humankind's

frontline defense against global warming. Acting as powerful "carbon sinks," these landscapes absorb gigatons of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. As wildlife disappears from these landscapes, so will the countless plant species that depend on animals to disperse their seeds. Domestic animals left behind will increase the stray population, resulting in poor welfare and possible disease outbreaks.

Knowing the interconnectedness of humans and animals in the face of conflict allows IFAW to plan and deliver solutions that benefit both animals and people. We will continue to advocate for all animals during times of crisis by providing readily available resources and expertise.

To read the report in full scan the QR code.





Billie-Jean, trained to locate koalas, is part of a collaboration between IFAW and University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC) Detection Dogs for Conservation (DDC).

how ifaw is working to save more lives

Natural disasters are increasing in frequency and intensity throughout the world, and having a plan in place can lead to lifesaving actions. IFAW has worked to prepare two previously hard-hit areas so that the next time a disaster occurs more animals will receive the care they need to survive.

Louisiana saw devastating effects from Hurricane Ida in 2021. IFAW was on the ground within 24 hours to provide state and local authorities, shelters and veterinarians with rescue and relief. In February 2022 our Disaster Response & Risk Reduction team returned, and along with partners across the state, provided trapping and veterinary care services during the first of several large-scale spay and neuter clinics, during which 221 cats and dogs across Southeast Louisiana were successfully spayed and neutered. By working proactively to control the stray population, we can ensure there will not be an influx of stranded and stray animals during the next hurricane season.

In **Australia**, bushfires have ravaged koala populations. IFAW and University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC) Detection Dogs for Conservation (DDC) have been collaborating on a ground-breaking research project to discover how resilient koalas are to bushfires and to improve recovery for affected populations. Throughout 2022, detection dogs have been sent to areas affected by the bushfires to look for koala scat. In May, detection dog Billie-Jean found scat matching eight separate koalas. The specimens are analysed by experts to understand how individual koalas are surviving post-fire. Data from the study will deliver critical information about why some populations rebound faster than others, which can help protect koalas in the future.

When IFAW responds to disasters, every dollar spent in preparation saves at least \$6 in response and recovery efforts. By ensuring a community has available shelter space, food, medical supplies and transportation for animals at the ready, response times become quicker, resulting in more lives being saved.

Scan QR code to watch how detection dogs help koala conservation.



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Moses with Paradzai Mutize, chief handler at Panda Masuie Forest Reserve, a vast 85,000 square acre habitat close to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe where IFAW works with Wild is Life-ZEN to reintroduce – and release into the wild – rescued orphan or injured elephants.

lost elephant claims his own family

The rescued elephants at the Panda Masuie pre-release facility at the Zimbabwe Elephant Nursery (ZEN), established by our partner organisation Wild is Life, sensed there was something in the forest outside of their boma (home). To the shock of the elephant caregivers, out of the bush walked a young elephant calf, completely alone. After the team opened the gate, releasing the herd, matriarchs Nora, Annabelle and Nkanyezi slowly approached first, with the rest of the herd following. In a beautiful scene, the elephants comforted the lone calf by rumbling, trumpeting and providing gentle trunk hugs. When the older elephants made their way back to the boma they brought home the newest resident.

The young calf, named Moses, was only eight months old. After 24 hours at the boma he was already drinking milk from a bottle and accepting food from the handlers. This was a remarkable accomplishment, given the trauma he must have undergone in losing his mother and also given that getting wild elephants to drink milk is often very difficult. These days Moses loves being part of the herd and going for daily walks in the bush. He has already encountered wild elephants, which is vital for his development, as handlers at Panda Masuie believe Moses is a viable candidate to be released back into the wild.

To watch an update on Moses scan the QR code.



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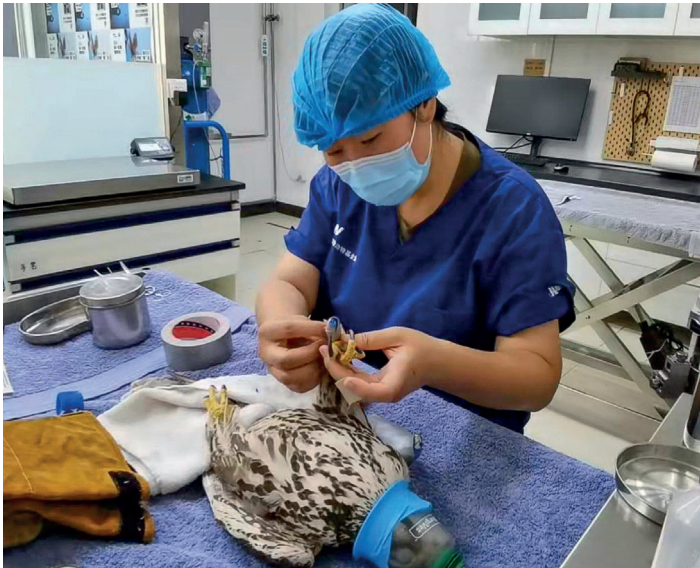


Mungil on top of her translocation crate on Dalwood-Wylie Island.

mother and daughter orangutans journey back to the wild

In 2011 Ucokwati was rescued from a waterpark where she had been kept as a tourist attraction. She was taken to a wildlife centre in Borneo, Indonesia, where her baby, Mungil, was born in 2013. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, funding for the centre plummeted. IFAW stepped in and with our partner Centre for Orangutan Protection (COP), successfully transported the pair to the Bornean Orangutan Rescue Alliance (BORA) centre. Caregivers were originally concerned that Mungil would have difficulty adapting, given her lifetime in captivity. She proved to be a resilient orangutan and is very adept at climbing and building nests. In April, mother and daughter were translocated to a training site on Dalwood-Wylie Island in the Busang Ecosystem, Borneo. The orangutans' journey included a 10-hour road trip and a 3-hour boat ride on the Busang River. BORA staff will monitor Ucokwati and Mungil for several months as they adapt to life in the Busang Ecosystem. It is the first time Mungil has lived outside of a cage.

Photo: Lei Zhou / @ IFAW



Rehabilitator Crane Zhang does a physical examination on a saker falcon

more than a job: a commitment to caring for animals

In 2001, the Beijing Raptor Rescue Centre (BRRC) was created as a joint initiative between IFAW and Beijing Normal University. Since its inception, the centre has cared for over 5,500 raptors, releasing more than 54% to the sky. May is a busy rescue month, as many raptor species migrate through Beijing during this time of year. May was also when the University announced that, due to a COVID-19 outbreak, they would not allow anyone to enter or exit the property.

When Crane Zhang, one of our rehabilitators, heard this announcement, she immediately packed her bags to care for the 20 raptors currently in rehabilitation. All the birds in the centre have a daily routine, and, at the time, three of them required daily medical care. Despite the shutdown, two of the raptors were able to be released. While the BRRC staff had anticipated the possibility of a shutdown in advance and stocked the facility with supplies staff would need to spend two weeks on-site, the government extended the quarantine of the University longer than anticipated. Despite her colleagues' attempts to relieve Crane, safety protocols required her to stay for a full month before another staff supporter could relieve her. For Crane and so many others on our wildlife rescue teams, the call to help animals in need cannot be ignored.

Scan the QR code to catch a peek of how Crane spent her days in the centre.



the impact felt around the world*

5,342 wild animals rescued and rehabilitated by IFAW's Rescue Programme

3,460 successfully released back into the wild all around the world, including:

- **183** koalas in Australia
- **5** Asiatic black bears in India
- **9** orangutans in Indonesia
- **4** giant anteaters in Brazil
- **12** African and Asian elephants throughout India, Zambia and Zimbabwe

80 animals rescued living in captivity that cannot be released to the wild



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Instituto Tamandua veterinarian Dr. Karina Molina oversees the rehabilitation of rescued giant anteater pups in Brazil.

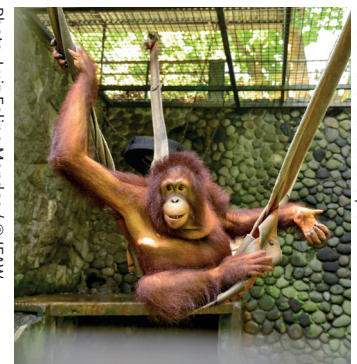


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Mungil the orangutan sits in a hammock inside an enclosure at Wildlife Rescue Centre Jogja, Yogyakarta, Indonesia prior to her translocation.



Photo: @ IFAW-GRI

Elephant calves Mbila and Zongo at Lilayi Nursery.



Photo: Amrit Menon / @ IFAW-WTI

Asiatic black bear cub being bottle fed at the Centre for Bear Rehabilitation and Conservation in the Pakke Tiger Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh, India.

rescuers in action

Photo: Kat Rose / @IFAW*



Responders release a stranded Risso's dolphin back to the ocean off Herring Cove Beach in Provincetown, MA.

Photo: Andrea Spence / @IFAW*



Close up of two of the rescued common dolphins swimming away from the MMRR team after being released at Herring Cove, Provincetown, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, March 27, 2021.

tracking rescued marine mammals

IFAW's satellite tagging programme began in 2010 to help track survival rates of stranded dolphins after rescue and release. At the time it was thought that single-stranded dolphins had no chance of surviving release without a pod due to their highly social nature. Many experts at the time believed they should be humanely euthanised. With the use of satellite tagging technology, IFAW has been able to push the boundaries of marine mammal rescue and provide evidence that healthy, single-stranded dolphins can be released and are able to integrate into a pod and survive.

Satellite tagging is a minimally invasive procedure. A tag is attached to the trailing edge of the dolphin's dorsal fin, which is made of fibrous connective tissue, like the human ear. After release, when the animal's dorsal fin breaks the ocean's surface as it rises for a breath, satellites pick up the signal from the tag. Most tags transmit for a few weeks

to a few months, which is a sufficient length of time to provide us with data on the dolphin's progress post-release. The path of the tag provides information back to our experts which indicates how well the animal is faring, if it has re-stranded and whether it is returning to its appropriate habitat. The tag is only temporary and is designed to detach after the battery is depleted. It costs around US 2,500 to tag one dolphin.

To date, IFAW's Marine Mammal Rescue & Response team has tagged and released 147 cetaceans of several different species, making us the world leader in satellite tagging of stranded dolphins. Using these tags and post-release monitoring, we have proven that rescued and released animals are not only surviving but thriving. In August, IFAW hosted our annual fundraiser, Party for a Porpoise, which raised over \$350,000 to benefit marine rescue and conservation work.

*Activities conducted under US Federal Government stranding agreement between IFAW and NMFS

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Humpback whale swimming in the ocean with its young.

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