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As we return from summer, for many a time to connect with nature, Europe and the world have been reminded that failure to protect nature not only contributes to biodiversity loss it comprises our best defence to climate change-induced natural disasters.

The [EU Nature Restoration Law](#), perhaps the most important piece of EU biodiversity legislation in the last 30 years, comes at a time of the rapidly progressing and mutually reinforcing triple crises of climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation. Yet it only passed in a narrow vote this July, and upcoming negotiations will be

crucial. IFAW will join forces with other stakeholders to ensure this vital tool of the European Green Deal is adopted.

With our vision for [Room to Roam](#), IFAW participated in the [Africa Climate Summit](#) this September where nations collectively acknowledged the value of nature and biodiversity for African development and the vital fight against climate change. All eyes will now turn to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change as the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) kicks off in Dubai this November. For more on IFAW's priorities, check out [8 nature-based climate solutions](#) that protect our planet.

Sadly, this summer was a stark reminder that disasters are escalating in frequency and severity around the world. IFAW recently responded to the ecological disaster resulting from [wildfires in Greece](#) and we're [rushing aid](#) and supplies to Morocco and Libya following a recent earthquake, storm, and dam failure. IFAW knows that helping animals impacted by disasters can contribute to nature's recovery as illustrated by this beautiful success story of a [koala bushfire survivor](#) spotted back in the wild with her second joey!

Read more about our latest work below. And please don't forget to add your name to the more than 85,500 signatories who have supported our [Blue Speeds campaign](#) to protect Europe's marine life.

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The EU Nature Restoration Law

With over 80% of European habitats deteriorated, the Nature Restoration Law aims to restore ecosystems, habitats and species across the EU's land and sea. The goal is to enable long-term and sustained recovery of ecosystem health and bolster resilience against climate change.

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The EU's role in shark trade

IFAW launched a new report this month, identifying the scale and economic value of the trade in shark products by the EU and spotlighting a potential lack of enforcement and underreporting of illegal trade by Member States. Not only is the scale of the trade staggering, but the EU also seems to provide a platform for transit of illegal shark products.

[IFAW's latest report >>](#)



Parliamentary elections

In June, the citizens of the EU will exercise their democratic rights by heading to the polls to elect their representatives for the European Parliament. We call for decisive actions by policymakers in 2024 and beyond, with the goal of creating a better world for animals, people, and the planet.

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Jack the elephant: saving one individual at a time

The information we receive from Jack's GPS collar is integral to our Room to Roam initiative. With every ping of Jack's GPS, we learn about the dynamics and travel habits of his herd. By pinpointing their routes, we can ensure those specific areas remain accessible and safe into the future.

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Why conservation needs private-sector investors

Currently, most climate investments focus on emissions reduction, carbon removal, or adaptation. Yet investment in nature is the most effective tool we have to address the climate crisis. To sustain the level of impact we've had to date, new approaches and partnerships can drive solutions forward.

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Human-elephant conflict: What it is and why it's a major threat

The world's largest land animal faces many threats, and so do the people who live alongside them. What is human-elephant conflict and what are some of its causes--and solutions?

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Photo 1: Forest fire near houses in Portugal. © Paulo M.F. Pires

Photo 2: A blue shark swims in the ocean. © Robert Marc Lehmann

Photo 3: European Parliament Building © Ruzanna Arutyunyan

Photo 4: Jack, a male elephant pictured in a boma at Panda Masuie. © IFAW

Photo 5: Zebras at sunset in Kitenden Conservancy, Kenya. © Donal Boyd