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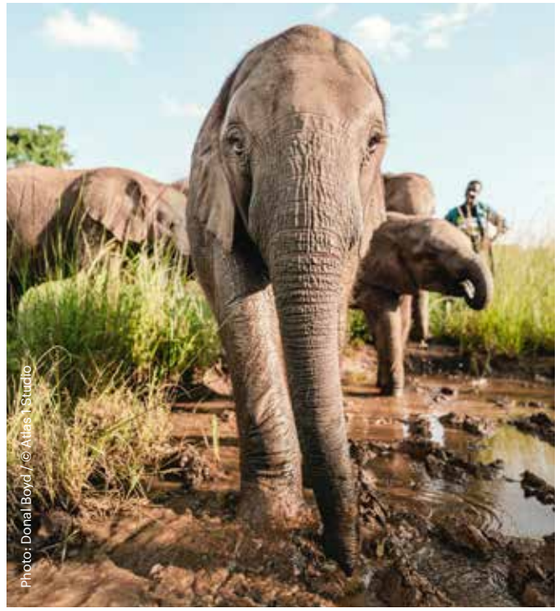

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Vision:
Animals and people thriving together

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Mission:
Fresh thinking and bold action for animals, people, the place we call home

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IFAW is a global network of affiliated non-profits, helping animals and people thrive together.

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Aerial view of the Flipflopi dhow in Lamu, Kenya.

Inspiration drives impact

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For over a half century, IFAW has been guided by two defining pillars: Animal Rescue and Wildlife Conservation. The Animal Rescue component is a sharp reflection of our belief that every individual animal matters; and Wildlife Conservation ensures that species have healthy, thriving habitats in which to live. Together, they form the foundation able to achieve a lasting impact—for animals, for people, and for the landscapes they share.

Equally important within this framework are the communities that live alongside wildlife. Their ancestral knowledge and generational stewardship are essential to ensuring lasting solutions. Over time, we have learned to recognise and strengthen the often-overlooked connections between people, animals, and landscapes. When these connections thrive, both people and wildlife benefit.

From forests and savannahs to oceans and coastlines, IFAW works on the frontlines to safeguard wildlife and the diversity of habitats they both depend upon and share with people. From disrupting wildlife trafficking through innovative technology, to addressing urgent rescue and disaster needs amid increasingly frequent crises, IFAW is committed to protecting wildlife and the habitats they rely on. IFAW also conserves marine and terrestrial landscapes as habitat loss grows ever more severe and urgent, supporting communities living alongside wildlife and helping to develop educational and vocational opportunities that sustain livelihoods and foster an active stewardship in conservation. And this is just the beginning.

This year, for example, IFAW has achieved historic milestones in combating wildlife trafficking and harnessing technology to protect species. In Europe, IFAW became the first wildlife conservation organisation formally designated as a Trusted Flagger under the EU Digital Services Act, enhancing our ability to flag illegal content online and disrupt trafficking networks. Working closely with the European Commission to address persistent loopholes in EU wildlife trade laws, IFAW also advocated for a comprehensive database tracking all wildlife imports to strengthen enforcement and accountability.

Building on these efforts, IFAW partnered with Baidu, Inc.—one of China's leading search engines and a global pioneer in artificial intelligence technology—to launch AI Guardian 2.0, an upgraded artificial intelligence tool capable of identifying 34 commonly trafficked species. The AI Guardian series, applied globally, has screened over 410,000 images, flagged more than 33,000 target photos, and helped remove over 13,000 illegal wildlife listings from online platforms since 2020.

Our marine conservation efforts also made significant strides this year. The Blue Speeds initiative rallied 258,000 citizens to support modest reductions in vessel speeds, a simple step lowering ship-strike risk, reducing underwater noise, and cutting overall emissions. In Greece's Hellenic Trench, 13 shipping companies adjusted routes to protect endangered sperm whales, cutting strike risk by an estimated 36%. In the United States, Automatic Identification System (AIS) technology, supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Coast Guard, now delivers safety and navigation messages to vessels in right whale habitats. Twenty-five stations are already operational, with 16 more pending. The WhaleAlert app, expanded to European waters, now enables 2,200 mariners to log more than 9,000 whale sightings in real time, significantly increasing awareness and effectively preventing collisions.

On land, partnerships and innovation have turned challenges into opportunity. In Kenya, The Flipflopi Project, supported by IFAW, transformed ocean plastics into actual sailing vessels (called dhows), creating livelihoods while reducing marine debris. In Australia, five years after the Black Summer wildfires, IFAW and 31 partners supported 21 communities by planting over 100,000 trees, restoring more than 60 hectares of habitat, and establishing climate corridors for koalas and nearly 30 other native species.

Supporting those on the frontlines of conservation remains a top priority. Across Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Kenya, we continue to invest in ranger welfare—upgrading housing, providing essential equipment and supplies, and improving patrol logistics. Frontline workers cannot effectively protect wildlife if they lack the basic necessities to do their work. In Zimbabwe`s Matetsi Unit 5 and the greater Hwange ecosystem, we invested over US$1 million to build new ranger houses, equip teams, strengthen law enforcement infrastructure and deploy the Earth Ranger system to monitor elephant movements as part of human-wildlife conflict early detection system and corridor connectivity mapping. Meanwhile, in Kenya, marine rangers received specialised training and equipment to improve the rescue and protection of marine mammals and sea turtles.

Local stewardship continues to anchor our work. The Illaingarunyoni Conservancy in Kenya now safeguards 29,000 acres of critical habitat, protecting 2,200 elephants, pangolins, painted dogs, and bat-eared foxes. It remains the only continuous corridor between Amboseli and the Loita–Maasai Mara ecosystem. Through a partnership with the Maasai community, this conservancy exemplifies shared stewardship that prioritises collective wildlife protection.

Through IFAW scholarships, students like Cecilia Parsae have turned their dreams into careers in wildlife protection. Cecilia completed veterinary studies at Egerton University and now serves as a field research officer with the Amboseli Trust for Elephants. Over the past decade, IFAW has been proud to provide 120 full scholarships, nurturing the next generation of conservation leaders. At the most recent summit of the African Traditional Leaders Conservation Network, 15 leaders gathered in Victoria Falls under the theme "Connected for Sustainable Conservation and Coexistence," sharing practical, community-led solutions to advance coexistence between people and wildlife.

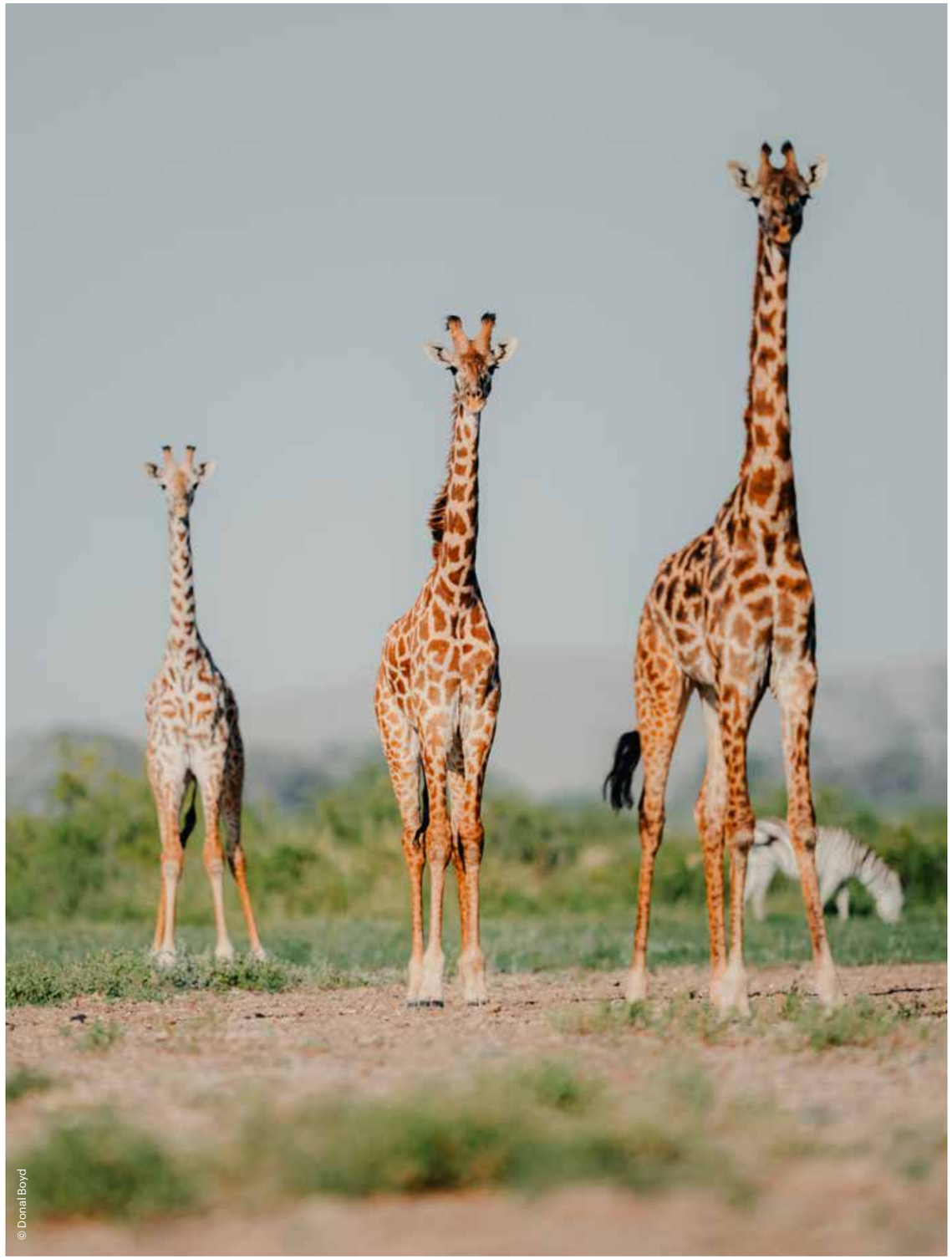
Globally, we continue to advance wildlife's role in climate solutions. At the UN Biodiversity COP16, IFAW successfully advocated for recognition of wild animals in climate mitigation and launched guidelines to help governments integrate wildlife conservation into national climate plans. Protecting keystone species and restoring habitats are powerful, nature-based solutions that benefit both wildlife and people.

These achievements are but a few that reflect what IFAW has epitomised: bold action, fresh thinking, and a commitment to transparency, collaboration, and a respect for local knowledge. The challenges ahead are many—from climate change to biodiversity loss and beyond—remain intensely urgent, but our commitment and the solutions we are building together are no less steadfast.

I offer my sincerest thanks to you for your dedication, passion, and perseverance. Together, we will continue to create a more hopeful future where people and wildlife shall thrive side by side.

Azzedine T. Downes
President & Chief Executive Officer

◀ Azzedine Downes



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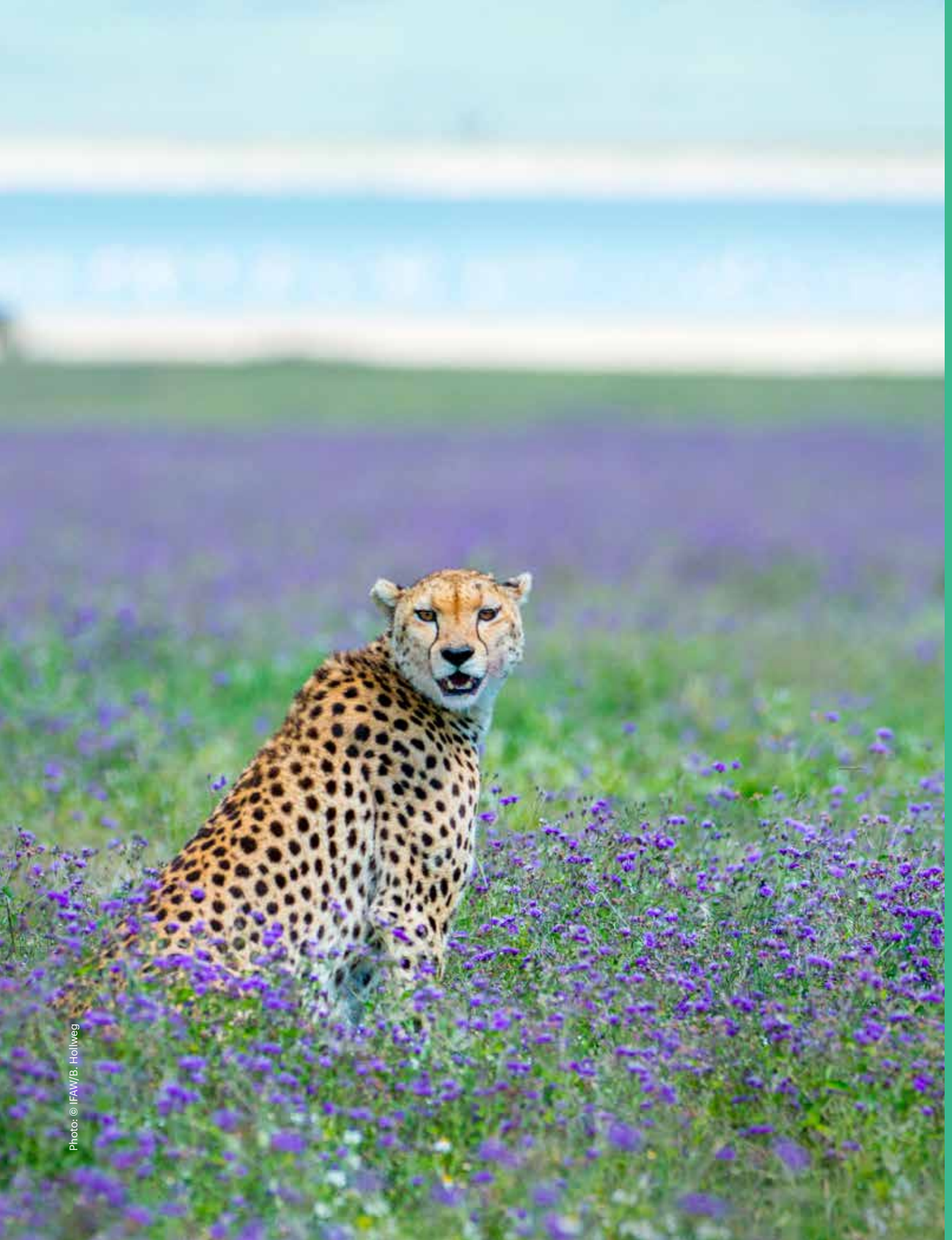
◀ Three giraffes stand together in Amboseli National Park, their long necks rising above the savanna as they scan their surroundings.



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Section 1

Conservation

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Because wildlife need a healthy home

Conservation isn't just about protecting wildlife populations from threats like poaching, deforestation, and pollution—though these are important parts of what we do. It's also about engaging communities, promoting coexistence, and making a healthier planet for both animals and people.

In FY25, we supported proactive protection against human-wildlife conflict and climate impacts with innovative solutions. We empowered women and students through livelihood projects and scholarships. Communities led the way in reconnecting key habitats.

Our work spanned from local to global through international forums, behaviour-change campaigns, and cross-border workshops. Our collaborators included governments, law enforcement, local partners, international organisations, technology companies, and shipping industry giants. Our impact reached landscapes from the Australian outback to the African savannah as well as the Earth's largest habitat, the ocean.

We positioned ourselves as a world leader in shielding wildlife from illicit trade, safeguarding existing conservation policy, and pushing boundaries to achieve the highest levels of protection for vulnerable species. On the global stage, we shined a spotlight on the crucial role wild animals play in maintaining the health of our planet, mitigating the impacts associated with climate change and bolstering ecosystems' resilience.

Our rescue and conservation work are intrinsically linked—if we don't give wild animals a safe and healthy home, we can't complete our rescue-rehabilitation-release cycle. And our work to keep animals protected in their natural habitats prevents the risks that lead to illness, injuries, and even climate-related disasters.

◀ A Maasai herdsman closely monitors his cattle on the outskirts of Illaingarunyoni Conservancy.

Landscape Conservation

31

predator-proof bomas procured for communities in Zimbabwe

32

African savannah elephants fitted with GPS collars across Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe to understand their movements and promote coexistence

22

community rangers carried out 313 coexistence trainings for communities who live alongside Asian elephants in China

>100,000

trees planted in Australia since the Black Summer fires

81

native, high-quality tree species of 13 varieties planted in the tea gardens of Xishuangbanna, China, as an eco-friendly planting method aimed at increasing biodiversity in elephant habitats

Photo: © IFAW

Strong conservation starts with connected, resilient landscapes

Photo: © IFAW

Australia: learning from Black Summer

In the five years since the devastating Black Summer wildfires, IFAW and 31 partners helped 21 affected communities by planting more than 100,000 trees, restoring more than 60 hectares of habitat, and conducting critical research into ecosystem recovery. This restoration work laid a vital foundation for landscape resilience.

We helped to restore Two Thumbs Wildlife Trust Sanctuary to the wildlife haven it was before it was destroyed by the fires. Dozens of native species have been seen returning to the sanctuary, including endangered greater gliders and threatened eastern pygmy possums, since we installed 125 habitat nest boxes and 20 innovative marsupial dens and planted thousands of native grasses. We spotted 18 koalas, including four joeys in December 2024—a promising sign that the population is bouncing back.

Asia: building national park networks for elephants

In May 2025, IFAW co-hosted the International Symposium on Asian Elephant Conservation, together with China's Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden and the National Forestry and Grassland Administration. More than 50 experts—including IUCN members—from countries including China, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Laos met to align strategies for national park development and shared best practices to ensure the long-term conservation of Asian elephants. .

◀ Koala at the Two Thumbs Wildlife Sanctuary.

Photo: © Florian Kriechbaumer

Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Kenya: Helping rangers do their job

This year, we reinforced our support for ranger welfare in Africa through concrete investments. In Malawi and Zambia, under our Room to Roam initiative, we upgraded ranger housing, supplied field gear (including uniforms, tents, and fuel), provided food, and improved cross-border patrol logistics. In Zimbabwe's Matetsi Unit 5, working with ZimParks, we invested more than US$1 million in constructing new ranger houses, equipping frontline rangers, and strengthening law enforcement infrastructure. In Kenya, we delivered specialised training and equipment for marine rangers to enhance their capabilities in marine mammal rescue and sea turtle protection.

Zimbabwe: real-time elephant protection technology

IFAW and ZimParks deployed GPS satellite collars on eight African savannah elephants around Hwange National Park, linking to EarthRanger's real-time monitoring system. With this addition, the total number of elephants fitted with collars in the landscape now stands at 16. This initiative supports the tracking of herds, with each collared elephant representing a family of 10 to 20 individuals, potentially informing management strategies for up to 200 to 400 elephants and wider populations. Rangers receive live data to preempt and respond to human-elephant conflict, and insights from herd movements are informing both policymakers and communities.

Malawi–Zambia: preventative mapping and early-warning systems

In the Luangwa Valley, home to about 15,000 elephants, IFAW introduced EarthRanger within Kasungu–Lukusuzi landscape. Currently, 24 elephants are fitted with active GPS collars, and spatially defined virtual geofences have been configured to automatically transmit SMS alerts to field rangers and designated officials upon breach events. This enables rapid response using non-lethal deterrents like firecrackers and chili blasters, while gathering real-time data on conflict hotspots. We shared lessons from this landscape at the 2025 International Congress for Conservation Biology in Brisbane, Australia..

▲ Team Lioness rangers conduct a daily foot patrol through the Amboseli landscape, monitoring wildlife movements and working to reduce human-wildlife conflict in surrounding communities.

Conservation

Wildlife Crime

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>24 million

illegal wildlife listings and accounts eliminated by the Coalition to End Wildlife Trafficking online since 2018

33,000

photos flagged by IFAW x Baidu's AI Guardian 2.0 technology, helping to remove more than 13,000 illegal listings of wildlife from online spaces

11,000

digital screens in China's transportation hubs promoting behaviour change and coexistence with wildlife

337

combined total of wire snares seized by the IFAW-supported intelligence units in Uganda, Malawi, and Zimbabwe

1,945

incidents of wildlife seizures or poaching identified in IFAW's "Wildlife crime in Hispanic America" report

475

combined total of kg of ivory seized by the IFAW-supported intelligence units in Uganda, Malawi, and Zimbabwe

7

tracking dog handlers trained, including 4 in Zimbabwe and 3 with the newly created canine unit in Indonesia to protect the last Javan rhinos

Confronting crime on the ground and online

Photo: © LAMB

EU Trusted Flagger: a landmark first

In March 2025, IFAW became the first environmental organisation formally designated as a Trusted Flagger under the EU Digital Services Act (DSA). This status allows IFAW to flag illegal content online, which then requires platforms to prioritise and respond accordingly. It marks a milestone in cybercrime enforcement and strengthens our ability to disrupt the wildlife trafficking supply chain in Europe.

Tracking dogs protect Javan rhinos

Our partnership with Jakarta Animal Aid Network (JAAN) employs specially trained tracking dogs—Rimba and Rico—to protect critically endangered Javan rhinos in Indonesia. Initially deployed for village patrols, their role today includes deterrence and early warning in Ujung Kulon National Park. Looking ahead, the team plans to train these dogs to track poachers.

Smart technology: AI Guardian 2.0

Alongside Baidu, IFAW launched AI Guardian 2.0 in November 2024—an upgraded AI tool capable of identifying 34 commonly trafficked species with an 86% accuracy rate. By June 2025, since its inception in 2020, the AI Guardian series screened more than 410,000 images, flagged more than 33,000 target photos, and helped remove more than 13,000 illegal listings of wildlife from online spaces.

Coalition to End Wildlife Trafficking Online: real-world impact

Since its launch in 2018, the Coalition, a joint initiative between IFAW, WWF, and TRAFFIC, has successfully eliminated more than 24 million illegal wildlife listings and accounts from more than 50 digital platforms across 40+ companies globally. Behind these numbers stands a vast network of volunteer engagement—volunteers made 38,000 reports—and dedicated capacity building, including training 3,050 platform staff in detecting illicit wildlife postings.

Surveillance, seizure, and systemic insight

We launched our report titled ‘Wildlife crime in Hispanic America’, identifying 1,945 incidents involving wildlife seizures or poaching, which impacted at least 102,577 animals (primarily reptiles and birds). Our subsequent EU-focused snapshot revealed that 94.1% of seized wildlife destined for Europe were live animals, highlighting how demand for exotic pets drives trafficking and directly threatens endangered populations.

Cross-border law enforcement collaboration

Through continued support of the biliteral workshop between China and Vietnam Customs and Operation Mekong Dragon, we advanced law enforcement cooperation and intelligence-sharing between China and Vietnam. Since 2018, customs authorities from the region have seized 35 metric tonnes of ivory, 45 tonnes of pangolin scales, 1.3 tonnes of rhino horn, and tens of tonnes of other wildlife derivatives—a testament to the impact of sustained collaboration.

Behaviour change: ‘Friend of the Wild’ campaign in China

Recognising the role of psychology in demand, we launched the ‘Friend of the Wild’ campaign in China in late 2024. This omnichannel initiative spanned:

- 11,000+ digital screens and 100+ lightboxes at transport hubs, reaching 4.28 million young passengers daily (approximately US$3.14 million in-kind value)
- 35,000+ employees reached through interactive exhibitions at Alibaba, Cainiao, and Uniview offices
- 2.3 million visitors at family-focused events in zoos and museums across five Chinese cities
- 65 news articles, 30 in-depth social posts, and 769,500 views under the hashtag #BeAFriendtotheWild.

Government-backed progress in France

In April 2025, France’s environmental agency, IGEDD, released a national report analysing the possibility for a state-led system to manage voluntarily surrendered ivory and other natural products regulated under CITES. The study proposes four operational models—including collaborations with NGOs like IFAW—to facilitate ethical, transparent collection. The findings reinforce IFAW’s long-standing advocacy for safe surrender pathways and demonstrate a growing government interest in standardising public participation in dismantling illegal wildlife trade networks.

A 1.8-tonne ivory destruction event led by IFAW in collaboration with enforcement authorities and supported by the Ministry of Ecology at the end of 2023 prompted this report’s launch. For every kilogram of ivory donated, a tree was planted with our partner Wild is Life to restore elephant habitat. Completed in February 2025, this initiative planted more than 1,300 trees in areas affected by deforestation.

Strengthening EU policy against wildlife trafficking

On 6 June 2025, the European Commission published a feasibility study aimed at strengthening EU measures against wildlife trafficking. The study highlights persistent loopholes in EU legislation allowing the legal trade of species illegally sourced from their countries of origin. IFAW played a crucial role in advocating for and implementing this study. We now urge the Commission to close legal loopholes through law reforms and to establish a comprehensive, species-level EU database of all wildlife imports.

GUARD-ing wildlife with a human behaviour-centred approach

Alongside other members of the EU-funded GUARD Wildlife project’s Demand Reduction Alliance, we launched behaviour-centred activities aimed at reducing demand for selected target species in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region and China. Over the next few years, we’ll work with partners to conduct and consolidate market-based research, co-design and develop evidence-based interventions, and incorporate demand reduction messaging on strategic platforms and at key locations. Only through understanding the drivers behind the behaviours and attitudes behind the demand for wildlife can we ever hope to change them..

◀ Rescue and recovery of 1,700 wild and caged birds from smugglers during a confiscation operation in Lebanon.

Marine Conservation

37
countries united around tackling ocean noise pollution

>250,000
supported slower shipping to save the ocean (+150,000 in FY25)

31
AIS technology stations installed to help significantly reduce vessel strike risk for US whales

203
participants engaged in sharing their traditional ecological knowledge along the Kenyan coast

13
shipping companies altering shipping routes/activities to reduce collision risk for sperm whales in Greece

Photo: Teti Sulu / © IFAW

Protecting ocean life means quieter waters, safer ships, and technologies that benefit people and animals

Photo: Jürgen Noack / © IFAW

Slowing commercial ships

Our Blue Speeds initiative—urging a modest 5-10% reduction of commercial vessel speeds—gathered the support of 258,000 EU citizens, with our petition calling for the implementation of slower speeds as a condition of entry into European ports. Slowing speeds by that amount globally lowers ship-strike risk by up to 50%, cuts underwater noise by roughly 40%, and reduces fuel consumption and emissions in one practical step.

13 shipping companies now on board

In Greece's Hellenic Trench, a total of 13 shipping companies have altered shipping routes to help protect endangered sperm whales from deadly collisions. With these companies agreeing to take protective measures, the estimated vessel strike risk has been reduced by 36% in this critical whale habitat.

Smart buoy and gear systems pilot in Canada

In the Gulf of St. Lawrence, we tested smart buoy technology compatible with ropeless fishing gear, designed to alert fishers when gear is displaced or entangled, even in low visibility. The goal: protect right whales while supporting sustainable fisheries.

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The Flipflopi Project turns plastic into art and livelihoods

In Kenya, our partner The Flipflopi Project is transforming plastic pollution collected from the ocean into traditional Swahili-style furniture and sailing dhows. This initiative empowers community artisans, promotes sustainable reuse, and keeps marine debris out of marine habitats

Industry dialogue drives innovation

Strategic roundtables in Geneva (2024, hosted by MSC) and Marseille (March 2025, hosted by CMA CGM) engaged more than 50 maritime stakeholders in discussions on ship speed reduction, acoustic vessel signatures, industry policies, and port-level noise mitigation strategies. IFAW organised these roundtables with the aim of gathering representatives from the shipping industry alongside policymakers to raise awareness of threats to marine life and discuss how to better implement solutions.

Enhancing safety through AIS technology

In the US, more fishers now receive safety messaging via Automatic Information System (AIS)-enabled systems, ensuring safer navigation through whale habitats. In collaboration with MotionInfo, Conserve.iO, and Stellwagen National Marine Sanctuary, IFAW is using AIS technology to deliver targeted safety messages and navigation data directly to vessels transiting right whale habitat—helping to improve compliance and protect whales from deadly strikes, in real-time. With support from NOAA and the US Coast Guard, we've installed 25 active stations across the eastern seaboard, and 16 more stations are permits and/or licensing.

WhaleAlert app expands to Europe

With support from GREENOV and Conserve.iO, we rolled out the WhaleAlert app in European waters—enabling mariners to log, notify, and track whale sightings in real time, while increasing awareness of vessel strike risk. Since the launch of the latest version in June 2025, the app has seen 2,200 European users.

Mariners have logged more than 9,000 whale sightings from January through July 2025.

High Ambition Coalition for a Quiet Ocean

At UN Ocean Conference (UNOC) 3 in Nice (June 2025), we supported the launch of the High Ambition Coalition, the first global political alliance focused solely on underwater noise reduction. Led by Panama and Canada, 37 countries signed on to promote quieter ship design, incorporate acoustic protections into marine protected areas, and strengthen shared tools and policies through frameworks like the IMO's GloNoise Partnership. As part of the UNOC3 events, we hosted a 'Silent Ocean Disco' to spotlight the issue of ocean noise pollution and spark dialogue among policymakers, funders, and influencers.

▲ Plastic processing at Flipflopi Project in Lamu, Kenya.

◀ Members of IFAW's Blue Speeds team outside the Berlaymont building with the petition handover cheque.

Conservation

Community Engagement

>29,000
acres secured for the future by Illaingarunyoni Conservancy, in conjunction with the Maasai community

3.3 million
seedlings distributed to support sustainable agriculture

>3,000
beehives given to support alternative livelihoods

313
Asian elephant safety trainings conducted in China

43
households harvested over 25,000 kilograms of butternuts and onions in one year, generating vital income and protecting crops from elephants as part of IFAW's Room to Roam vision in Zimbabwe

15
traditional leaders from six African countries shared Indigenous knowledge and strengthened community-led solutions for conservation and coexistence

165
local communities are implementing at least one improved practice in animal welfare and conservation

Photo: Michelle Roberts / © IFAW

Wildlife thrives when communities lead the way

Photo: © IFAW

Eco-tea gardens and community rangers

Through the Eco-Friendly Tea Garden Renovation Project, alongside Duke Kunshan University, we converted a seven-acre site in Yunnan, China, into a biodiversity-rich, pollinator-friendly garden with 81 native tree species, merging conservation with sustainable agriculture. The garden will serve as a public education and biodiversity monitoring site.

Simultaneously, 22 community rangers in Jinghong and Mengla conducted 313 elephant safety campaigns, reaching 12,100 people across 310 communities. Early assessment via 390 questionnaires confirmed a significant increase in community awareness of safety practices to reduce human-elephant conflict.

Planting trees, nurturing coexistence

In Zambia's Eastern Province, where 2.4 million people are dependent on agriculture and habitats face massive deforestation (79,000 to 150,000 hectares per year), we distributed 3.3 million Gliricidia sepium seedlings to 4,714 farmers. Planting these trees enriches soil health and supports sustainable agroforestry. We also helped provide alternative income through household beehives, distributing 3,000+ beehives in partnership with Community Markets for Conservation (COMACO).

Koala climate corridors

Along the western horn of the Great Border Ranges in Queensland's southeast, more than 350 landholders helped plant 3,500+ trees, install wildlife drinkers and nesting boxes across 53 properties, forming the Bunyas to Border climate corridor. This initiative benefits koalas, greater gliders, brush-tailed rock-wallabies, and rainbow bee-eaters through habitat restoration and community engagement. The corridor is the first in a series that the Great Eastern Ranges and IFAW hope to support as part of Koala Climate Corridors project alongside the Lockyer Uplands Catchment Inc.

Photo: Guyo Adhi / © IFAW

Illaingarunyoni Conservancy, Kenya

Spanning 29,000 acres, the Illaingarunyoni Conservancy in Amboseli protects rare species like pangolins, painted dogs, bat-eared foxes, and a population of 2,200 elephants. As the only remaining natural corridor between Amboseli and the Loita–Maasai Mara ecosystem, it is vital for ecological resilience. Working closely with the Maasai community, we helped establish the conservancy—a collective conservation strategy that favours shared wildlife stewardship over land parceling for individual use.

Traditional leaders unite to champion coexistence

Fifteen traditional leaders from East and southern Africa gathered at the 4th African Traditional Leaders Conservation Network summit in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, to share ideas for progressing IFAW's Room to Roam initiative. With the theme 'Connected for Sustainable Conservation and Coexistence,' the summit identified practical, community-led solutions to promote coexistence between wildlife and communities.

Scholarships fuelling dreams and careers with wildlife

Through IFAW scholarships, Maasai student Cecilia Parsae pursued veterinary medicine at Egerton University, overcoming hurdles women in rural Kenya often face in pursuing education. She now serves as a field research officer for the Amboseli Trust for Elephants, safeguarding wildlife while inspiring her community. Over the past decade, we've provided full scholarships to 120 students.

Human–elephant coexistence through innovation

In Zambia's Kasungu–Lukusuzi landscape, we worked with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife to install portable, solar-powered polywire fences. These community-built, easily relocated barriers deliver a harmless electric pulse when elephants approach, successfully reducing crop raids and safeguarding both people and animals.

Inua Kijiji: women developing sustainable livelihoods

Our Inua Kijiji ('Uplift a Village') project equips women in Kenya's Maasai community with tools and training to build sustainable livelihoods, helping to reduce reliance on natural resources and prevent human-wildlife conflict.

Inspiring youth voices for conservation

We received more than 3,400 entries from 140 countries for our 7th annual youth art contest. With the theme Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet, the contest was co-hosted with CITES and UNDP. The winning artwork—'Witness', a piece depicting an owl's eye reflecting humans cutting down a tree—spotlights the urgent need for sustainable conservation finance.

▲ In excess of 1,000 landowners from the Maasai community listen keenly to Mr Daniel Leturesh during the Special General Meeting in Illaingarunyoni Conservancy.

◀ Zhang Jiangmei tends to ripening mangoes in Daotangqing's eco-orchard, part of the Carbon Sequestration Community project.

Conservation

International Policy

>70
shark species proposed for protections under CITES

106,608
signatures against whaling delivered to Japanese embassies

16,000
petition signatures supporting the listing of pangolins under the US Endangered Species Act

72%
of citizens surveyed in the EU supported the continued restriction of trade in seal products

93
participants from three countries (Ecuador, Panama, Colombia) honed their skills in shark identification on the front lines of illegal trade

51
nations ratified the UN High Seas Treaty, on the path to 60 required for ratification

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Photo: Stacey Hedman / © IFAW, Activities conducted under a federal stranding agreement between IFAW and NMFS under the MMPA.

Nature needs global protections

Defending seal and wolf protections

IFAW was instrumental in the hard-fought ban in Europe on the trade in products from commercial seal hunts, which is now under review. During a formal stakeholder consultation, we urged the European Commission to uphold long-standing seal trade regulations. Simultaneously, we joined a coalition of NGOs in vocally opposing the downgrade of wolf protections under the Bern Convention and the EU Habitats Directive. Although political pressures led to setbacks, our advocacy highlighted the importance of basing species management decisions on ecological evidence rather than short-term public sentiment or political expedience.

EU regulation on exotic pet trade

We contributed expert input to two major feasibility studies commissioned by the European Commission we've long requested—one assessing how to prohibit the sale of wildlife illegally sourced in range states, and another evaluating the use of positive lists to regulate which species can be legally kept as pets. These studies reflect the growing momentum toward systemic reform in the EU's wildlife trade policies, and our involvement helps ensure future regulations are grounded in science, safeguard individual animals as well as populations, and include measures to support enforcement.

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Safeguarding US wildlife policy

In the US, we navigated a politically complex environment to support federal policies with far-reaching implications for wildlife. These included the Captive Primate Safety Act, which would ban private ownership of primates; Endangered Species Act (ESA) protections for giraffes and pangolins; and the Wildlife Confiscations Network Act, designed to strengthen the country's capacity to rescue and provide long-term care for trafficked wildlife. Each of these policies, if finalised, are a significant step forward in saving individual animals and addressing wildlife crime at a systemic level.

Strengthening international protections for sharks and whales

To support better enforcement against the illegal wildlife trade, we facilitated shark fin identification workshops in Ecuador, Panama, and Colombia, training 93 participants. Following IFAW recommendations on reforming shark trade in Europe, the European Commission introduced 13 new tariff codes—effective January 2025—to enable tracking of species such as blue sharks and shortfin makos. We also supported governments to initiate compliance action at the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) against nations lagging in shark trade regulation, with trade in shark products suspended by several countries as a result. We also built government support for submissions of new proposals to list more than 70 additional shark and ray species at CITES CoP20 in November 2025.

At the International Whaling Commission in September 2024, we supported governments to pass a resolution condemning renewed fin whaling by Japan and reminding Japan of their international legal obligations. We delivered 106,608 signatures against whaling to Japanese embassies.

High Seas Treaty advocacy

We continue to advocate for legally binding protections for marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction through the recently adopted High Seas Treaty, which we supported governments to ratify. Once it enters into force, the treaty will establish frameworks that allow for the creation of marine protected areas in areas beyond national controls, a critical step to protect migratory species and fragile ecosystems in the high seas, which constitute about two-thirds of the ocean. We were heartened to see such passion from the next generation of conservationists.

Integrating wildlife into climate policy

At the UN Biodiversity COP16, alongside partners, we successfully advocated for the inclusion of language acknowledging the role of wild animals in climate mitigation. To support governments to maximise the benefits of wild animals for combatting climate change, we launched new guidelines for integrating wildlife conservation into national climate plans, which outline how conservation strategies—like protecting keystone species and restoring habitats—can serve as powerful, nature-based solutions to the climate crisis.

▲ Pangolin.

◀ A group of gray seals hauled-out on a beach during IFAW's MMR team Grey Seal population surveys on Cape Cod, United States.

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Section 2

Animal Rescue

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Because every animal has intrinsic value

At IFAW, we rescue individual animals because it's the right thing to do—every individual matters. But our rescue programmes go beyond individual interventions. They strengthen wild populations, bolster community resilience, and share expertise across borders to create lasting change.

In FY25, we deepened community connections to raptor conservation and gave sun bears and elephant calves second chances. Facing environmental shifts and an unprecedented caseload, our marine mammal rescue team made history saving members of species impacted by climate change and sharing their knowledge worldwide.

Our global response team helped animals in the wake of more than a dozen major disasters, helping more than 200,000 animals affected by storms, floods, fires, and conflict. We managed state shelters providing critical support to families and pets in times of crisis.

Through our CARE project and support of the US State Department, we enhanced frontline capacity to combat the illegal trade in live wildlife. Providing training and equipment elevated global frontline readiness, evidenced by sharp post-training performance gains and safer enforcement protocols that protect officers and ensure animal welfare standards. Through our Academy of Rescue and Conservation, developed with the generous support of the Suzanne McGraw Foundation, we orchestrated trainings, on-the-ground workshops, and partnerships in India, the Philippines, China, and the MENA region, bolstering response capacity in some regions. We distributed tools and rescue kits to communities in cyclone- and flood-prone areas, increasing their resilience ahead of climate-exacerbated disasters.

Our rescue interventions are diverse, tailored to address the needs of animals affected by a variety of crises. Every life saved has value—not just for that individual, but for the conservation of the species. We know that lasting change comes through working with people, building resilience in communities so animals and people are prepared for disasters and fostering coexistence where communities live alongside wildlife so everyone can thrive.

◀ IFAW supports Angels Farm Sanctuary in responding to wildfires in Turkey, providing urgent care to animals affected by the crisis.

Animal Rescue

Wildlife Rescue

1,726
cases of animal rescue and treatment in Australia (49 koalas)

>10,000
animals helped, of which nearly 4,000 were successfully treated and released

3,301
seahorses rescued and 3,262 successfully rehabilitated and released in the Mediterranean

50
wildlife confiscator kits deployed to frontline enforcers at trafficking hotspots across 27 states in Brazil

275
raptors admitted for care, and 161 released back to the wild in China

12
African savannah elephants rescued and now in rehabilitation in Zambia and Zimbabwe

641
animals rescued across India, including 3 leopard cats in final stages of release

302
front-line staff trained through the INL CARE project in collaboration with IFAW's Academy of Rescue & Conservation to handle and care for live animals confiscated from illegal trade

Compassion-driven innovation

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Leopard cat cubs get a second chance at life

In June 2024, three orphaned leopard cat kittens were discovered in Arunachal Pradesh, India, and brought into care via Itanagar Zoological Park and the Centre for Bear Rehabilitation and Conservation (CBRC), supported by IFAW. Veterinarians carefully hand-raised the cubs, mimicking wild parental care to preserve their innate behaviours. After four months, they were moved to Pakke Tiger Reserve for soft release—acclimatising for several months before fully re-entering the wild.

Sun bears in Indonesia learn survival skills

In collaboration with JAAN, we continued rescuing and rehabilitating sun bears, the world's smallest and most vulnerable bear species, from wildlife trafficking. Mano graduated to 'forest school' at JAAN, learning survival skills in preparation for release back to the wild. Here, she's learning to forage for insects, climb trees, and make nests—all crucial skills for survival in the wild. Two other cubs, Henri and Billy, are undergoing rehabilitation with our support until they, too, are ready to move to 'forest school'.

Improving welfare outcomes in Australia

Across Australia, we are boosting capacity and training for veterinarians and veterinary nurses to treat wildlife. By training the experts who treat and care for injured wildlife through a critical programme in Western Australia, we increase the chances of injured wildlife being released back into the wild.

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Orphaned elephants in Zambia

Working with Game Rangers International (GRI), IFAW supported the care of orphaned elephants at the Lusaka Elephant Nursery. This year, the team moved two calves to Kafue National Park's soft-release facility, marking a significant milestone in their journey back to the wild. The team also rescued a calf named Kasungu, who received specialised care—including a moringa-infused formula—at the nursery to support his development.

The team rescued Nanzhila, a 10-month-old calf rescued from Kafue, after she walked into the grounds of Nanzhila Plains Camp. Exhausted, dehydrated, and weak, she received immediate care at the Kafue release facility. Once stabilised, the team moved her to the Lusaka Elephant Nursery, where she is socialising with other orphans under the keepers' watchful care.

Eurasian eagle owl rescued from river

From July 2024 to June 2025, IFAW's Beijing Raptor Rescue Center (BRRC) admitted 275 injured raptors—including 91 juveniles—and successfully rehabilitated and released 161 individuals.

One standout story: on International Bird Day in March, the team rescued a Eurasian eagle owl, who was attacked by crows and had fallen into a river. After several weeks of treatment, our team released the owl to widespread public acclaim.

This year, BRRC also conducted 40 educational outreach events, reaching more than 25,000 people, reinforcing IFAW's mission of fostering coexistence. The Chinese-language illustrated book *Ready to Take Off, Kings of the Feathered!* was published in November 2024. It highlights the rehabilitation of more than 6,000 raptors and has earned four major awards, including a nomination for China's premier national book honour.

CARE project: transforming wildlife enforcement

Through our US State Department-funded CARE (Confiscated Animals – Rescue & Enforcement) initiative, IFAW provided frontline wildlife enforcement officers with training, tools, and protocols to safely seize and confiscate live animal trafficking.

In November 2024, IFAW led a four-day training in Mbarara, Uganda, which brought together 25 officers from Uganda Wildlife Authority, customs, and veterinary services. This covered species identification, policy, transport protocols, and zoonotic disease risks. Post-training assessments rose from 57% to 82%, and 98% of participants committed to applying their new skills on the job.

In Brazil, we co-designed and shared 50 CARE Confiscator Kits—specialised equipment for humane handling of trafficked wildlife—with IBAMA officers across 27 states and the Baixada Santista region's Environmental Civil Police. 'These kits will allow us to properly handle animals, minimising stress and ensuring officer safety,' said João Alvarez de Sá, Head of IBAMA's Wildlife Enforcement Unit.

▲ Nanzhila being fed by a keeper.

◀ IFAW-WTI team member sits with two orphaned leopard cat kittens.

Marine Mammal Rescue

600*

dolphin and seal stranding responses

*This number includes the 146-dolphin stranding event that began on 28 June.

75%

of all live stranded small cetaceans successfully released back to the wild

146

Atlantic white-sided dolphins responded to in the largest stranding in US history

8

scientific presentations conducted, contributing to future global success

28

animals released with satellite tags, indicating successful returns back to the wild

45

stranded animal necropsies completed, contributing to long-term, global research (11 large whales)

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Local responses, global impact

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A record year for rescue

This year, our marine mammal rescue team responded to more than 600 strandings—the highest annual total on record. That included 342 live dolphin strandings, more than five times the annual average of 67, reflecting the rising urgency and complexity of our rescue work on Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Our responders employed varied solutions to maximise animal welfare and continue to improve outcomes, such as herding dolphins with kayaks and deploying satellite tags for post-release tracking—demonstrating innovation in action.

Unprecedented mass stranding

In June 2024, we led the response to the largest single mass stranding of dolphins in US history—as many as 146 Atlantic white-sided dolphins became trapped across Cape Cod's tidal flats. More than 100 were guided safely back to sea in a 12-hour effort involving 25 IFAW staff, 70 trained volunteers, and partners including AmeriCorps Cape Cod and the Wellfleet Harbormaster. Satellite tag monitoring showed several released dolphins thrived in deeper waters.

Whale strandings double average

Alongside dolphin rescues, our team responded to 13 dead large whales in the fall—twice the norm—including minke, humpback, fin, and sperm whales. Necropsy findings from one live-sighted humpback with extensive propeller wounds—later found dead—demonstrated the devastating impact of vessel strikes and continue to inform our advocacy for speed restrictions and ocean noise reduction. Visual documentation and necropsy findings from large whale cases merge with innovations in our WhaleAlert mobile app, AIS systems, and smart-buoy technology to inform decisions and policy that can save whale species along the US East Coast.

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Grey seal disentanglement

In June 2025, our hotline received an urgent call—an adult male seal was severely entangled in green multifilament net on Monomoy, a remote island off Cape Cod. The net cut into his neck and hindered his movement. Disentangling a 180-kilogram (400 pound) seal was a tricky process—our team stealthily disembarked the boat, snuck up on him using the dunes as coverage, and crawled on their bellies. They then captured him with a hoop net, secured him in place, and restrained him as our veterinarian removed the green netting from his body. After disentanglement, the seal successfully made his way back to the water.

A relentless week of rescues

In November, our team faced another surge—54 dolphins stranded across multiple Cape Cod towns in just one week. We responded to 19 dolphins in a single morning across eight locations, stabilising and transporting 10 for release at Herring Cove Beach. In total, 41 of the 46 live dolphins stranded that week were successfully returned to the ocean.

Bottlenose dolphin strandings increase on Cape Cod

In September 2024, IFAW led a major rescue after 14 offshore bottlenose dolphins stranded at Linnell Landing, Brewster—the largest bottlenose mass stranding ever recorded in the Northeast. We successfully refloated 11 dolphins and satellite-tagged one as the tide rushed back in. There was unfortunately no time to relocate and release this large group that day.

Because they had to be refloated within Cape Cod Bay, all the dolphins unfortunately re-stranded the following day. But this time, we were able to move all 11 of these nearly 360-kilogram (800-pound) dolphins in our custom-designed mobile dolphin clinic, provide diagnostics and treatments, and transport them to the open ocean for release. The satellite tag transmitted for more than 50 days after release, demonstrating survival after multiple strandings and a return to normal offshore habitat.

Global leadership in rescue science

Our marine mammal rescue team doesn't just act locally—they share knowledge and skills globally. In late 2024, team members presented at the Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals in Perth, Australia, leading workshops on decision-making in mass stranding events. Through our Academy of Rescue and Conservation, we've trained responders in 24+ countries, offering in-field workshops and online courses. As requests for expertise triple due to climate threats, IFAW's leadership in this space remains critical.

▲ The IFAW rescue team successfully secures an entangled seal using a net during a critical disentanglement operation.

◀ Responders carefully transport a bottlenose dolphin to a release site.

Animal Rescue

Disaster Response

1,974
responders trained in 23 countries around the world

200
koalas rescued with Friends of the Koala

10
different types of disasters responded to, from storms to conflict to oil spill, and beyond

>225,000
endangered sea turtles saved during Hurricane Otis recovery efforts in Mexico

>275,000
animals helped in the wake of disasters

30
grants supported disaster resilience efforts in 16 high-risk countries

From emergency response to lasting resilience

Photo: Olivia Katz / © IFAW

Cyclone Alfred, Australia

We supported local partners to search and care for injured wildlife in the aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Alfred. Together with our partners Friends of the Koala and the Northern Rivers Wildlife Network, we visually assessed more than 300 koalas and rescued two which were caked in flood mud and had pouch joeys. They were cleaned and successfully released back into the wild. More than 1,300 turtle eggs were also rescued and incubated by Australian Seabird & Turtle Rescue with our support. Over 95% of these eggs hatched and were released back into the ocean. Our team helped coordinate response efforts at the government, regional and local levels, drawing on years of disaster management experience.

Atlantic hurricanes

In the US, we helped rescue, treat, and support around 200 animals across Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. We managed shelter care for evacuated pets, hosting dozens of cats, dogs, and rabbits at co-located (human and pet) shelters, keeping families together. We also supported disaster management coordination across the Southeast during Hurricanes Debby, Beryl, Helene, and Milton, deepening intra- and inter-state capacities.

Indian Ocean cyclones

We assisted emergency rescue operations for wildlife impacted by Cyclone Garance in Réunion, providing support for veterinary services and rehabilitation supplies to reduce animal suffering and repairing damaged enclosures to prepare the animals to be released back to the wild. In southern Madagascar, Cyclone Dikeledi caused catastrophic damage to Turtle Survival Alliance's Lavavolo Tortoise Center, threatening thousands of endangered radiated and spider tortoises. The team triaged thousands of tortoises and inspired surrounding villages to help repair and rebuild enclosures.

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Central and Eastern Europe

When historic flooding impacted Romania and Poland, we supported local partners to help community animals and wildlife, In Poland, along with providing veterinary treatments, we distributed animal food and supplies to affected families. In Poland, we supported the relocation of hedgehogs from a devastated rescue centre to ensure they could complete their rehabilitation and return to the wild.

Nepal and Thailand

Catastrophic flooding damaged animal shelters, forcing two to evacuate their animals due to fast-rising waters. We supported five new partners with emergency grants to repair their facilities and provide veterinary support to animals in their care.

Volcanic eruptions

Volcanic eruptions in Guatemala (Volcán de Fuego) and Indonesia (Mt. Lewotobi Laki) affected local and surrounding villages, prompting evacuations and temporary shelters for people and animals. We supported our local partners with emergency grants for responder expenses, animal food, emergency veterinary treatment, and sheltering for nearly 4,000 community animals.

Myanmar's 7.7 magnitude earthquake

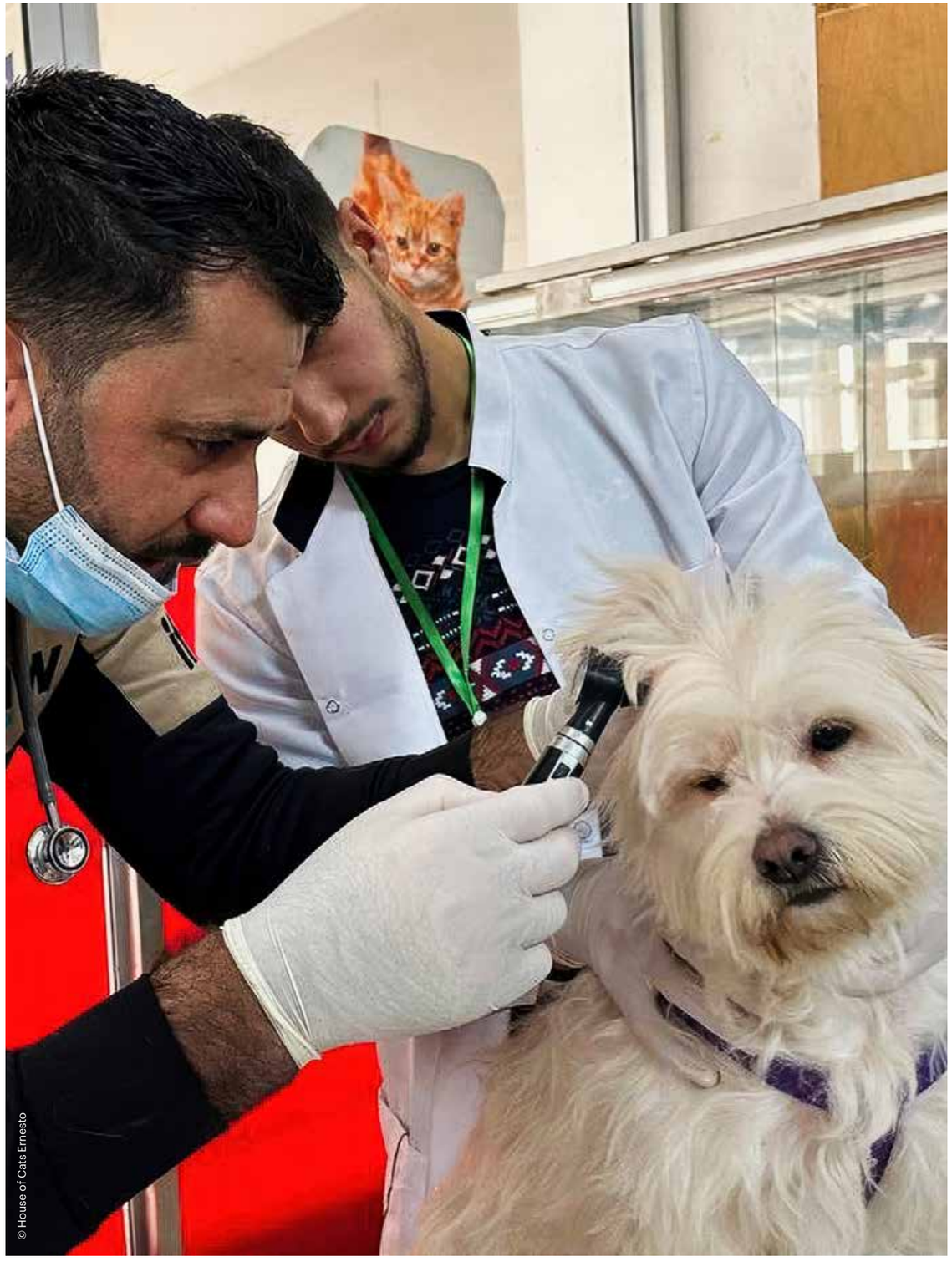
We provided emergency grants and rapid response guidance to our Myanmar partner Let's Save the Strays International. Their veterinary teams and volunteers provided animal food, veterinary treatment, and care, at their clinic and through local networks.

Los Angeles wildfires and California's Park Fire

We deployed rapid response teams to rescue displaced companion animals, provide field veterinary triage, and coordinate animal services. We awarded emergency grants to local partners to support responder expenses and recovery initiatives to build resilience.

▲ Earthquake response in Myanmar.

◀ Koala search and rescue in the aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Alfred.



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Lebanon, Syria, Haiti, and DRC

Through local partners, we delivered critical relief assistance for animals impacted by humanitarian crises—providing animal food, shelter supplies, and veterinary care for livestock, working animals, and pets. For those who fled Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to Uganda, our grants enabled partner-led animal welfare operations integral to cross-border humanitarian support.

Capacity-building in disaster response

- In FY25, we trained hundreds of first-responders in the Philippines, the MENA region, Indonesia, Uganda, and China's Greater Bay Area thanks to our Academy of Rescue and Conservation.
- Across Mexico, we trained 942 first responders and decision makers from local and national authorities. Topics ranged from safely assessing and handling injured, orphaned, or displaced wild animals and companion animals. In the State of Quintana Roo, all 11 municipalities attended an event to receive co-located shelter kits containing supplies to keep pets with their families at temporary shelters during disasters. All municipalities received training on co-located shelter set up and management to support keeping families together.
- Across Australia, we worked with multiple levels of government, acting as the conduit between authorities and the wildlife sector to strengthen a well-coordinated emergency response plan for wildlife. We also upskilled multiple Australian wildlife rescue groups to better equip them to safely search firegrounds for wildlife and safely evacuate with wildlife in an emergency.
- In collaboration with our local MENA team, we developed and provided two workshops in Jordan, Sudan, Lebanon, Libya, Iraq, Oman, Tunisia, Yemen, Egypt, and Morocco. The interactive, in-person workshops focused on assessing each country's risks and resources related to managing animals throughout the disaster cycle. Encouraging outputs included country-level risk assessment reports and networking opportunities across the region.
- Nine wildlife rehabilitation facilities in Ontario, Canada, worked with our experts to develop disaster contingency plans, which address potential risks; define clear protocols for animal evacuation, staff, and volunteer safety; and outline continuation of operations for their organisation.
- Building local capacity of partners in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, we awarded in-kind donations of a 11-metre (36-foot) animal rescue trailer, quad cab truck, jon boat, boat trailer, and motor. The donations and associated supplies met unmet needs identified to help remote, challenging-to-reach communities during disasters.

▲ Workshop participants gather outside for a live demonstration on handling and caring for horses, led by an instructor during the Animal Awareness Workshop in Yucatán/Quintana Roo, Mexico, July 2025.

◀ The House of Cats Ernesto team cares for a dog during an open clinic day.

Section 3

Partners

Our corporate, institutional, and foundation supporters and partners

Successful conservation requires a cross-industry approach. IFAW is grateful to our government, corporate, institutional, and foundation supporters and partners for their contributions. Without them, the incredible work we accomplished over the last year would not have been possible. Our supporters and partners enable us to deliver sustainable, meaningful change through financial or in-kind donations, network connections, and raising awareness.

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▲ Brazilian enforcement officers and an IFAW team member stand behind newly delivered confiscator kits—part of a joint effort to strengthen wildlife enforcement capacity across the country.

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▶ Aerial view of a social unit of nine sperm whales.

▼ IFAW BRRC Rehabilitators were about to release the Eurasian eagle-owl.

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OceanCare

Olgulului Land Trust (OLT)

Olive Ridley Project – Kenya Pelagos Cetacean Research Institute

Pasadena Humane

Pioneers for a Thoughtful Coexistence

Poznań Zoo

Procyon Wildlife Rehabilitation

Rocky Ridge Wildlife Sanctuary

Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature

Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre

Sauvons nos Animaux

Seas At Risk

Shades of Hope

Société d'Etudes Ornithologiques de la Réunion

Society for Marine Mammalogy

Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds (SANCCOB)

SPCA – RNZSCPA Inc.

Speak Out For Animals (SOFA)

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary

Supreme Council for Environment

Taita Taveta Wildlife Conservancies Association (TTWCA)

The Animal House Jamaica

The Big Cat Sanctuary

The Flipflopi Project

Tierranjani Africa

Tsavo Trust (TT)

Turtle Survival Alliance

Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers

Two Thumbs Wildlife Trust

Uganda Wildlife Authority

Union of Nature

United for Wildlife

United Nations Development Programme

Universal Ranger Support Alliance

University of Pretoria's Conservation Ecology Research Unit

University of the Sunshine Coast's Detection Dogs for Conservation

Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust

Viva Rescue Inc.

Voice of Animal Nepal

WA Wildlife

Wallabies, Roos, and Possums Townsville (WRAPT) Wildlife Carers

Western Queensland Wildlife Rehab

Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center

Wild for Life

Wild is Life

Wildlife Conservation Society

Wildlife and Countryside Link

Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI)

Wildlife Trafficking Alliance

Wildlife Trust of India

Wild Welfare

Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI)

World Association of Zoos and Aquaria (WAZA)

World Federation for Animals

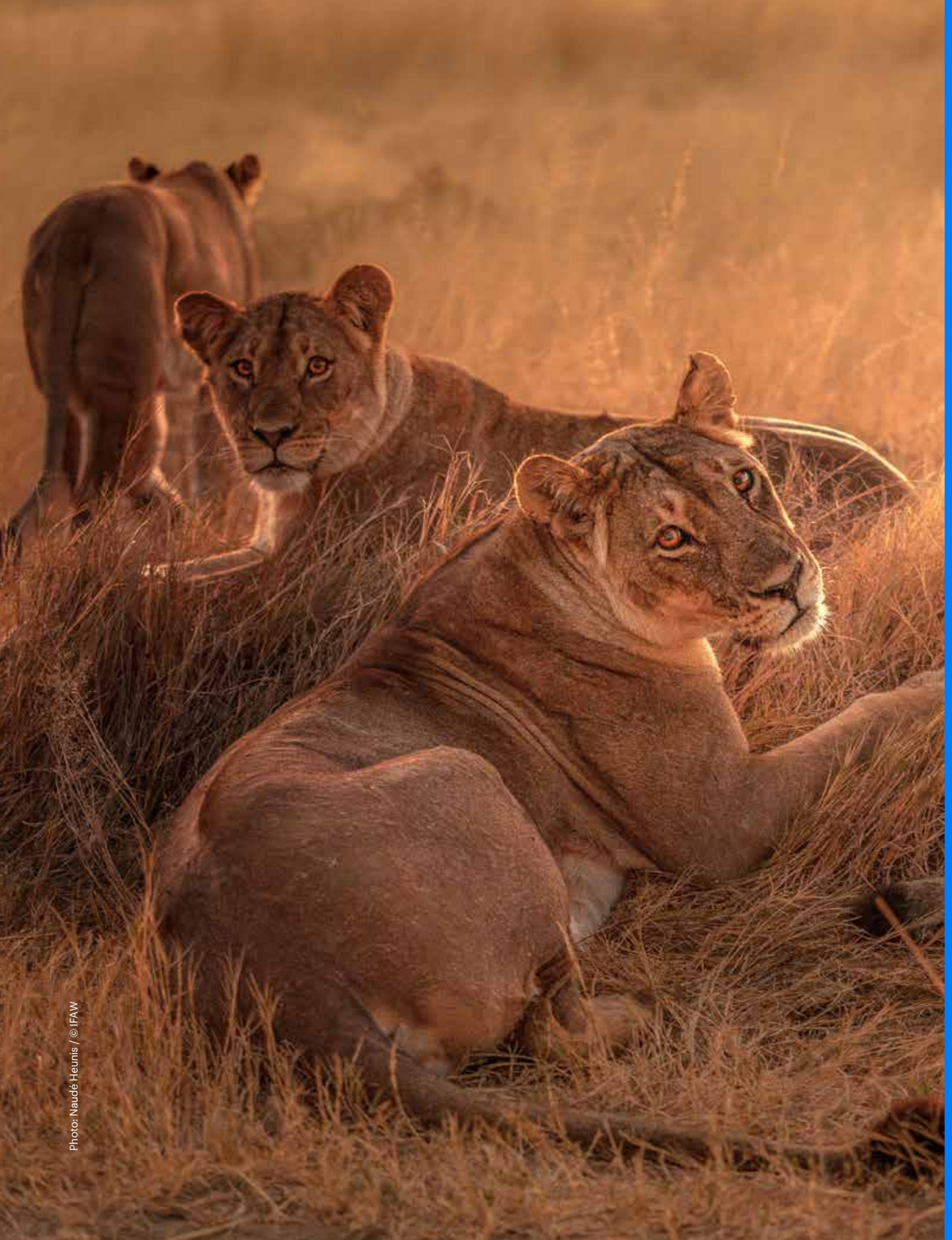
World Wildlife Fund

Yale School of the Environment

Yayasan Bali Animal Welfare Association

Zambia Department of National Parks and Wildlife

Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority



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Section 4

Summary financial statements

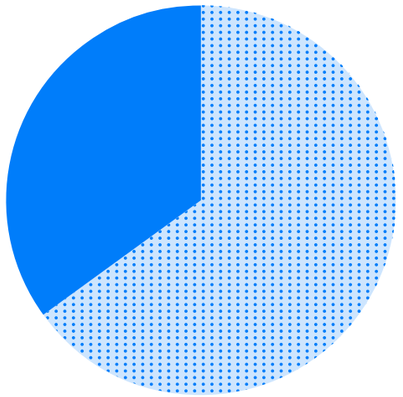
IFAW donors and supporters include individuals, corporations, foundations, communities and governments. Our work and the progress we are making together is only possible thanks to this continued support. As we reflect on what we achieved in FY25, we want to extend another heartfelt thanks to all those who have supported us and shared our vision of animals and people thriving together.

Worldwide financial overview

Programme priority expenditures

IFAW is a global network of affiliated charitable organisations, which utilise donor contributions and other resources to maximise impact for animals.

1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025



- Conservation* 65%
- Animal Rescue** 35%

* Consists of Landscape Conservation, Wildlife Crime, Marine Conservation, Community Engagement, International Policy.

** Consists of Wildlife Rescue, Disaster Response, Marine Mammal Rescue.

Combined numbers are presented for informational purposes only as the network of affiliated nonprofits are not consolidated.

Diverse ways of support

In FY25, IFAW had 687,135 donors from around the world. IFAW welcomes gifts and bequests of all sizes.

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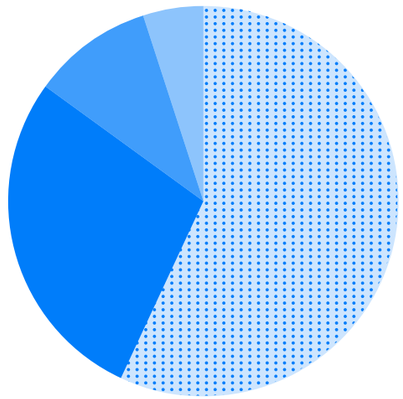

- Supporter contributions 57%
- Bequests 28%
- Donated goods and services 10%
- Investment and other operating income 5%

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Combined financial statements

Figures below in thousands of US dollars for the years ended 30 June 2025 and 2024, unaudited*.

Statement of financial position

Assets	2025	2024
Cash and cash equivalents	18,759	17,569
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	24,928	20,733
Fixed assets, net	16,902	18,075
Investments	51,060	48,536
Total assets	111,648	104,913

Liabilities	2025	2024
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	9,616	10,454
Notes payable	10,184	10,705
Total liabilities	19,800	21,160
Net assets	91,848	83,753
Total liabilities and net assets	111,648	104,913

Statement of activities

Revenues	2025	2024
Supporter contributions	59,148	52,265
Bequests	28,485	25,347
Donated goods and services	10,478	14,689
Investment and other operating income	5,135	5,728
Total revenues, gains and other support	103,245	98,030

Expenses	2025	2024
Total programme and operating expenses	99,102	103,697
Surplus (deficit) of revenue over expenses	4,143	(5,667)

* Financial statements for each of the IFAW entities are prepared in accordance with local country accounting principles and are audited separately. The combined financial statements are prepared on a basis that approximates accounting principles used in the United States of America.

Allocation of programme and operating expenses

Year ended 30 June 2025. IFAW is a global network of nonprofit affiliates in the following locations:

Entity	Location	Programme & programme support	Fundraising
International Fund for Animal Welfare, Inc.	United States	84.9%	15.1%
International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)	United Kingdom	84.0%	16%
International Fund for Animal Welfare Inc./ Fonds international pour la Protection des animaux inc.	Canada	83.9%	16.1%
Stichting IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare)	The Netherlands	80.5%	19.5%
IFAW Internationaler Tierschutz-Fonds gGmbH	Germany	85.6%	14.4%
Fonds international pour la protection des animaux (IFAW France)	France	81.4%	18.6%
International Fund for Animal Welfare (Australia) Pty Limited	Australia	90.5%	9.5%
International Fund for Animal Welfare NPC	South Africa	89.5%	10.5%
International Fund for Animal Welfare Limited	Zambia	100%	0%
International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) Limited	Malawi	100%	0%
International Fund for Animal Welfare (Zimbabwe) Trust	Zimbabwe	100%	0%
International Fund for Animal Welfare (Belgium) AISBL	Belgium	80.4%	19.6%

France financial overview

Programme priority expenditures

IFAW allocates donor contributions and other resources efficiently to maximise impact for animals. €5,5 million went directly to advance programme priorities and save more animals.

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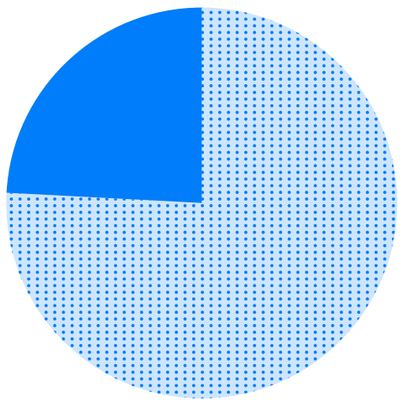

Conservation* 76%

Animal Rescue** 24%

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** Consists of Wildlife Rescue, Disaster Response, Marine Mammal Rescue.

Diverse ways of support

In FY25, IFAW had 80,814 donors in France.
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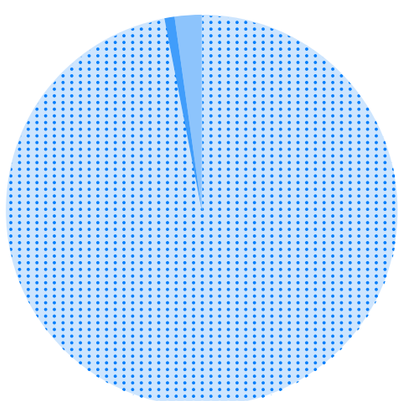

Supporter contributions 97%

Bequests 0%

Donated goods and services 1%

Investment and other operating income 2%

Revenue and expenses

Figures below in thousands of Euros for the years ended 30 June 2025 and 2024.

Revenues	2025	2024
Supporter contributions	7.680	7.221
Bequests	-	-
Donated goods and services	43	-
Investment and other operating income	137	236
Total revenues, gains and other support	7.860	7.457

Expenses	2025	2024
Programme	5.499	6.298
Fundraising	1.483	1.585
Administrative support	984	1.141
Total programme and operating expenses	7.966	9.024
Deficit of revenue over expenses	(106)	(1.567)

Thrive together.

When animals thrive, we all thrive.

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