

insider update

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get there in time. Your support of IFAW's Emergency Response Fund means our responders can be ready to deploy to rescue pets and reunite families whenever the next emergency strikes close to home or on the other side of the world.



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Spring 2021



a message from ifaw

On March 8th, we celebrated International Women's Day and the tremendous efforts of women and girls.

IFAW is known externally for the lifesaving work we do for animals and people. Internally, and with our partners worldwide, we are just as committed to justice equity, diversity, and inclusion. Did you know that 65% of IFAW's staff members are women? Many are in leadership positions. Others are key partners.

No matter where they are—on the front lines like Team Lioness protecting animals in Kenya, working in the halls of government on stronger laws, or supporting our lifesaving efforts in one of IFAW's offices around the world—women are driving IFAW to achieve our mission of creating a world where animals and people thrive together. Throughout this issue, you will find some of the women of IFAW along with the impact of their work in counter-poaching, policy and animal rescue.

And your support makes it all possible. Please take pride that you're helping save animals, people, and their shared habitats while also helping to create a more equitable future for the world.

Tammy

Tammy Palmer,
Executive Vice President

release herd at Panda Masuie gets a little more wild

The orphan elephant release herd in Panda Masuie Forest Reserve is gaining confidence and spending more time away from home (the "boma"), including an entire night out in the wild. The rescued elephants regularly interact with the more than 260 wild elephants that have been counted roaming the landscape. These interactions and the "night out" are important steps in the rehabilitation process.

Thank you for helping these rescued elephants (cared for by partner Wild Is Life) get ready to return to the wild. You also are keeping the Panda Masuie Forest Reserve—once a hunting concession—safe for this first-ever release herd of elephants and for the wild elephants, African wild dogs, and other wildlife in the region.



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Ranger Femberai Mutsvangwa with wire snares collected from Panda Masuie Forest Reserve. Snaring is malicious as traps indiscriminately kill and injure animals.

more ranger support = less elephant poaching

Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority (ZimParks), reported to the press that only 20 elephants were poached nationally in 2020, down from 30 recorded in 2019. IFAW's Phillip Kuvawoga, Director of Landscape Conservation, reports that zero elephants were poached within the Makona sub-sector of Hwange National Park where IFAW supports ZimParks wildlife protection efforts. However, bushmeat poaching for subsistence or sale of animals like buffalo and kudu using wire snares remains problematic. Illegal bushmeat poaching is a growing concern in the landscape as—one by one—the animals taken from the wild decrease the population.

Only five years ago, about 500 elephants were poached in the country, according to ZimParks. The decrease in elephant poaching in 2020 was due in part to retraining rangers on best practices along with providing more vehicles so the rangers could increase patrols. Judges in Zimbabwe are handing down stiffer penalties to poachers, helping to deter potential poachers.

Your support of IFAW's partnership with ZimParks has made it easier for rangers to patrol and protect animals in the 1.4 million hectares (14,650 sq. km.) of Hwange National Park and adjacent protected areas. Together we are supporting 160 rangers with the basics like supplies and rations. You're also helping build capacity for better wildlife and park management by providing vehicles, training and equipment for field forensics and spatial data collection, analysis and reporting. The training and extra patrols are making a difference for rangers and elephants.

How you can support rangers and protect wildlife in Southern and East Africa:

\$10,000

provides refresher training for rangers

\$20,000

renovates a lifesaving water pan for wildlife

\$50,000

kick starts the junior ranger program

\$150,000

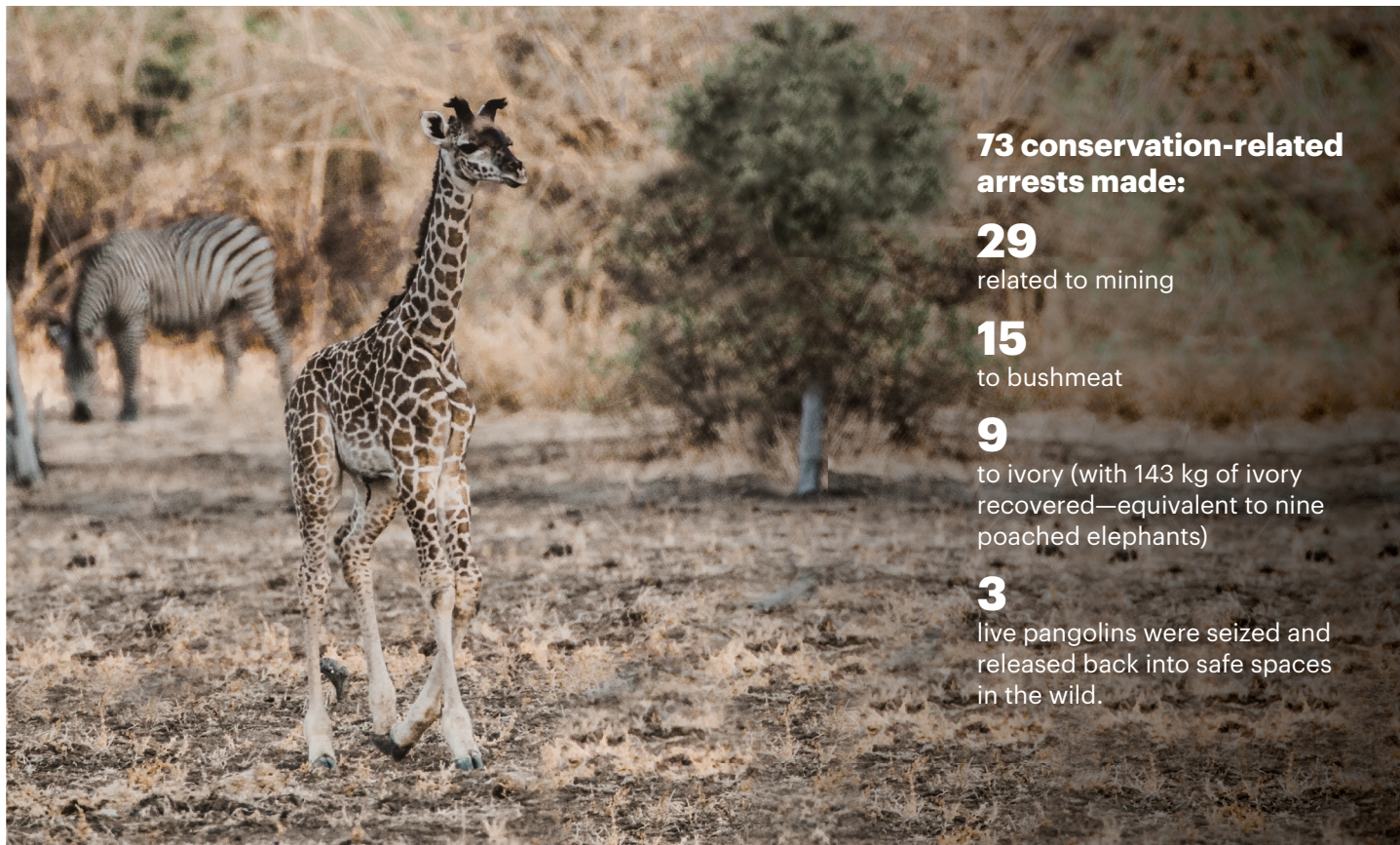
outfits a mobile vet unit

\$500,000

builds ranger housing and HQ facilities at Makona Camp, a critical ranger outpost

Learn how rangers
protect more
elephants.





73 conservation-related arrests made:

29
related to mining

15
to bushmeat

9
to ivory (with 143 kg of ivory recovered—equivalent to nine poached elephants)

3
live pangolins were seized and released back into safe spaces in the wild.

A Thornicroft giraffe calf, one of only about 550 that live in the protected area in Zambia.

saving giraffes and connecting landscapes in Zambia

Thanks to generous support from Save Giraffe s Now, four newly trained rangers and four community scouts are protecting giraffe s and other wildlife in Zambia’s Luambe and Lukusuzi National Parks, and the adjacent game management area (GMA).

IFAW’s Law Enforcement team reported that there were no human-caused giraffed eaths in the region in the last quarter of 2020. However, Illegal gold mining is a considerable threat to the integrity of the riverbanks and water quality in Lukusuzi and the bushmeat trade is pervasive in the region.

The strategic objective of this project is to increase the size of the current range of the Thornicroft giraffe by creating a linkage that connects Luambe to Lukusuzi, and eventually across the border into Malawi’s Kasungu National Park. Thanks to Save Giraffes Now, we are making strides in connecting fragmented landscapes in Zambia—a key component of creating Room to Roam for wildlife.



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current work.**



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Witness Phiri is one of the four SGN/IFAW rangers protecting giraffes and other animals in Zambia.



Whale watching in Iceland.

advocacy in action: EU's ocean life and U.S. wildlife trafficking

IFAW joined a dozen other powerful conservation NGOs to present to the European Union ten policy actions targeted at saving Europe's ocean biodiversity. IFAW's expertise in ocean noise pollution and its impact on marine mammals led to the creation of Action #9: Implement strategies for reducing vessel noise in line with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) guidelines.

The **EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030** aims to put Europe's biodiversity on a path to recovery and contains specific actions and commitments such as protecting at least 30% of marine and terrestrial areas of the EU over the next ten years. **IFAW is now asking the Union to implement standards to promote silencers on ships** and ensure that the naval industry takes measures to help solve marine noise pollution.

IFAW experts in the U.S. co-authored *Trafficked: 10 Species Threatened by Wildlife Trade*, a colorful and powerful briefing for lawmakers.

Tiger poaching and trafficking are lucrative businesses, and perpetrators face few consequences. The availability of US-bred tigers in the wildlife trade could help sustain a market that also drives poaching of wild tigers, and all of this is pushing tigers toward extinction.

The report advocates for strong, responsible wildlife policies and adequate funding for conservation. The legal and illegal wildlife trade imposes catastrophic effects—including species' decline, and in some cases may exacerbate the spread of diseases that also pose a major threat to human health.

Please join us in advocating for animals and for the full and rigorous implementation of better policies.



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of the EU's
policy actions.



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global council

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IFAW's Global Council is an international network of philanthropic leaders whose members champion and help spread the word about our global efforts to protect animals, people and the place we call home.

recent convenings:

Roundtable interview with Team Lioness
Animal Rescue and Conservation in conflict zones

Your annual gift of \$10,000 or more makes you eligible to join. You'll meet with IFAW's inspiring conservation and animal welfare leaders for briefings, tours, and program updates.

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"We are now important persons in our communities"

Because of you, the women rangers of Team Lioness are breaking gender boundaries and helping animals and people thrive. When they aren't spending weeks in the field protecting wildlife, they are serving as role models for younger women and girls to work outside the home. They were recently featured in Msafiri, Kenya Airlines' in-flight magazine.

Check out their recent interview video at ifaw.org and hear directly from the rangers themselves about the dangers and triumphs of their work.



Animal responders feed a calf on Java.

ifaw's animal rescue network in Southeast Asia

When three disasters hit Indonesia, one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world due to its geology and geography, IFAW was there to help animals. On Java, the active volcano Mt. Merapi spewed hot lava rocks, ash, and volcanic gases. A 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck Sulawesi. Intense rains caused historic flooding on the island of Borneo, with flood levels reaching 3 m (10 ft.). More than 210,000 people were affected by the flood, and some communities cut off from aid due to landslides.

Members of the IFAW's Animal Rescue Network helped animals and people by providing fresh grasses and water daily to livestock at evacuation centers, and by delivering pet food, veterinary care, and humanitarian supplies to families. Your support also helped us get emergency funds to provide fruit for seven confiscated orangutans in human care.

When you support IFAW's Emergency Response Fund, you help us get there in time.

88%

\$222,235*

*as of Feb 2021

\$250,000

Help resource animals in disasters.

Complete the Emergency Response Fund by June 2021



conservation



animal rescue

we asked. you answered.

Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in our recent interest survey. We learned so much from the over 300 responses we received from supporters in Australia, United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. **Thanks for your time and your thoughtful responses.**

Most survey participants are drawn to the impacts of both Conservation and Animal Rescue.

You are inspired by stories of individual animals and the people looking out for them.

40% interested in attending events featuring IFAW experts like those offered through Global Council.

“Animals have no voice of their own and need our protection from exploitation and cruelty.” – Survey respondent



Jimmie Mandima, IFAW Vice President – Global Programs (center) talks with guests Sarah Marchal Murray and Stephen Murray about protecting marine mammals at an event at Manhattan’s NeueHouse.

upcoming events & experiences

Party for a Porpoise

live + virtual experience

► **Online fund-a-need** - August 1 – 9, 2021

► **Live event** - August 9, 2021

Leonard Joel Auction House Art to Roam

an online art auction to support IFAW’s Room to Roam is coming soon

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