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Dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of suffering animals



MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

From modest beginnings in 1989 International Animal Rescue has gone on to make a real and lasting difference to the lives of suffering animals around the world.

As well as working to improve the lives of stray dogs and cats in India and other developing countries, our teams in the field are tackling some of the most challenging welfare and conservation issues facing the world's wildlife today. At International Animal Rescue we care about the wellbeing of individual animals as well as the conservation of species as a whole. We take a very hands-on approach and we pride ourselves on delivering what we say we will, however long it takes. Our greatest success to date has been to bring an end to the practice of dancing bears in India in 2009 with our Indian partners Wildlife SOS. Since then we have taken on other issues of cruelty and persecution and remain as determined as ever to end suffering and bring about lasting change for animals wherever we can.

"The Rescuer" gives you a glimpse of our work. Find out more via our website: www.internationalanimalrescue.org

Alan Knight OBE, Chief Executive



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SLOTH BEARS

IUCN STATUS: VULNERABLE

The Situation

- Estimated total population in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan fewer than 20,000 animals

What IAR is doing

- Rescue & rehab at IAR-funded bear sanctuaries in India
- Education & awareness raising
- Conflict mitigation
- Habitat protection
- Support for law enforcement

The Threats

- Habitat loss
- Poaching & trade in bears for entertainment such as bear dancing or bear baiting, bear bile and bear parts
- Human-bear conflict

What YOU can do

- Spread the word about threats to bears in Asia
- Support IAR
- Adopt a bear



MACAQUES

IUCN STATUS: VULNERABLE (PIG-TAILED) NO PROTECTION (OTHERS)

The Situation

- Populations found in Asia and Europe
- Numbers severely reduced in many places (pig-tailed)
- Animals often subjected to terrible cruelty and abuse

What IAR is doing

- Rescue, rehab & release at IAR's primate centre in Ciapus, Java
- Education & awareness-raising
- Conflict mitigation

The Threats

- Habitat loss
- Hunting for meat
- Pet trade
- Use in entertainment – "Topeng monyet"
- Export to laboratories

What YOU can do

- Spread the word that it is cruel to keep macaques as pets
- Support IAR



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SLOW LORISES

IUCN STATUS:
CRITICALLY ENDANGERED (JAVAN) VULNERABLE (OTHERS)

The Situation

- Found in South East Asia and in serious danger of extinction
- Javan populations declined by at least 80% over the last 24 years

What IAR is doing

- Rescue, rehab & release at IAR's primate centre in Ciapus, Java
- Slow loris awareness campaign
- Investigation into illegal trade
- Support for law enforcement
- Research

The Threats

- Illegal pet trade
- YouTube videos promoting lorises as pets
- Traditional medicine
- Habitat loss

What YOU can do

- Spread the word & speak out against cruelty of keeping lorises as pets
- Join our "flickling is torture" campaign
- Support IAR
- Adopt a slow loris

ORANGUTANS

IUCN STATUS: ENDANGERED

The Situation

- Found only on islands of Borneo and Sumatra
- Species' survival under serious threat
- Population declined by more than 50% in past 60 years
- Current populations about 45,000 in Borneo and about 7,000 in Sumatra

What IAR is doing

- Rescue, rehab & release at IAR Centre in Ketapang, West Kalimantan
- Education & awareness raising
- Conflict mitigation
- Habitat protection
- Support for law enforcement

The Threats

- Deforestation for palm oil & other agriculture
- Logging & Hunting
- Illegal pet trade
- Use in entertainment
- Human-orangutan conflict

What YOU can do

- Spread the word about palm oil and avoid it where possible
- Support IAR
- Get the T-Shirt & join our rescue team!
- Adopt an orangutan



ORANGUTAN RESCUE, REHABILITATION AND RELEASE

Since we first began our orangutan rescue project in 2009 there has been no let up in the demands on our team in West Kalimantan (Indonesian Borneo.) By January 2015 the IAR centre in Ketapang was caring for a total of 83 orangutans. Examples of the cases our team is dealing with range from a tiny baby in a cardboard box to mature adults stranded in the ashes of the forest after it was burned and cleared for palm oil plantations. Wild orangutans left homeless and hungry when the forest is destroyed are caught and translocated into safe areas of forest by our Human-Orangutan Conflict team. In some cases however the animals are in such shocking condition that they are first brought to our centre for treatment and care before they are released.

One of the infants currently at the centre is Budi, a baby orangutan of about 15 months old who was kept in a chicken cage and fed entirely on condensed milk. By the time he was handed over to the authorities he was dying of malnutrition and barely able to move. Video of Budi crying in pain as the vets propped him up to feed him has touched people's hearts across the globe. His story is proving an excellent means of raising awareness of the plight of orangutans in Indonesia and IAR's vital work to save them.

Once the older orangutans successfully complete their rehabilitation the moment finally arrives for them to return to the wild. Orangutans like Helen and Peni who suffered terrible cruelty at the hands of human beings are then transported by road, boat and on foot deep into protected forest far



from human habitation. By fitting them with subcutaneous tracking devices the monitoring team is able to follow them for months to check on their welfare and gather valuable data on their movements. In future we hope to use drones as a tool for post-release monitoring.

Other important areas of activity include the creation of a number of islands on land surrounding the centre where the more advanced members of our "Forest school" group can experience an environment similar to life in the wild. We have a steady stream of volunteers from The Great Projects to thank for their back-breaking work making these islands safe and secure for our orangutan escape artists!

Equally vital is our education and outreach programme using tools such as a pedal-powered cinema to show films to communities in remote areas and a fabulous puppet show complete with jungle theatre, also built by volunteers, to teach local people about their native wildlife and the need to protect it.



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PRIMATE RESCUE – SLOW LORISES

Since embarking on our slow loris rehabilitation project in 2008 our centre in Ciapus has taken in more than 500 of these endangered primates. The shy little creatures are poached from their home in the forest to be sold in the pet markets in Jakarta. Some are confiscated by the authorities en route to the markets, others have already been sold illegally and are rescued from pet owners in the Jakarta area.



Most of the lorises we rescue have already had their teeth clipped off with pliers or nail clippers to make them easier to handle. With the expert guidance of IAR Trustee and veterinary dental specialist Lisa Milella, our medical team has carried out dental refilling on large numbers of rescued Javan and Sumatran slow lorises. These repairs bring an end to the animals' agony and allow many of them to be released back into their rightful home in the forest.

The craze for keeping slow lorises as pets has been fuelled by YouTube videos showing them in a domestic environment looking cute and behaving in an appealing way. Our online awareness campaign launching in the UK in spring 2015 aims to get the message across that the trade in slow lorises as pets is incredibly cruel and pushing the species to the brink of extinction.



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PRIMATE RESCUE – MACAQUES

As well as rehabilitating and releasing macaques that have been kept as pets, our team in Java is assisting with the sterilisation and rehabilitation of monkeys forced to perform on the streets of Jakarta.

Across Indonesia hundreds of monkeys are forced to perform dressed in clothing and often wearing a doll's head mask. They are made to mimic human behaviours like dancing or riding bicycles. This is known as 'Topeng Monyet', meaning 'Masked Monkey.' Young monkeys are taken from the wild which often involves killing their mothers who try in vain to protect them. The training methods are extremely cruel. The monkeys are starved to make them compliant. To teach them to walk on their hind legs they are hung up by a chain around their necks, with their feet just able to reach the ground and their arms tied behind their backs. These highly social animals are deeply traumatised by this lifelong physical and mental abuse.

In October 2013, after years of campaigning by the Jakarta Animal Aid Network (JAAN), the authorities finally cracked down on the cruelty of Topeng Monyet. In 2014 our vets helped to sterilise 51 confiscated Topeng Monyet monkeys. International Animal Rescue is now facilitating the release of these captive monkeys back into the wild.

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RESCUING AND REHABILITATING BEARS IN INDIA

With nearly 350 bears between them, our sanctuaries in India care for the largest number of rescued bears in the world. The majority of these sloth bears are former dancing bears rescued from the streets by our partners Wildlife SOS with support from International Animal Rescue. IAR provides ongoing funding for the rehabilitation and care of the bears. Their years in captivity and the physical and mental damage they have suffered mean they can never be released back into the wild.

Some of the bears are disfigured from the years with a coarse rope threaded through their noses. Many have had their teeth crudely knocked out and others have been blinded by blows to the head. However they are all now treated with kindness and compassion and will never feel fear or pain again. In 2009 International Animal Rescue and Wildlife SOS achieved a historic success - the rescue of the last dancing bear in India. Since that day not a single dancing bear has been seen on the streets.

Sadly there is still a black market for bear cubs to be smuggled over the border into Nepal for bear dancing or for the sinister trade in bear parts, particularly traditional medicine. In March 2015 a bear cub was rescued from poachers and taken to the Agra Bear Sanctuary for treatment and care. Although only two months old, the young bear had already had his delicate nose pierced and his teeth broken off. He had been abandoned by the poachers close to the India-Nepal border and was destined for a miserable life as a dancing bear in Nepal or for some other grisly fate. Help came in the nick of time from the police and the WSOS anti-poaching team.



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Our partners in India are increasingly having to deal with instances of human-bear conflict. In recent months the rescue team has responded to six cases where bears have been caught in snares or suffered injuries in encounters with local villagers. One female bear was found badly injured after being shot. Her

terrified cub was by her side. They are now both in the care of our rescue centre in Bannerghatta. Education and outreach in rural communities is essential to protect wild sloth bears from growing persecution.

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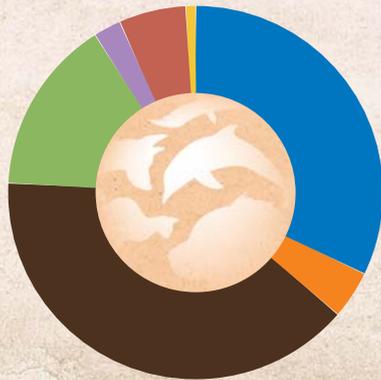




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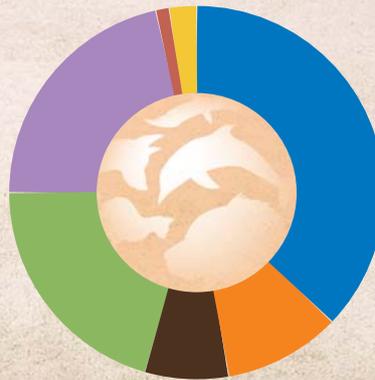
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CAMPAIGN EXPENSES £1,259,000



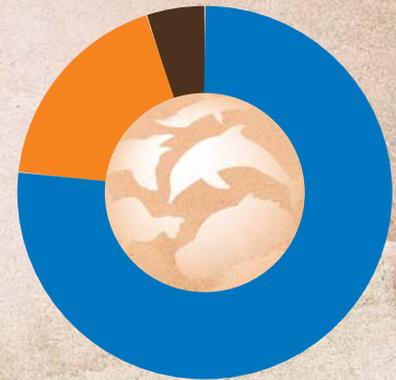
- Indian Dancing Bears
- Goa Community Animal Rescue & Clinic
- Primate Rescue and Rehabilitation
- Cat Rescue
- Other projects
- Education
- Travel and accommodation

INCOME £2,075,000



- Individual Donations
- Regular Gifts from Individuals
- Gift aid
- Trusts and foundations
- Legacies
- Fundraising events
- Investment income

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £1,872,000



- Campaign and animal rescue projects
- Fundraising
- Governance, development and administration

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CATASTROPHES CAT RESCUE

Thanks to support from International Animal Rescue, Catastrophes continues to provide a loving home for unwanted cats in the UK. Many of them are elderly or suffering from ailments or behavioural problems that make it difficult to place them in permanent homes. Catastrophes gives these cats the chance to live out their days in the peace and freedom of the country garden that surrounds the sanctuary.

DOG RESCUE

International Animal Rescue continues to collaborate with local groups in Goa, India to improve the welfare of the stray dog population. This requires a comprehensive sterilisation programme to control breeding and a vaccination programme to prevent the spread of diseases, particularly rabies. A third of the world's human cases of rabies occur in India. Our team

participated in the Mission Rabies project which launched in Goa in 2013 and successfully vaccinated more than 60,000 dogs in 12 locations in India in just 28 days, reaching the crucial 70% of the dog population to stop rabies spreading to dogs and people. The ultimate aim of the project is to vaccinate 2 million dogs over the next three years in the key rabies-affected areas and train an army of 200 Indian vets in sustainable, humane dog population and rabies control.



BIRD PROTECTION

We joined the campaign to end the shooting of migrating birds by Maltese hunters in 1990 and continue to lobby for stronger bird protection legislation and more effective law enforcement. We actively support the German Committee Against Bird Slaughter (CABS) in the monitoring of spring and autumn bird hunting to expose the illegal shooting of protected species.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our work helping animals in desperate need depends entirely on the generosity of the public to make it possible. Thanks to our supporters we are able to bring emergency aid to sick and injured animals and provide them with ongoing treatment and care in our rescue centres. Every single donation we receive makes a difference and we are extremely grateful to everyone who supports us.

REGULAR GIFTS AND ADOPTIONS

Regular gifts enable us to plan our work ahead with confidence, secure in the knowledge that we have the financial support to sustain it. Some people make a regular donation by taking out a virtual adoption of one of our animals. Budi



the baby orangutan joined the gallery of animals available for adoption in March 2015 and has proved a popular choice. Adopters are given exclusive access to regular updates and video of their chosen animal via the IAR website.

LEAVING THAT SPECIAL GIFT

One of the most effective ways to help us make a lasting difference to animals' lives is by leaving a gift to International Animal Rescue in your Will. Such a gift could help us buy valuable forest for orangutans or help us to enrich the lives of our rescued dancing bears for years to come.

"International Animal Rescue is having a real impact on the welfare of animals around the world. Its teams in the field are passionate, dedicated and determined and their work is inspiring. We've chosen to leave IAR a gift in our Will because we know we can trust the charity to put it to good use wherever it is needed most."

Jacqui and Mark Atkinson, IAR Supporters

Please contact **Robin Fegan** on **01825 767688** or via email – robin@internationalanimalrescue.org to find out more.

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