

THE RESCUER

2023



PROTECTING ANIMALS AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



Compassion, conservation and community

When I was at school, many years ago, the vital skills to master were the three Rs: reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic. Over the years, those skills have proved just as important as my teacher insisted they would. However, nowadays, in my role as President of International Animal Rescue, my commitment is to the three Cs: Compassion, Conservation and Community.

Compassion has always been at the heart of IAR's mission. It has been the driving force behind our efforts to save an animal from suffering and give it a second chance to live as nature intended. Compassion means caring about the individual. And, without wishing to sound too sentimental, it comes from the heart.

Human activity is threatening the world's biodiversity as never before.

Our goal is to conserve wildlife species and the habitats they need to survive. Our holistic conservation strategy, known as **IARconserves**, aims to deliver sustainable solutions to benefit us all – animals, people and the planet as a whole. To halt habitat loss and biodiversity decline, **IARconserves** looks to address the root cause of the problem and tackle every aspect of it.

Community is built into the heart of **IARconserves**. It is through community that we turn our feelings of compassion and our commitment to conservation into action. Whether it be indigenous communities in Indonesia restoring fragmented forest and monitoring released orangutans, or groups of loyal donors and fundraisers across the world generating the money to make this work possible, every community, large or small, is part of our IAR family – and we are so very grateful to you all.

You will read in The Rescuer about our community of Guardians of the Forest. Every single person who cares about life on our beautiful planet can become a Guardian and join us in protecting it in whatever way works best for you. I really do believe we can change the world for the better if we join together as a community of compassionate people and work together to conserve the natural world in all its forms.

Let's do it!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan'.

Alan Knight OBE
President
International Animal Rescue

BUDI GOES HOME!

In June 2023, deep in the Bornean rainforest, a momentous event took place: six orangutans were released after years of painstaking rehabilitation. Five were females – Tulip, Bianca, Jamilah, Faini and Covita – and there was one male, Budi. It was Budi who took the spotlight.



Baby orangutan Budi was rescued in December 2014. He had been kept for nearly a year in a chicken cage and fed entirely on condensed milk. He was slowly dying of malnutrition.

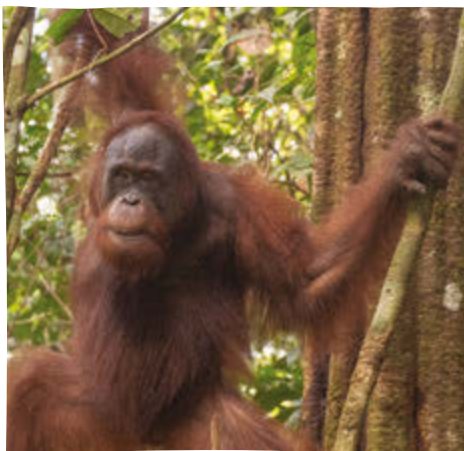
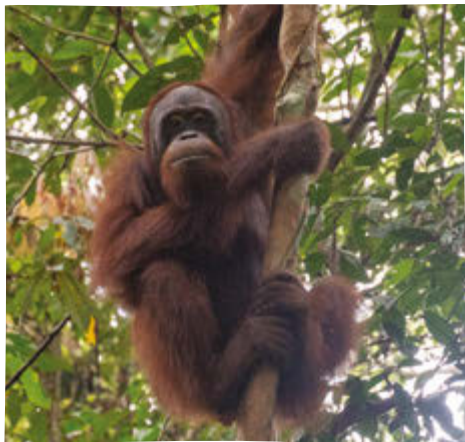
A joint rescue team from the local Agency for Natural Resources Conservation (BKSDA), the Gunung Palung National Park and IAR Indonesia (YIARI) rushed to the aid of the sick baby, making an arduous ten hour journey to bring him to YIARI's orangutan rehabilitation centre for lifesaving treatment.

Video of Budi crying in pain, his limbs and body badly swollen, captured hearts across the globe. During the weeks and months that followed his rescue, the world watched as Budi gradually regained his strength, learning first to sit up on his own, then to hold a bottle of milk, to swallow solid food and to start behaving like an orangutan, learning to walk and then to climb and move around in the trees.

Major milestones along Budi's journey included the day he met Jemmi, another rescued orangutan, and his first day in baby school, which started him on the long road to rehabilitation. As the years went by, Budi graduated from baby school and progressed to forest school, joining other orangutans who, like him, were becoming proficient in the skills they would need to survive in the wild – climbing and moving around in the trees; foraging for food in the treetops, and building a new nest to sleep in every night. Budi became increasingly confident and independent, spending hours on his own in the trees, just like a wild orangutan. He grew healthy

and strong and was no longer recognisable as the pitiful baby with the sad brown eyes and the swollen, hairless body.

Budi's release was wonderful news for the thousands of people around the world whose hearts he touched when he was first rescued. By the time he was released he was equipped with all the skills he would need to fend for himself in the forest. His journey, like that of all orangutans undergoing rehabilitation, was a long one. But his story is one full of hope and promise for the future.



In the months and years ahead, Budi will remain under the watchful eye of a dedicated team from the local community who work with IARI to ensure that every orangutan released back into the wild is not just surviving but thriving. What better example of compassionate conservation can there be? Budi was an individual animal saved from terrible suffering. Now we hope he will go on to father baby orangutans of his own and play a role in saving his critically endangered species from extinction.

If you have followed Budi's progress over the years and donated towards his treatment and rehabilitation, or shared his story on social media, we would like to thank you for supporting him and his friends. They would not have survived without you!

You can continue to follow and support their journey via our website at:
www.internationalanimalrescue.org/adopt

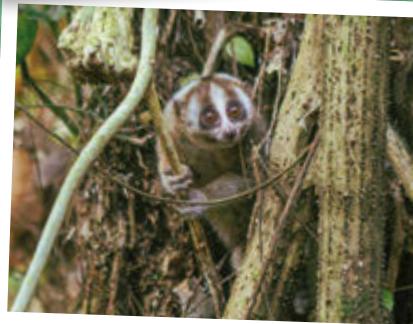


CELEBRATING THE SLOW LORIS



International Slow Loris Day is celebrated every year on 13th September. Seven species of these small nocturnal primates are currently recognised in Indonesia, but most of the illegal trade predominantly involves the Critically Endangered Javan slow loris and the Endangered greater slow loris. Major threats to the survival of these two species are habitat loss and the illegal wildlife trade.

YIARI, IAR's partner in Indonesia, began taking slow lorises into its Primate Rescue Centre in 2008. The centre has now rescued more than 1,300 slow lorises and many have been successfully rehabilitated and released into the wild in accordance with the Guidelines of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN.) Thanks to our IARconserves programme, we are tackling the illegal wildlife trade and actively reducing the number of slow lorises being sold as pets online.



MACAQUES



Our Indonesian partner YIARI has been working to improve the welfare of macaques ever since we first set up our Primate Rescue Centre in West Java in 2007.

Nowadays, YIARI's Patrol Team in Bogor is part of a Task Force set up to mitigate and manage conflict between macaques and humans. In support of these efforts, the team also carries out awareness-raising and educational activities in the local community. People are taught not to buy and keep macaques as pets – particularly because of the risk of zoonotic diseases and illegal hunting – and not to feed wild macaques. Information is also provided about the important ecological role macaques play in the natural environment.



BIDDING FAREWELL TO OUR DEAREST BUTTERBALL



An obituary by IAR's Indian partners Wildlife SOS

Saying goodbye is never easy. With a heavy heart, we bid adieu to our dearest Butterball. Butterball was just a cub when she arrived at Agra Bear Rescue Facility (ABRF) back in 2003. As we look back on her journey, we are reminded of how she narrowly escaped the grasp of brutality.

Orphaned at a young age, little Butterball was passed around among poachers. She almost fell victim to the cruel 'dancing' bear tradition that would entail a destiny of abuse, neglect, and malnutrition. To make them obey commands, sloth bears in the practice were tormented: their canines were broken, and their muzzles were pierced with a hot rod for a tugging rope to pass through.

Fortunately, with IAR's help, the Wildlife SOS anti-poaching team managed to rescue the 10-month-old cub before she could be auctioned to a Kalandar

community. While nothing can truly replace a mother's love, Butterball found a new lease of life under the dedicated care of caregivers and vets at ABRF.

Butterball's vivacity and enormous fondness for food made her the apple of everyone's eye. As the first one to arrive at the feeding area, she would gobble up her food in a jiffy



and quickly run back into her field. Around noon time, Butterball would be spotted under bamboos or on her platform placed as enrichment in her enclosure. An adept climber, Butterball would often scale up short trees in her field. Many times, we would spot her resting on her wooden platform.

Butterball's cheerful nature is bound to remain vivid in our minds. After two decades of receiving love and the utmost care, she has now left a gaping void in the hearts of all who knew her. She was receiving geriatric care at ABRF and was under constant medical supervision. An unfortunate cardiac arrest caused the sudden and untimely demise of Butterball.

Butterball never experienced the wild lands where her kind was meant to dwell but we are happy to have provided her a space that closely resembles her natural habitat. Though she is no longer with us, Butterball's resilience inspires us to continue our journey of rescuing wildlife in distress with greatest determination.



Butterball has shown us how to make the most of life and live every moment with gusto. We hope her new life in the great beyond is filled with endless cheer, boundless freedom and all the peanut "butterballs" that she can enjoy.

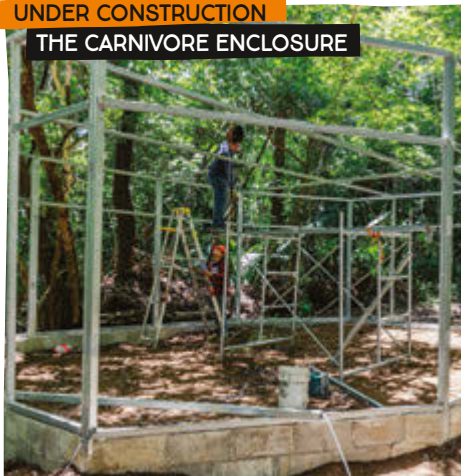
CARING FOR WILDLIFE IN COSTA RICA

The team at our centre in Costa Rica has been busier than ever during the past 12 months. Sad to say, 2022 was the worst year to date for electrocutions, highlighting the need for more action by government agencies, power providers and other stakeholders to 'Stop the shocks' and save howler monkeys and other wildlife from injury and death on uninsulated power cables and transformers. IAR Veterinary Director Francisco Sanchez spoke out in the media about this "nightmare" – let's hope the authorities were listening! The huge influx of wildlife casualties was a constant reminder that we were in urgent need of bigger and better facilities. Fortunately, work on the new rescue centre has been coming on in leaps and bounds and will probably be completed by the time you read this. The next step is to move the animals over to the new site – and what a great occasion that will be. With its increased space and improved facilities, the new centre will make the whole process of diagnosing, treating and

rehabilitating injured animals easier, quicker and more effective.

We are extremely grateful to the Michael Uren Foundation for generously funding the building of the new centre and to everyone who has assisted with the costs of fitting it out with all the essential veterinary equipment and supplies. None of this would have been possible without you!

UNDER CONSTRUCTION THE CARNIVORE ENCLOSURE



Among the species that benefited from our team's care and expertise in recent months was a beautiful Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*). He was rescued from a swimming pool and thankfully suffered no serious injuries. He was kept at the centre until he had regained his strength and was able to fly with ease.



This small, dark bird of prey inhabits open woodlands and forest clearings. They perch on high, open snags from which they launch aerial attacks on their prey. They hunt bats, birds, rodents and insects. They can be found soaring, diving, calling, and hunting above pristine forests, along forest edges, in palm savannahs, along small waterways (such as rivers or streams), in agricultural fields, and even small towns.

National Wildcat Day

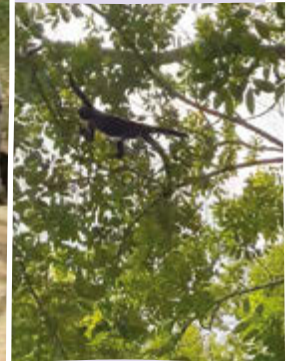


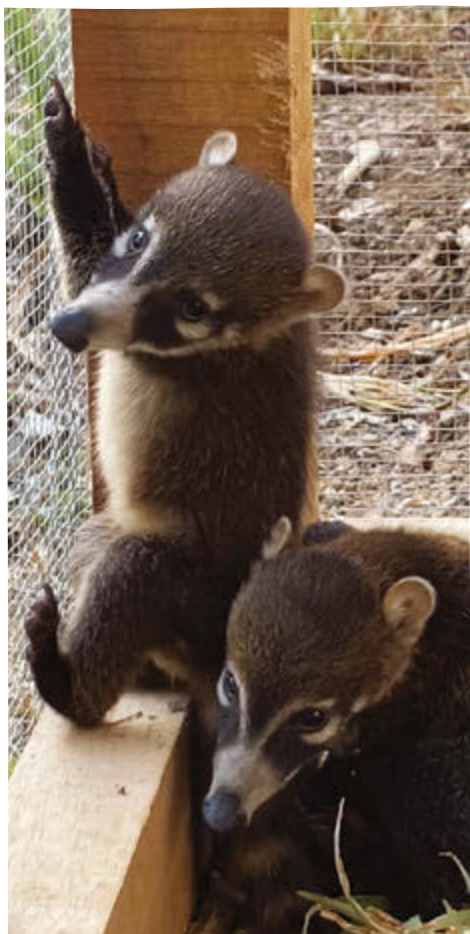
The 4th of July was National Wildcat Day in Costa Rica. The country is home to six stunning species of wildcats or felines: the jaguar, the puma, the ocelot, the margay, the oncilla, and the jaguarundi.

They are part of Costa Rica's rich biodiversity and, in protecting them we are also taking care of the many other species that live alongside it and maintaining the health of the entire ecosystem.

Releasing rehabilitated animals back into the wild can be a time of mixed emotions: pride and joy that these once damaged creatures are now able to cope on their own, but perhaps tinged with anxiety as to how they will fare back out in the big wide world, and some sadness at saying goodbye after so long. After all, some of these animals remain in our care for years before they are ready to return home.

The release of five howler monkeys back into the wild earlier this summer was the culmination of almost two years' dedication and hard work by the team to equip them for life in the wild. Ruperto, Coral, Isis, Virginia, and Macaria had been brought into the centre at various times after being electrocuted, struck by a car or attacked by a dog. Now, thanks to the work of the vets and keepers and the generosity of everyone who supports us, they are back in the forest where they belong.





Two other delightful arrivals at the centre were a pair of white nosed coatis (*Nasua narica*) that were found alone in the middle of the street. Sadly, their mother was nowhere to be found and so the furry bundles were brought to the centre where they will stay until they're old enough to fend for themselves. Coatis are active both day and night. They protect each other and are a close-knit community. When they detect danger, they will all jump into the closest tree to escape harm. Coatis are omnivores and will eat anything they can find, particularly fruits and berries but also spiders, lizards, eggs, rodents and birds. Some larger animals also view the Coati as a tasty snack so large snakes, wildcats, coyotes and eagles are to be avoided at all costs!



Did you know?

The White-Nosed Coati, also known as the Coatimundi or the local term, Pizote, is well-known in Costa Rica, particularly near the coast. You are likely to spot Coatis climbing trees or walking in groups along the paths. People have come upon large groups ranging from 10-30 Coatis! They are fairly friendly and usually watch humans while they are eating in the hope of grabbing a bite themselves. Usually, you won't find many adult males in these groups as they are put out at the age of two.

A MESSAGE FROM CATASTROPHES CAT RESCUE

For cats with no or little hope, Catastrophes Cat Rescue provides a lifeline that they so desperately need.

Many of the cats have been abandoned or ill-treated and many are simply feral and living on the streets.

Our dedicated team believes that every cat deserves a chance and with the help of IAR our aim is to reach out to these cats and provide urgent veterinary care including spaying and neutering and to provide them with food and shelter.

For cats who have no one the charity is 'their someone'.

Our unique sanctuary in the heart of the Sussex countryside gives cats that are difficult to home such as feral, nervous and elderly cats a peaceful and safe environment with all home comforts and the freedom of the country gardens that surround the sanctuary.

MERRY



This is Merry! She's a beautiful girl who came to us with severe sun damage on her white ears.

Her years of surviving the outdoor life had exposed her sensitive white skin to being damaged by the sun. She was given surgery to clip away the scarred ear tissue followed by convalescence care. This is her chilling in her own little bed!

CLOPPY



Before Cloppy arrived with us, he was living as a stray in North London. He arrived in a sorry state, in need of an urgent dental and eye surgery. He had been caught beforehand and neutered at a vets in London but they had not spotted his serious health issues. Our vets went into action and sorted out his painful mouth, and he had to have his poorly eye removed. Cloppy had lots of post-op care with us, and now enjoys his happy new life at the sanctuary.

THOMAS EDDISON



Thomas Eddison enjoying the summer at Catastrophes Cat Rescue sanctuary in the Sussex countryside.

See Catastrophes Cat Rescue on Facebook.

We welcome visitors by appointment.

HELP US TO BE 'THEIR SOMEONE'.

Thank you for caring,

Liz Varney, Executive Director, Catastrophes Cat Rescue

www.catastrophescats.org

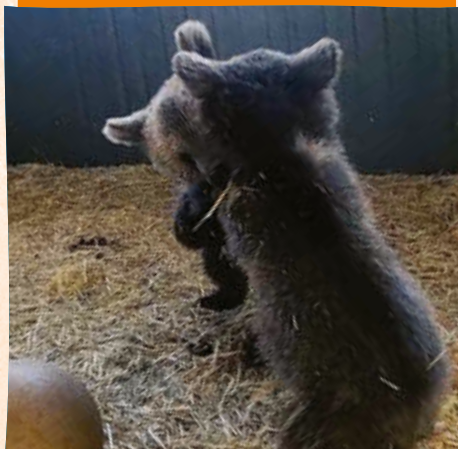
CARING FOR CUBS IN ARMENIA

You may fondly recall the heartwarming story of Sam and Lexi, the two Syrian brown bear cubs who captured our hearts not too long ago. Found alone and vulnerable with no mothers in sight, they were welcomed into our care and received the dedicated attention of our skilled veterinarians.

Through your incredible support, we are able to provide them with the necessary medical care and nurturing environment they needed to thrive.

Today, we are overjoyed to share that Sam and Lexi are blossoming into vibrant, energetic cubs, a true testament to the transformative power of compassion. Whilst they still have a long way to go, your kindness has paved the way for their recovery, reminding us that every gesture of support brings us closer to creating a brighter future for these magnificent creatures.

These curious cubs are having a blast with their new enrichment toys. It's like a bear playground in their enclosure! From swinging on rope bridges to investigating hidden treats, these cubs sure know how to keep themselves entertained. Thanks to your support, we're able to provide them with endless fun and adventure.





Sam and Lexi are living their best bear lives as they playfully chase each other around their enclosure. Your support makes moments like these possible, as they grow, learn, and thrive together in a safe and enriching environment.



Sam and Lexi know how to savor a mealtime! Thanks to your generosity, we're able to provide these bear cubs with the tastiest and healthiest treats. Every bite they take is a reminder of your kindness and dedication to their well-being.



Did you know?

Syrian brown bear cubs have a high metabolism and require a substantial amount of food to support their growth and energy requirements. At a young age, bear cubs typically nurse from their mothers. As they grow and start transitioning to solid foods, their diet will include a mix of fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, and occasionally meat.

INTRODUCING...GUARDIANS OF THE FOREST!

This year, in celebration of World Rainforest Day, we launched a brand new initiative: 'Guardians of the Forest' which showcases the inspirational work carried out by our team on the ground in Indonesia, and invites everyone around the world to join us on our journey towards a better and more sustainable planet.

Guardians of the Forest is all about community and the many reasons to have hope. When speaking to our team in Indonesia (our 'Guardians on the Ground') we are filled with admiration and the belief that there are incredible things being done to slow the effects of climate change and keep our planet's biodiversity safe and protected. We hope to grow this community and connect like-minded groups from all around the world to inspire and empower more people to take action and join us!

Meet some of our Guardians on the ground



'My name is Lia Aulia and I am a Guardian of the Forest. I am 24 years old and work on the education team. Through this work I discovered that the villages directly adjacent to the forest often do not have schools – and where there are no schools, there are no teachers. An experience that has really touched my heart was working with the children in Batu Lapis Village in West Kalimantan.'

The lack of education in this village means that most of the children cannot read – this truly breaks my heart as every time we visit with books the children are so excited – they are thirsty for stories. The children always ask us to read them stories and books and they love to draw. They are also so excited every time we teach them about the environment by playing and learning in the forest around them. The forest becomes their classroom and they love to learn about the importance of plants and animals. These children are our hope for the future and true Guardians of the Forest.'





KETUS

'My name is Ketus and I am a Guardian of the Forest. I come from Pematang Gadung village and work as the Coordinator of Forest patrols, Wildlife Censuses and Phenology in the forest surrounding my village. I work with my friends, who are all also from the village, to carry out patrols to collect data on biodiversity and protect the forest from poachers, illegal loggers and illegal mining. Every day, we patrol on foot for several kilometres, setting up camera traps, recording wild animal sightings and mitigating conditions that could threaten the sustainability of our village forest. I have been doing this work since 2015 and am happy to see that our forest is still beautiful – our patrols are an important part of this. I promise to continue to do this vital work for the forest, my community and the biodiversity that surrounds us.'



MRS MAI

'My name is Mrs Mai and I am a Guardian of the Forest. I am a proud member of The Power of Mama, Indonesia's all-female firefighting force. We are a group of mothers who take action to protect the forest around us. I play an active role in patrols to prevent forest and land fires, as well as speaking with local communities about how we can all play a part in improving the health, wellbeing and safety of our families and our entire community.'

In addition to fire prevention, we also support communities impacted by flooding and provide education and resources to improve sanitation and quality of life. I hope that the Power of Mama will grow and that we can inspire our children to share our passion for protecting the forest we call home.'



If you're interested in finding out more and becoming a Guardian of the Forest yourself, please visit:

www.internationalanimalrescue.org/guardiansoftheforest

YOU ARE ALL FANTASTIC!

Saving animals' lives would not be possible without people like you! We cannot thank you enough for your determination in raising vital funds to help end animal suffering.

Whether you run, cycle, walk, bake, abseil, sing, celebrate important occasions by asking for donations or spread awareness about our lifesaving projects around the world, you are making a difference! Your loyalty and passion mean everything to us, and the animals we rescue. **Thank you for being part of the team!**



We are so grateful to everyone who took part in Cakes for Apes 2023! You raised over £10,000! This will help save orangutans and gives hope to this wonderful species!

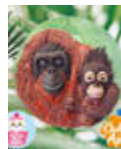
It was truly ape-mazing to see people all over the world getting involved!



A big shout out to Frances Lethorn who raised **£1,050** for Cakes for Apes! This is an absolutely incredible amount! Frances held a Cakes for Apes at her work and also a separate one for her karate buddies.



A huge well done to 11 year old Oliver Sewell and 6 year old Ada Sewell for raising an incredible **£620**! This is Oliver's fourth year of taking part in Cakes for Apes. Oliver likes helping animals, especially orangutans and says it's a good fun way to do it. Ada likes apes and cakes and loves seeing orangutans happy and safe.



To join Cakes for Apes and help save orangutans next year, visit www.cakes4apes.org

SUPERSTAR FUNDRAISERS



Patty Cuthbert

Patty consistently blows us away with all she does! She has already raised **£2,093** this year through going out to a variety of community-focused events in Canada and selling jewellery.



Barrie Howell

Barrie raised a staggering **£1,370** though his Lap Of Iberia cycle challenge. To celebrate his 60th birthday, Barrie cycled 4,000 km in 40 days for the animals! Thank you Barrie for really going the extra mile!



January Thompson

California based January held a concert for us again this year as part of the Brighton Fringe Festival. January sang her heart out and donated a portion of the proceeds to us, raising a brilliant amount for the animals.

International schools – We'd like to say a massive thank you to schools around the world who are working hard to end animal suffering!

A special shout out goes to the Harrow International School Hong Kong and The European School in Saarbrücken (Germany) who both took part in sponsored runs for us! The European School in Saarbrücken raised a fantastic **£1,712** and the Harrow International School Hong Kong raised a whopping **£8,400!**

If your school or community group would like to know more about us, and the work we do, then contact fundraising@internationalanimalrescue.org. We can even arrange an online presentation.

GET INVOLVED

If you're interested in fundraising in support of our work, then we would be thrilled to hear from you! We have lots of ideas and inspiration and can send you a free fundraising pack to get you started. Please email us at fundraising@internationalanimalrescue.org or call us on 01825 767688.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2022

As we emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, 2022 brought significant financial challenges as we faced high inflation, currency fluctuations, and rising interest rates due to the war in Ukraine. IAR has felt these challenges with donations falling from £3.95m in 2021 to £3.53m in 2022 as the economic headwinds started to have an impact. We understand these are challenging times and are immensely grateful that so many of you found a way to continue your steadfast support of our mission.

International Animal Rescue had an operating deficit of funds in 2022 of £288k; with unrealised losses on investments (as at December 2022) increasing this loss to £1.3m. As above, income was nearly £400k lower than underlying income in 2021, largely due to a fall in most of our income streams, offset by an increase in legacy income (£350k higher than 2021). Charitable expenditure and fundraising costs were mostly in line with 2021 as a result of our efforts to mitigate inflationary increases.

Regarding reserves, our investments suffered a loss as a result of the war in Ukraine's impact on rising interest rates, reversing gains in the previous year. This is because we have chosen to invest our reserves in renewable energy and other progressive technologies that align with our conservation values. As a result, the aforementioned economic challenges have had a greater impact on our reserves than the wider market. Of our reserves, around half is earmarked for future projects, including the building of the Michael Uren Rescue Centre in Costa Rica which is nearing completion at the time of writing. The balance of the Reserves is to cover working capital and financial risk - the levels of economic uncertainty have only increased in the last year due to the Ukraine war.

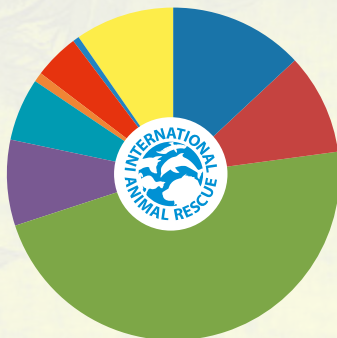
We don't know what the long term impact will be but we have already seen an impact on our income levels in 2022, as well as increasing costs across all of our projects as a result of global inflation and currency movements, and this difficulty is continuing into 2023. However, we have weathered many storms over our 30 year history. With prudent financial management and the ongoing support of loyal donors, we are confident we can navigate the current economic challenges while continuing, and expanding, our vital conservation work across the globe.

INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Voluntary income				
Donations and grants	1,466,906	244,771	1,711,677	2,468,972
Legacies	1,714,396	-	1,714,396	1,380,966
Investment income				
Bank interest and dividends	94,180	-	94,180	79,040
Other trading activities	11,047	-	11,047	21,589
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	3,286,529	244,771	3,531,300	3,950,567
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities	2,918,067	423,772	3,341,839	3,433,421
Cost of generating funds				
Fundraising costs	358,567	-	358,567	342,935
Development	100,000	-	100,000	100,000
Investment managers' fees	18,906	-	18,906	20,097
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	3,395,540	423,772	3,819,312	3,896,453
NET INCOME	67,871	-	67,871	142,842
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses	(109,011)	(179,001)	(288,012)	54,114
Net gains/(losses) on investment assets	(1,030,806)	-	(1,030,806)	613,632
Other recognised gains and losses	(84,976)	-	(84,976)	18,426
Net movement in funds	(1,224,793)	(179,001)	(1,403,794)	686,172
Fund balances at 1 January 2022	5,966,076	463,969	6,430,045	5,743,873
FUND BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2021	4,741,283	284,968	5,026,251	6,430,045

The financial summary shown is an extract from the Charity's full audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. These were prepared in accordance with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2015' (SORP). These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to enable a full understanding of the financial status of International Animal Rescue. For further information, please contact the Charity's Treasurer at the UK head office address. International Animal Rescue's auditors are Clarke Brownscombe of 2 St Andrews Place, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1UP.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

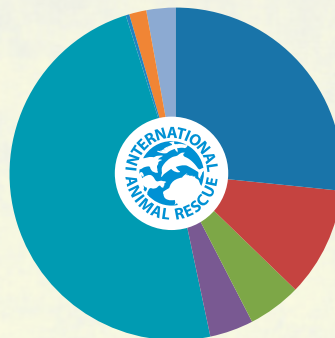
CAMPAIGN EXPENSES



- Indian Dancing Bears
- Armenia Bears
- Primate Rescue and Rehabilitation
- Costa Rica - Howler Monkey Rescue
- Cat Rescue
- Other projects
- Education & Awareness
- Program Travel
- Campaign Support

TOTAL: £3,341,839

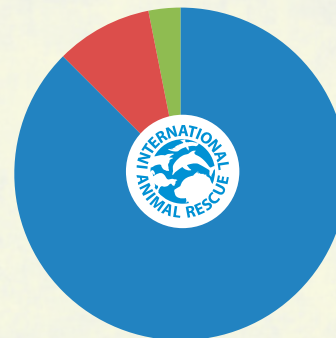
INCOME



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

TOTAL: £3,531,300

TOTAL EXPENDITURE



- Animal Protection and rescue projects
- Fundraising
- Governance, development and administration

TOTAL: £3,819,312

SRI LANKAN LEOPARD AND SLOTH BEAR SURVEY



International Animal Rescue is pleased to be providing funding to the Environmental Foundation, Sri Lanka to support a study to estimate the baseline population density, population structure and spatial ecology of the Sri Lankan leopard and sloth bear in the Greater Yala National Parks using camera traps.



Large carnivore species, such as the leopard and the sloth bear, fulfil critical ecological roles as umbrella and keystone species of an ecosystem. The Sri Lankan leopard, being one of the eight unique sub-species of leopards in the world, represents the only apex predator on the island, and its existence is crucial for the survival of other wildlife species in its habitat.

Similarly, the Sri Lankan sloth bear, being an omnivore, is regarded as a conservation surrogate and a key indicator species of the dry lowland forests in Sri Lanka.

The endangered Sri Lankan leopard is the second last remaining island leopard in the world. This unique sub-species is threatened since Sri Lanka's diminishing highly fragmented forest cover is its only refuge. Currently there is almost no information on how many leopards live on the island. Therefore this creates a strong need to assess its population.

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY: GIFT A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ANIMALS

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