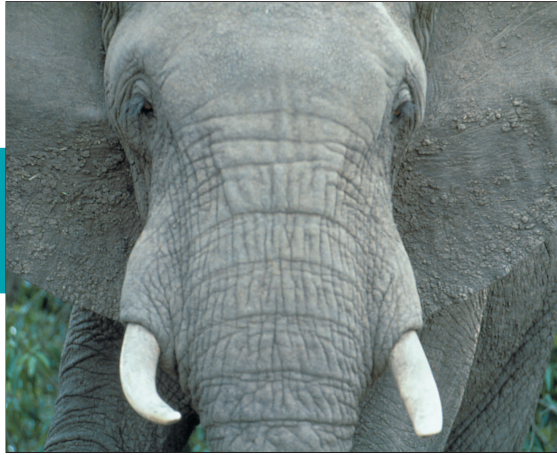




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The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) works to improve the welfare of wild and domestic animals throughout the world by reducing commercial exploitation of animals, protecting wildlife habitats, and assisting animals in distress. We seek to motivate the public to prevent cruelty to animals and to promote animal welfare and conservation policies that advance the well-being of both animals and people.

As one of the largest international animal welfare organizations in the world, IFAW has offices in 15 countries and a staff of more than 200 experienced campaigners, legal and political experts, and internationally acclaimed scientists.

IFAW pursues a variety of local, national and global campaigns around the world. In each region where we work, IFAW's activities are informed by local customs and culture and tailored to the particular economic and political conditions of that area. All of IFAW's efforts are rooted in the belief that a world in which animal life can survive and thrive is fundamental to human well-being.



Protecting Wild Animals from Commercial Exploitation and Trade

History has shown that large-scale commercial hunting and sale of wild animals frequently pushes species to the brink of extinction.

Some claim that commercial whaling, sealing, and other commercial wildlife hunts can be environmentally sound and well managed. In fact, a skyrocketing demand for black-market animal parts, which has spawned sophisticated global networks of poachers, smugglers, and dealers, is making wildlife protection increasingly difficult and dangerous. By working with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) to protect commercially exploited species, IFAW strives to ensure the grim lessons of the past are not forgotten.

We are working to halt the ongoing expansion of commercial whaling and promoting whale watching as a humane and ecologically sustainable economic alternative. We are also trying to stop the resurgent commercial seal hunt in Canada, and to prevent the resumption of the ivory trade that could easily wipe out what remains of once mighty herds of African and Asian elephants.

Preserving Safe Habitat for Wildlife

Human population growth, urbanization, and the globalization of industry and trade are putting animal habitat in competition with other land-use priorities. Increasingly, animals are being driven from their domains, their migratory patterns are being disturbed, and their breeding grounds destroyed.

IFAW is doing its part to help preserve as much land as possible for all living things. By working hand-in-hand with governments, local communities, and other groups, we have already helped to protect more than 8 million acres of land for elephants, moon bears, and other wildlife. In addition, we helped make one-fifth of the world's oceans a sanctuary for whales.

Around the world—from the pristine gray whale birthing lagoons of Baja, Mexico, to the spectacular new “Four Great Rivers” protected area in China—we are working to ensure that animals have safe havens for centuries to come.



Giving Hands-On Help to Animals in Distress

Animals around the world suffer needlessly as a result of abandonment, inappropriate confinement, and other inhumane practices. In addition, animals are often victims of disasters. IFAW staff and volunteers lead worldwide emergency relief efforts to rescue animals during disasters; reduce the suffering of dogs, cats, and other pets; ensure the humane treatment of animals in farms or zoos; and educate the public about promoting a better future for animals and people.

IFAW is uniquely positioned to come to the aid of marine mammals and birds caught in oil spills, whales stranded on beaches, bear cubs orphaned by hunters, chimpanzees captured by exotic animal dealers, abused or abandoned pets, and animals victimized by cruel and outmoded practices like fox hunting.

Winning Lasting Benefits for Animals and People

Successful campaigns rely on sound scientific research, public education, and close cooperation with governments, other organizations, and local communities.

IFAW supports world-class scientists who are working to answer critical questions about animal populations, behavior, and environmental and human threats. We also carefully track commercial animal trade and poaching activities. And we conduct educational initiatives to help people understand the biological, socioeconomic, and ethical issues that pertain to animals and their welfare.

Most importantly, IFAW forges winning partnerships with local organizations and communities to create and expand wildlife habitat; to find practical, mutually beneficial solutions to conflicts between people and animals; and to enhance respect and appreciation for wildlife and the natural environment.

The ultimate goal of our programs and campaigns is to preserve a world where *all* life can flourish.

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