



## End of Year Newsletter

A look back at a busy year of growth and good news for United for Wildlife and The Royal Foundation - keeping you up to date with the latest from our work and chapters around the world.

*"United for Wildlife had another brilliant year, led by our growing number of members and chapters around the world who continued the fight against the illegal wildlife trade.*

*From lemur and lion repatriations to pushing forward new bans and legal definitions, this work wouldn't be possible without United for Wildlife's incredible partners - and we're looking forward to accomplishing even more in 2025."*

**Robert Campbell,**  
Programme Director, United for Wildlife

## Donkey Skin Trade Ban

*February*

February saw United for Wildlife supporting The Donkey Sanctuary in its successful lobby for greater protection for donkeys from organised donkey skin trafficking.

Currently the most trafficked animal, over five million donkeys are killed each year for their skins. The landmark moratorium agreed in February makes it illegal to slaughter donkeys for their skins across Africa, safeguarding them and the livelihoods of millions of people who rely on them.



### 'Brutal' donkey skin trade banned by the African Union



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## Launch of the India Chapter

*April*

United for Wildlife launched its eighth regional Chapter, bringing together some of the largest financial institutions, transport companies, law enforcement agencies and conservation groups in India at Ranthambhore National Park. As a direct result of the meeting, the U.S. Embassy donated a large supply of first aid kits for rangers across India.



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## In other news:

**February**

- Advocate [Xolisile Khanyile](#) appointed Chair of United for Wildlife Financial Taskforce



- [Combined meeting of the North American and Latin American Chapters in Miami](#)
- LexisNexisPodcast Live [“Combating Wildlife Trafficking: Battling a Twenty-Billion Dollar Industry”](#) with Robert Campbell and Geraldine Fleming
- [To flight illegal wildlife trafficking through hotspots like Miami, follow the money -](#) An opinion piece from UfW Co-Chair David Fein

## Six Young Lions Rescued

May

United for Wildlife partner, Qatar Airways Cargo, worked with Animal Defenders International to undertake the difficult task of moving six young lions from the illegal wildlife trade to the ADI Wildlife Sanctuary in Johannesburg.

[Find out more](#)

## World Female Ranger Week

June

Rangers are the frontline protectors of nature and in celebration of World Female Ranger Week we featured interviews with the amazing Leitch Mkhabela across our social channels.

[Watch the videos here](#)



## West Africa Chapter Launch

July

UfW launched its ninth chapter in Nigeria with over 20 organisations in attendance from the



private sector, law enforcement and government authorities, and conservation NGOs. Whilst there, UfW established landmark agreements with one of Nigeria's leading law enforcement agencies and the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit. The Nigerian FIU endorsed the Statement of Principles, which brings the total number of signatories of the principles to 30.



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## Singapore Recognises IWT as a Serious Crime

*August*

Thanks to the ongoing work of UfW's Southeast Asia Chapter, the Singaporean Government passed a new bill recognising illegal wildlife trade as a serious and organised crime - increasing possible sentences for wildlife trafficking from two to twenty years.

[Find out more](#)

## In other news:

### July

- East Africa Chapter meeting held in Kenya where GardaWorld announced the rollout of IWT training to 31,000 staff on the ground.

### September

- UfW team attends [HSI Wildlife Summit in DC](#).



# United for Wildlife Global Summit

*November*

United for Wildlife hosted a successful annual Global Summit in Cape Town South Africa, alongside Earthshot Week. The event brought together over 400 conservation champions from 300 different organisations across all sectors.

At the showcase, The Prince of Wales gave a moving speech and announced a game-changing package of support for rangers including insurance, training and leadership development. This speech was livestreamed across major global news channels with the Summit driving almost 3000 news and social media mentions across the week.

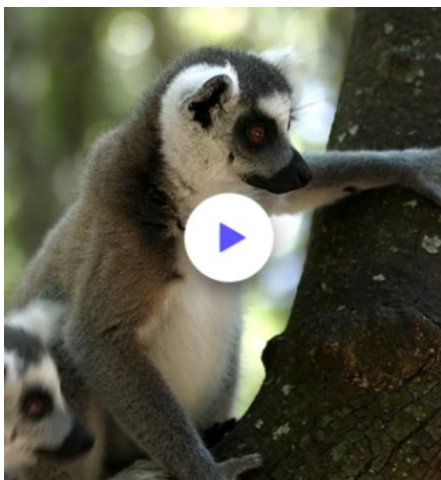
As part of a roundtable chaired by Lord Hague at the Summit, several leading philanthropists made a \$90 million commitment to African conservation.

The Summit also saw the launch of IWT Certifications for Ports and Shipping which will audit members of the Transport Taskforce directly against the Buckingham Palace declaration.



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The trailer for United for Wildlife's upcoming series was unveiled at the Summit which will focus on those at the frontline of nature protection, rangers. More exciting things to come on this in 2025 [↓](#)



## **Almost 1000 Vulnerable Endangered Animals Repatriated**

*December*

Just last week, we announced the fantastic news that almost 1000 endangered and vulnerable tortoises and lemurs have successfully been shipped home to Madagascar, following a seizure earlier this year in Thailand. UfW worked with the Thai and



Malagasy governments along with the UNODC, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife Justice Commission, Qatar Airways Cargo and Airlink, to ship the animals back home in what's become one of the largest global repatriations ever. The Prince of Wales called this "*an unprecedented feat for the fight against illegal wildlife trade*".

Find out more



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