

Europe Leads the Way to a Brighter Future for Animals(?)

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Campaigning for better animal welfare

Protecting species in the wild



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Helping individual animals in distress

Campaigning for global protection



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Safeguarding local communities

Advocating good practice



Europe

- UK - Head Office (Headquarters)**
Zoo Check (CO)
Croucher (CO)
UK captive animal compacts (CG)
Astralis (TH)
- Europe General**
Zoo Check (OT)
ENDCAP: End Captivity Coalition (OT)
All other (except UK) captive animal compacts (CG)
OPAS: Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (CO)
- Spain**
IstiZooa Coalition (OT)
OOO Deponia Coalition (OT)
- Turkey**
Captive Rescue / Tam and Vahşi (AR)
Küçük Dogu: Bear and Wolf Conservation and Research (AR)

Asia

- Brazil**
Human-Elephant Conflict Mitigation Project (DW)
- Cameroon**
Limpit Wildlife Centre: Primate Sanctuary (AR)
Last Great Ape Organisation (LAGA) (AN/OT)
- Democratic Republic of Congo**
Kahuzi Biega NP: Eastern Lowland Gorilla (AR)
Global Friends: POPOP School (AR)
- Ethiopia - Born Free Ethiopia (Addis Ababa)**
Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Project (CO)
Ethiopian Wildlife Rescue Centre (AR/AR)
Global Friends: Omnia and Misa Schools (AR)
- Guatemala**
Wild National Park: Anti-poaching (DW)
- Guinea**
Wildlife Law Enforcement (DWA/AR)
- Kenya - Born Free Kenya (Nairobi)**
Antelope Enrichment (DW)
Lion Proof Bomas (DW)
Mt. Elgon Elephant Monitoring (DW)
Mt. Kenya Trust Habitat Protection (DW)
Global Friends: Larkem, Ol Morit, Mahyatta, Mchuru and Ngordini Schools (DW)
- Liberia**
CITIC Capacity Building (DW)
- Mali**
People and Wildlife / Loupou Wildlife Centre (AR)
Global Friends: People and Wildlife Centre Club (AR)
- South Africa - Born Free South Africa (Port Elizabeth)**
Shamwari Big Cat Rescue Centre (AR/TH)
Global Friends: Shamwari Schools (AR)
- Tanzania**
West Kilimanjaro Fieldwork Project (AN)
Sea Sense: Guping and Sea Turtle Protection (AR)
Global Friends: Juani School (AR)
- Uganda**
Uganda Wand Chimpanzee Sanctuary (DW)
Global Friends: Koonie and Myende Schools (AR)
- Zambia**
Zambia Inmate Project (AR)
South Luangwa Conservation Society (AR)
- Zimbabwe**
African Wild Dogs (AR)



North America

- Canada**
Orca: Free Dolly of Wild Orca (AR)
Polar Bear Research (AR)
- USA - Born Free USA (Georgetown, MA / Washington, DC)**
Texas BP Primate Sanctuary (AR)
Legislation (AR)
Fur (AR)
Trapping (AR)
Croucher (AR)
Zoo (AR)

South America

- Argentina**
Jaguar on The Pange (CO)
- South America General**
Andean Cat Alliance (CO)

Asia

- Asia General**
Snow Leopards (CO)
- China**
Moon Bear Rescue Centre (AR)

India

- India**
Captive Landscape Tiger Programme (CO/OP)
Bambergala Sanctuary (AR)
- Indonesia**
Orangutan Rescue Centre (AR)
ProfPauza: Wildlife Conservation / Trade Investigation (OP)
- Sri Lanka - Born Free Sri Lanka (Colombo)**
Sri Lanka Elephants (Elephant Transit Home) (OP)
Global Friends: Kathumbogama (OP)
- Vietnam**
Moon Bear Rescue Centre (AR)

So, Does the EU Lead the Way to a Brighter Future for Animals?



ARTICLE 13 OF THE TREATY ON THE FUNCTIONING OF EUROPE -- [Title II - Provisions having general application]

In formulating and implementing the Union's agriculture, fisheries, transport, internal market, research and technology development and space policies, the Union and the Member States shall, **since animals are sentient beings, pay full regard to the welfare requirements of animals**, while respecting the legislative or administrative provisions and customs of the Member States relating in particular to religious rites, cultural traditions and regional heritage.

- Whilst not listed here, it is generally regarded that the welfare of animals protected under environmental law (i.e. zoos, trade) is included
- EU is obliged to uphold its responsibilities towards animal welfare

ANIMAL WELFARE COMPETENCY IS IDENTIFIED ACROSS MANY DGs IN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

DG DEVCO

DG TRADE

DG HOME

DG SANTE

DG FISMA

DG ENVI

DG EAC

DG AGRI

- In theory, animal welfare is a responsibility for many Departments
- DG SANTE has a devoted Unit for animal welfare but only focuses on animals used in food production
- For the European Commission, “Animal welfare is a matter for subsidiarity and proportionality”

CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER STATE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IDENTIFY A LACK OF CAPACITY

MEMBER STATE QUESTIONNAIRE

- Recognising that Member State competent authorities largely lack the necessary knowledge and access to training, Born Free Foundation decided to identify the knowledge gaps of authorities
- Results demonstrated that competent authorities recognise that they lack knowledge and need access to training
- Need for a centralised information point and leadership



CONDITIONS IN EUROPEAN ZOOS ARE POOR TO APPALLING



- There are believed to be > 3,500 zoos in the EU. Only 260 are members of the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria
- The Born Free Foundation's EU Zoo Inquiry evaluated the implementation of the EU Zoos Directive 1999/22
- Findings indicted that the majority of zoos are substandard predominantly because competent authorities lack knowledge

DESPITE REQUIREMENTS, CAPTIVE FACILITIES CAN KEEP WHALES AND DOLPHINS



- 32 of the 33 captive facilities keeping cetaceans are licensed as zoos
- Cetaceans require a spacious and complex environment that smooth-side water tanks are unable to provide
- The Born Free's EU Zoo Inquiry identified that dolphinariums do not meet the requirements of the EU Zoos Directive 1999/22



CITES



The Secretariat will provide Parties with guidance about the practical effects of the accession of the European Union in due course.



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Sent by MSP Neil KJG (540) and MSP Russell Laidlaw (50756/104) - Vice Chair of the Commission for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

FORMATION OF MEPS FOR WILDLIFE TO CONSOLIDATE EFFORTS AND INFLUENCE



- Illegal trade in wildlife valued at 17 billion euros per annum
- EU plays a significant role as consumer and transit hub
- An EU Action Plan is required to address wildlife trafficking
- MEPs for Wildlife established in 2015, following discussions between MEPs and the Born Free Foundation

CONCLUSIONS

- **Animal welfare is a moral responsibility of the EU**
- **Many EU laws include a requirement for animal welfare provision**
- **Only DG SANTE has a devoted team to improve welfare, but this is currently only focused on the welfare of animals in food production**
- **Provision of services should not be dependent upon the number of animals**
- **Relevant law is devolved to Member States to apply and enforce**
- **Investigations have revealed poor standards in animal welfare**
- **Member State competent authorities recognise that they lack knowledge and need training**
- **Need centralised training and enforcement capacity**





