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A message from our Executive Director, Mary Rice

THE past six months has been particularly busy for EIA as an organisation.

Following on from an external review in 2015, and a Theory of Change exercise, we embarked on a series of tactical internal work streams designed to ensure that we are fit for purpose for the next decade and to ensure we articulate our work in a clearer and more coherent manner.

This has been challenging, given that it has been done in parallel to the work we continue to do exposing environmental crime and abuse, and producing the rigorous evidence and analysis that leads to meaningful and tangible change - work that is highlighted in this issue of *Investigator*.

As I write this, the EIA team is preparing for a busier than usual season of major international conferences. This autumn, EIA will be attending the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES in Johannesburg, South Africa, the Montreal Protocol conference in Rwanda and the International Whaling Commission (IWC) meeting in Slovenia.

It is easy to be skeptical of the impact of big international meetings, yet they offer an important opportunity for EIA to push for action to protect endangered species, oceans, forests and the climate.

Preparation is vital to securing positive outcomes at these conferences. The EIA team has been working flat out to prepare a raft of documents to take to the meetings and engaging with governments to explain EIA's positions and recommendations. All this work culminates in an intense few weeks when EIA campaigners do their utmost to positively influence the outcomes.

EIA has a proud track record of securing major wins at these conferences, such as the ban on international ivory trade at the CITES meeting in 1989, stricter controls against illegal trade at the Montreal Protocol and recognition of the impact of environmental threats on cetaceans within the IWC.

We sincerely hope we can secure more progressive results this year.

We have our work cut out for us but I am hopeful that we will return with positive news to be showcased in the next *Investigator*.

Mary Rice
Executive Director



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Conservation congress vote shows the way towards closing all ivory markets

EIA elephant campaigners have long advocated the closure of all domestic ivory markets around the world as an essential measure to combat poaching and the illegal ivory trade.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, it is a call which has met with strong resistance from the pro-trade lobby which, despite all the evidence, believes that a legal ivory supply is the only effective way to undermine the illegal trade.

Our stance received a welcome boost in early September when the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Congress in Hawaii acknowledged the key fact that trade kills and called for domestic ivory markets to be shut down.

The evidence on the ground, acquired by years of undercover EIA investigations, clearly shows that as long as legal markets exist through which contraband ivory can be easily laundered, other anti-poaching initiatives can only ever have a limited impact.

The IUCN resolution proposed by the US and Gabon was opposed by a handful of countries led by Japan, South Africa and

Namibia and was agreed only after a stormy debate and threats of a walk-out.

EIA Executive Director Mary Rice said: "For anybody who has found the arguments muddled or compromised by the propaganda of the pro-trade lobby, the take-home fact is that trade bans work - but only if they are rigorously, collectively enforced and not deliberately undermined."

EIA takes immense pride in the crucial role it played in helping to achieve the 1989 international trade ban on ivory, providing key data on the scale of poaching, and statistics showed the ban was working - right up until it was fundamentally undermined by two CITES-sanctioned 'one-off' auctions of stockpiled ivory.

All these sales effectively achieved was a resurgence in ivory trade which, coupled with consumer confusion and stimulated demand, led inevitably to the return of rampant poaching.

Elephants will have a chance only when the world ceases all trade in ivory and fully polices it.

Don't miss the next issue of *Investigator* for full reports from major conferences

BY the time you read this, EIA campaigners will have returned from the 17th Conference of the Parties (CoP17) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the meeting of the Montreal Protocol.

Other staff will be on their way to Slovenia for the biannual meeting of the International Whaling Commission. These major conferences involve all of EIA's campaigns and offer a vital opportunity for us to release our research and investigative findings and to lobby for meaningful protection for endangered species, precious habitats and the global climate.

Preparation for these conferences can be exhausting, with EIA's dedicated teams producing a variety of position papers, reports and advance communication with key countries. This groundwork is vital in securing the best possible outcomes.

Look for full reports and analysis of the decisions from these meetings in the Spring 2017 issue of *Investigator*.



Kenya ivory burn a beacon on the road to the end of all ivory trade

THE Kenyan Government destroyed a 106-tonne stockpile of ivory in a high-profile international event on April 30 inside Nairobi's National Park and EIA Executive Director Mary Rice was among those who witnessed it first hand.

The ivory burn attracted the world's media and followed the Giants Club's two-day

wildlife summit in Laikipia, at which African heads of state discussed combating the illegal ivory trade.

"Kenya is sending an unequivocal message to the major consumer markets of China and Japan that ivory has no place or value anywhere other than on living elephants," said Mary.

"Pro-trade interests would have us believe that consumer demand can be satiated with stockpiled ivory supplying the market for a legal ivory trade, controlling prices and putting criminals out of business - but this deluded solution doesn't stand up to the slightest scrutiny."

Uncertainty for tigers under China's new wildlife law

CHINA passed amendments to its Wildlife Protection Law (WPL) in July, effective from 2017, but EIA remains extremely concerned that the revised legislation risks further entrenching the culture of utilisation of tigers at a time when the world's remaining wild populations desperately need China to work towards ending demand.

The National People's Congress (NPC) concluded the WPL's first major overhaul since its inception in 1989 after a three-year process. Throughout, the issue of whether wildlife - especially endangered species such as tigers - can be 'farmed' and their body parts traded was, and remains, most controversial.

The revised law leaves tigers vulnerable. This is not the time for the Government of China to turn its back on international commitments and risk the efforts of fellow tiger range countries, this is the time for leadership.

EIA urges the Chinese Government to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that all trade, domestic as well as international, in *all* tiger parts and products of wild and captive tigers is prohibited.

Tigers at the European Parliament!

TIGERS were firmly on the agenda in May when EIA and Tiger Campaign partners Education for Nature Vietnam and the Wildlife Protection Society of India presented MEPs, the European Commission and others with first-hand information about the tiger trade.

The European Parliament event, hosted by Neena Gill MEP, was a great success and a valuable opportunity for raising awareness and building support for meaningful solutions to the plight of wild tigers.

International Tiger Day a chance to spotlight the threat of captive breeding

JULY 29 was International Tiger Day and EIA coordinated 44 other NGOs to collectively raise the alarm about increasing tiger poaching and call for an end to all tiger farming and trade.

A joint statement directed at all countries with tiger farms and captive tiger facilities called for urgent action to end tiger breeding for commercial purposes and phase out tiger farms.

Debbie Banks, EIA Tiger Campaign Leader, said: "It is fantastic to see organisations from across the world unite in this call to action to end tiger farming.

"Acting in unison in 2007, we had a major win for tigers when governments agreed that tiger farming should be stopped. But instead of complying with that decision, the governments of China, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam have allowed tiger farming and trade to spiral out of control."

Fewer than 4,000 tigers remain in the wild today - a decline of 96 per cent over the past 100 years.

Scientists believe that the tiger populations of Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos are functionally extinct, while the wild tiger population in China continues to be perilously close to extinction. India is still the stronghold of the wild tiger with more than half of the world's population at an estimated 2,226 tigers.

However, there are currently more than 7,000 captive tigers in facilities in China and South-East Asia.

One of the most significant threats to the survival of tigers continues to be demand for their skins and body parts - sold as décor, for traditional medicines, to make 'wine' sold as a prestigious gift and a virility product, consumed as a delicacy or made into charms.

Parts from captive tigers end up in domestic and international trade illegally and, in the case of China and Laos, in legal domestic trade. This not only perpetuates the desirability of tiger parts and stimulates demand but undermines enforcement.



Find out more...

[Click here to watch our tiger film Zero Demand for Zero Poaching!](#)



Fish maw wholesaler in Shantou, China, in 2016.

In-depth probe into the illegal totoaba trade shows time is running out for the vaquita

FEWER than 60 vaquita are left in the world and the grim conclusion of a new EIA report is that it is doomed to extinction in the near future without immediate action.

The vaquita - the world's most endangered porpoise species - has been pushed to the brink due to indiscriminate killing in illegal gillnets used to poach critically endangered totoaba fish.

Both species are found in only one place in the world, Mexico's Gulf of California. Although both are protected and all international trade in totoaba has been banned since 1977, the demand from consumers in Hong Kong and mainland China has maintained a relentless pressure.

The EIA report [Collateral Damage](#) is the most comprehensive picture yet of the clandestine market for the dried swim bladders, or 'maw', of the totoaba and its appalling impact on the vaquita.

Dried totoaba swim bladders are known in the trade as 'money maw' and 'aquatic cocaine' for the staggeringly high sums they command. They are a prized ingredient in Chinese traditional medicine for their alleged benefits in treating circulatory and skin problems.

Posing as fish maw investors, EIA investigators identified the coastal town of Shantou, in China's Guangdong Province, as the centre of the maw trade; 90 per cent of shops in the Jinping market are run by members of the Shantou Swim Bladder and Dried Seafood Association and specialise in the wholesale distribution of fish maws while also supplying other key trading centres such as Guangzhou city.

EIA's investigations found that traders in Guangzhou have become more wary as a result of local enforcement efforts, although some still offered totoaba maw under the counter.

In contrast, maws were on open sale in Shantou in June 2016.

Clare Perry, Head of EIA's Oceans Campaign, said: "China has committed to a series of actions to reduce the impact of illegal wildlife trade, including specifically the trade in totoaba, and we urgently need to see these commitments turned into action. We are running out of time to prevent the extinction of a species."

The report recommends China improve enforcement against the illegal totoaba trade and reduce demand, and urges Mexico permanently fishing ban throughout the vaquita's entire range.

[Read all about it](#)

Click on the cover image to access an online copy of the full report.



Latest interactive map exposes the scale and nature of global rhino horn trade

ILLEGAL trade analysts at EIA in June released an interactive map revealing the scale of the illegal rhino horn trade and the gaps in governments' responses to it.

The map, which you can find in the Media & Resources section of our [website](#), represents seizures and thefts of rhino horn during 2006-16, along with convictions relating to the rhino horn trade.

It is the latest in a series of interactive maps EIA has produced and made freely available as a research resource; previous maps have plotted wildlife crime incidents relating to tigers and other Asian big cats, elephants, pangolins and helmeted hornbills.

Poaching is the main threat to the survival of rhinos today, driven by demand for their horns, and it has escalated hugely during the past decade - poaching in South Africa rose by over 9,000 per cent in just seven years, from 13 rhinos in 2007 to 1,215 in 2014.

Demand for rhino horn comes primarily from Vietnam and China, where it is used as a hangover cure or in traditional medicine (despite having no medicinal value), as well as being used to carve

cups and trinkets or displayed whole as a status symbol.

Our data was collected from publicly available information including government reports, enforcement agency press releases and news media in several languages, but still likely represents only a fraction of actual activity from 2006-16.

The map revealed that:

- approximately 2.9 tonnes of horn, equivalent to about 1,060 individual horns, were seized in a total of 357 incidents from 2006 to May 2016;
- at least 267 horns have been stolen from museums, government-held stockpiles and private homes;
- few seizures have been reported as resulting in convictions.

EIA's trade data suggests a high degree of involvement of Vietnamese and Chinese nationals across the rhino horn trade and the map shows that nationals of both countries have been arrested in rhino range states, transit countries and consumer countries in the past decade.



Pianma town, the main entry point for logs from Myanmar into Nujiang Prefecture, Yunnan

Logging ban in Myanmar

FOREST campaigners at EIA welcomed the news in August that the new Government of Myanmar have agreed a temporary national logging ban and a 10-year logging ban in the Pegu Yoma region to give its beleaguered forests breathing space from years of unchecked exploitation.

The national logging ban will run until the end of March 2017, effectively closing the forests for one complete season. All exports of round logs from the country have been banned since April 2014.

For the duration of the ban, the country will rely on stockpiled timber to supply its domestic wood processing industry and the international market; current stockpiles are sufficient to meet current demand for up to three years.

Faith Doherty, Head of EIA's Forests Campaign, said: "This is a decision that demonstrates clear intent to tackle corruption within the forestry sector by Myanmar's National League for Democracy-led Government, which only came to power in March."



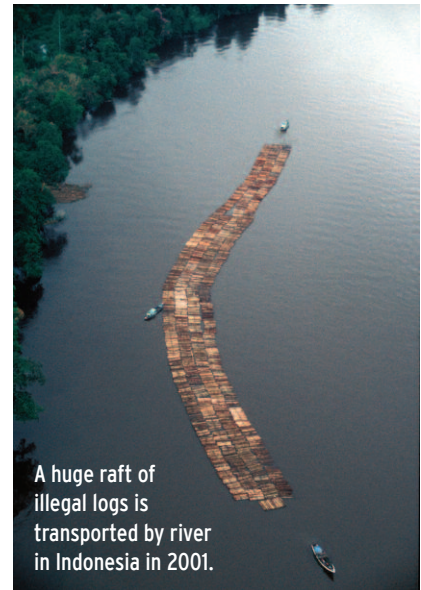
Indonesia leads the way in legal timber trade to Europe

After a long wait it has finally been confirmed that Indonesia will be the first country in the world to ship verified legal timber to the European Union market.

From November 15, the country will be able to use special legality licences for exports to the EU.

EIA has been involved from the outset in the painstaking process to create a credible timber legality assurance system in Indonesia. In 1999, EIA led the way in exposing the chaos and crime in Indonesia's forests and the EU eventually responded to the crisis in 2003 with the Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Action Plan, a series of measures seeking to prohibit illegal timber from entering EU markets while also addressing issues such as corruption, poor governance and lack of transparency.

Key to the FLEGT plan are Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs), bilateral trade deals negotiated between a timber producer country and the EU to ensure only legal timber finds its way to the marketplace.



A huge raft of illegal logs is transported by river in Indonesia in 2001.

While many countries have embarked on negotiations with the EU, Indonesia is the first to qualify for FLEGT licences. A key aspect of the system in Indonesia is the important watchdog role played by civil society groups, some of which EIA has worked for over 15 years.

Faith Doherty, EIA Forest Campaign Team Leader, said: "Indonesia still has some work to do on issues of transparency, but the fact that the country is the first to obtain FLEGT licences shows the extraordinary commitment of the Government in combating illegal logging and the associated illegal trade in timber."

Myanmar is a major step towards forest sector reform

Access to the stockpiles will be controlled by the Myanmar Timber Enterprise (MTE), a Government entity, and in a press release announcing the bans, EIA stressed the importance of having controls in place to ensure full chain-of-custody for all stockpile sales to prevent illegally logged timber being laundered through the system.

The bans come after years of mismanagement and corruption in Myanmar's logging and timber trade sector which has contributed to conflict, enriched individuals and driven widespread illegal logging of precious timber species such as teak, padauk and Burmese rosewood.

Last year, it was revealed in the EIA report *Organised Chaos* that the illicit overland trade in logs from Myanmar to China was worth half-a-billion dollars a year.

The latest information from the field indicates a sharp fall in the trade, another indication that rampant forest crime in Myanmar is waning.

Report reveals how fake permits are undermining international controls on rosewood trade

CRIMINALITY and corruption were behind a flood of endangered rosewood exports from Laos and Cambodia, a new EIA report revealed in June.

Red Alert showed that in the first 18 months of CITES Appendix II protection for Siamese rosewood (*Dalbergia cochinchinensis* spp), the two countries' combined exports equalled 120 per cent of the largest known remaining populations of the species.

The only known wild stocks are the 80,000 to 100,000 trees estimated to exist in Thailand in 2011. Demand for rosewood to feed the voracious Chinese market in Hongmu reproduction furniture has pushed the species into such a crisis that it was given CITES protection in March 2013.

International trade in Appendix II species may be allowed, but only with export or re-export permits issued if the relevant authorities are satisfied trade will not be detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild and that the timber is legal. However, EIA found neither Laos nor Cambodia have credible inventories of remaining populations to justify any exports at all, with the latter Government telling local media that the permits were forgeries.

The report called for an immediate suspension of all trade in Siamese rosewood from Laos and Cambodia until they could show trade levels are not detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild and that the timber is legal.

Read all about it

Click on the cover image to access an online copy of the full report.



Montreal Protocol on track for an amendment tackling HFCs

CLIMATE campaigners had cause to celebrate in July as Parties to the Montreal Protocol made significant progress on agreeing to phase down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).

The outcomes of a series of back-to-back meetings in Vienna raised expectations that a global agreement to tackle the super greenhouse gases can be adopted at this year's meeting of the parties taking place in October in Kigali, Rwanda.

Early on, Parties agreed language on finance, intellectual property and linkages to hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), ozone-depleting substances already being phased out under the protocol.

Progress was later made to narrow the range of baseline and consumption freeze dates for developing countries.

However, there remains work to do, with a significant divergence between countries on the climate ambition of the agreement.

The European Union and a group of like-minded countries (Japan, the US, Switzerland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Norway) submitted a joint proposal to the discussions, offering more lenient starting points for both developed and developing countries than previous proposals submitted by the North American countries and the EU. They were later joined by the African, Pacific Islands



and Latin American countries on a developing country schedule, which is now the most ambitious on the table with an HFC consumption freeze in 2021.

India is proposing to freeze HFC consumption some 10 years later, while most other developing countries, including China, Brazil and Indonesia, propose somewhere in between.

Ahead of the meetings, EIA produced the briefing *The Importance of Ambition in the 2016 HFC Phase-Down Agreement*, outlining key aspects of the proposals and calling on Parties to seek the highest climate ambition.

Clare Perry, EIA Climate Campaign Leader, said: "Countries are moving in the right direction but ... climate leadership needs to be demonstrated through an ambitious commitment from the developed countries, not just words."

Supermarkets are shifting to climate-friendly refrigeration

EIA urged the Consumer Goods Forum at its global summit in June to continue leadership in swiftly reducing and eventually eliminating HFCs from commercial refrigeration across the globe.

Releasing a new briefing, *Supermarkets Shift to HFC-Free Commercial Refrigeration Worldwide*, for the event in South Africa's Cape Town, our climate campaigners were able to provide a series of case studies which demonstrate the widespread uptake of HFC-free technologies in the commercial refrigeration sector.

Since 2009, EIA has released regular reports in its *Chilling Facts* series, assessing the state of play and urging major retailers to embrace climate-friendly alternatives to refrigeration using gases which drive global warming. And since 2010, there has been a dramatic shift in the availability and effectiveness of HFC-free technologies, allowing progressive companies to significantly reduce their carbon footprint.

Read all about it

Click on the cover image to access an online copy of the full report.



Jennifer Lonsdale with husband Clive after receiving her OBE.

EIA co-founder Jennifer visits the Palace to receive her OBE

JENNIFER Lonsdale, one of EIA's three original founders, attended London's Buckingham Palace in May for her investiture as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

The honour was presented by HRH Prince Charles 'For Services to the Environment particularly the protection of Whales and Dolphins'.

"We recipients were well briefed so we knew exactly what would happen and what we should do," said Jennifer. "I was concerned about the curtsy and stepping backwards after receiving my medal - fortunately, none of us tripped over!"

"My OBE is testament to the tenacity and achievements of EIA over more than three decades. It has never been easy but we make a difference for the future and without EIA this world would be a poorer place."

Bin plastic bags to stop oceans from choking

INTERNATIONAL Plastic Bag Free Day in July was marked by EIA and its campaign partners issuing a reminder to EU member states that the clock was ticking for them to break free from single-use plastic bags.

EU Governments have until the end of November to adopt legal measures to drastically reduce the use of single-use plastic carrier bags. While some EU countries, such as Italy and France, have showed the way ahead others such as Lithuania and Slovakia are still lagging behind.

EU must rise to challenge of plastic pollution-free future

EIA is proud to be a part of a new global effort launched in September to bring about a future free from plastic pollution.

The [#breakfreefromplastic](#) movement brings together an international group of 90 NGOs who will work together to stop plastic pollution.

The coalition began with the launch of a groundbreaking new global vision for a future free from plastic pollution, laying out 10 principles.

Plan to cut marine litter by half is on the table

JUNE saw the release of the European Parliament's draft opinion on the Circular Economy, proposing a legally binding 50 per cent marine litter reduction target for 2030.

Sarah Baulch, EIA Oceans Campaigner, said: "EIA welcomes the measures which will be essential to helping Europe meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal to significantly reduce marine debris by 2025.

"We urge MEPs to propose ambitious measures to specifically tackle the top litter items found on European beaches".

UK microbeads ban is welcome but needs to go further

A BRISK campaign of awareness-raising and lobbying paid off in September when the UK Government announced its intention to ban microbeads from personal care products.

EIA and its coalition partners - Fauna & Flora International, Greenpeace and Marine Conservation Society - welcomed the move but pointed out that the current proposals do not go far enough.

The announcement came just months after the coalition launched a joint campaign seeking a Government ban of microbeads - the tiny pieces of plastic found in cosmetics and other consumer goods, so small they slip through filters and end up in the oceans to become magnets for toxic chemicals which can harm marine life.

The proposals the Government will consult on would see microbeads banned from products such as face scrubs and toothpastes but not washing powders and floor cleaners.

However, the consultation will seek evidence on whether there is justification for extending the ban to household

products and also on how to mitigate the impacts of microplastic pollution from a wider range of sources.

More than 350,000 British citizens signed our petition calling for the ban, making it one of the largest the UK has ever seen on an environmental issue.

A joint statement from the coalition announced: "It's encouraging to see that the Government is taking people's concerns about microbeads seriously and it's great that the scope of this consultation is so broad-ranging. However, we are disappointed that currently the proposed ban would not extend to all consumer products.

"Fish don't care whether the plastic they're eating has come from a face wash rather than a washing powder. Once in the ocean, the microplastics in these products have the same damaging effects on marine life, so banning some but not others makes little sense.

"We will be urging Theresa May's Government to extend the proposed ban to all consumer products that could discharge microbeads into our seas."



Micro plastic beach litter

MEET THE TEAM



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WHAT FIRST INTERESTED YOU IN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES?:

I have always had a deep interest in animals, their habitats and the workings of ecosystems. As a child I could be found turning over every stone to find what was beneath, from slow worms on Wimbledon Common to woodlice in the garden. Numerous times I had to be pulled reluctantly from ponds, pools and rivers in my attempt to seek unusual underwater creatures. Catching and releasing water snakes in the Alpujarras at the age of six is still one of my all-time triumphs. As a teenager, I longed to be the next David Attenborough, Gerald Durrell and Ibn Battuta rolled into one and was lucky enough to own a small menagerie of reptiles and amphibians which caused no end of frustration to my patient parents. It was this young infatuation with the natural world which led me into conservation as I had a strong desire to protect the remaining species, habitats and ecosystems for future generations.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE AT EIA?:

It's hard to pick one moment. Any time I see work to which I've contributed referenced in the media or used to advocate change, I find it exhilarating. Perhaps it was after only being in the office a few months and witnessing, after the releases of the *Sin City* and *Vanishing Point* reports, the stir created globally. It was good to follow proceedings and see the changes to which these reports contributed. Among other memories, what really sticks in my mind was a meeting with the head of customs in Kathmandu. In a room with all the sofas in sweat-inducing black leather, the Himalayas sitting hazy out of the window, the honesty of the Director General regarding the lack of capacity his officers had in detecting and disrupting the illegal wildlife trade hammered home the enormity not only of the challenges faced in combating this transnational organised crime but also of the scale of the trade itself.



A jubilant Gary Hodges addresses guests at the auction.

Celebrating with *Heart & Soul!*



WE are thrilled to announce that Gary Hodges' *Heart & Soul* charity art auction raised a staggering £303,000 for wildlife!

On April 18, renowned pencil artist Gary held a sensational, sold-out private view at the prestigious Mall Galleries in London to raise money for two of his favourite charities - EIA and the Born Free Foundation.

A 600-strong crowd included wildlife enthusiasts and avid collectors as well as celebrity patrons such as Virginia McKenna, Rula Lenska, Jilly Goolden, Anneka Rice and Tony Mortimer. The crowd was also delighted with the surprise attendance of HRH Prince Michael of Kent, a keen wildlife ambassador and enthusiast. On the night, fast and furious bids were taken by TV auctioneer James Lewis in the live auction for both limited edition prints and original pieces by the celebrated wildlife artist, which alone raised an incredible £133,000.

Gary said: "This has been a spectacular evening and I am touched and moved by the support and generosity of the people who collect and appreciate my work. I dedicated this exhibition to help combat the terrible things that are happening to



All photos © Neil Wray Photography

elephants in the wild and tonight we made a strong statement in support of wildlife."

The exhibition remained open for a further five days, allowing visitors to take part in the silent auction and choose from hundreds of limited edition prints available to buy.

Heart & Soul exceeded all expectation and its success is down to the generous and hugely talented Gary, as well as all those who worked so hard behind the scenes to make this such a great event.

Everyone at EIA would like to extend our utmost thanks to Gary and to everybody who attended the exhibition for making it utterly unforgettable!

Members' ZONE

Can you give a monthly gift?

A monthly Direct Debit gift helps us to plan for the future and ensures our campaign teams can continue their vital work fighting environmental crime.

We'd like to ask those members who pay an annual membership fee if they might consider moving their payment to a monthly Direct Debit. There are many advantages to regular payments for EIA, such as streamlining our financial processes and cutting administrative costs.

Setting up a Direct Debit is quick and easy.

If you would like to find out about doing so, please contact the fundraising team on fundraising@eia-international.org or 020 7354 7960.

Memoirs of a Party Animal

Long-term EIA supporter Angela Humphery recently wrote a book titled *Memoirs of a Party Animal, My seven decades in animal welfare* - a must read for all animal lovers!

The book is an autobiography of Angela's life over the past three decades as a travel writer and photographer and is full of hilarious animal anecdotes and stories from her travels around the world.



Angela's love of animals shines through and proceeds from the book go to 50 of her favourite animal charities, including EIA. If you'd like a copy, please visit www.lulu.com.

From everyone here at EIA - thank you for all your support Angela!

Take on a challenge for EIA - just like Ayra did!

We would like to extend a huge thank-you to amazing supporter Ayra Kacker, who took on a swimming challenge for EIA in July.

Ayra, who lives with her family in Singapore, swam 5km over the course of five days and raised an incredible SGD \$470, which will go towards our front line work exposing environmental crime.

Everyone here at EIA HQ sends a huge thank you for all your dedication and hard work!

If, like Ayra, you'd like to get involved and raise funds for EIA, please check out our website at www.eia-international.org/getinvolved for more information. Alternatively, you can get in touch via fundraising@eia-international.org or call us on 020 7354 7960.

We'd love to hear from you!



SUPPORTER PROFILE

Keith Dickman

I have been lucky to visit a number of countries in my life and have always appreciated the beauty and wonder of the natural world that we have around us. Having just arrived home to England after a trip to Australia earlier this year, I found a letter among the mountain of mail I had accumulated from my favourite organisation, the EIA.



It was regarding an appeal for help against the environmental destruction being waged in Myanmar that has ravaged their natural resources for decades. On a previous visit, I encountered a beautiful country with wonderful people and have many fond memories. Sadly, the rate of deforestation, illegal wildlife trafficking and loss of natural resources means that when the new democratically elected government takes over there will be very little left.

I wanted to do something to help and have just completed the South Coast Challenge, a 100km walk from Eastbourne to Arundel in Sussex, in 29 hours over the August Bank Holiday. All monies raised will go to the EIA to help fund the wonderful work that they do to protect our precious world.

I am very happy to do this and proud of my association with such a devoted and hard working group of people.

Thank-you.

Get involved!

- **MARCH 12, 2017 - Vitality Bath Half Marathon.** EIA has five places available for the 13.1 mile route along the river Avon and through the beautiful town of Bath.
- **APRIL 9, 2017 - Brighton Marathon.** EIA will again have places available for the 26.2 mile course around the picturesque seaside town.
- **APRIL 23, 2017 - Virgin Money London Marathon.** EIA has a charity place available for this iconic 26.2 mile route through the heart of London.

Running not your thing? Fancy yourself as a bit of a daredevil? How about a challenge abroad?

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Stephanie and Makoto finish the Brighton Marathon



Keith at the finish line of the South Coast Challenge



Justin at the Brighton Marathon finish



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