

Your loyal support means we can continue our vital campaigns against wildlife and environmental crime for however long it takes.

Together we need to achieve so much more to protect the planet and its biodiversity for future generations.



WHAT YOU HELPED US ACHIEVE 2021

ONLY 50% OF THE ORIGINAL FOREST REMAINS IN MYANMAR AND LESS THAN 10% OF THE LAND IS PROTECTED

ONLY ABOUT 4,000 TIGERS REMAIN IN THE WILD
100,000 PANGOLINS TAKEN FROM THE WILD EVERY YEAR

MARINE PLASTIC POLLUTION IS HARMING MORE THAN 800 SPECIES

MORE THAN 110,000 AFRICAN ELEPHANTS HAVE BEEN LOST SINCE 2006



Mary Rice
Executive Director

The ongoing global coronavirus pandemic continued to have a major impact on the way we worked throughout 2021 and, although our London office reopened in the summer with a reduced capacity to meet social distancing guidelines, most staff continue to work remotely.

As flagged last year, many wildlife criminals have adapted to the pandemic by 'working from home' and while our ability to operate in other

countries has remained seriously curtailed, I am delighted to report that our amazing teams have kept up their tireless efforts to ensure EIA's vital work continues. Our investigators and intelligence team have adapted accordingly and continue to infiltrate and monitor the illegal activities of these groups from a distance.

We have also been able to work on the ground in a number of countries through local partners, ensuring we are still able to disrupt illegal wildlife and timber trade and expose criminal behaviour. We have had some success and have provided tangible information that enforcement agencies and governments can act on.

But, as ever, we simply couldn't do the work we do without you; our sincere thanks once again to you and all our supporters and donors who have helped us hold the line through these challenging times.



1,400+
times we were mentioned in the media, spreading our message around the world



124,219
people reached by our Facebook post sharing news that growing demand for vulture heads is threatening the birds' survival in Africa

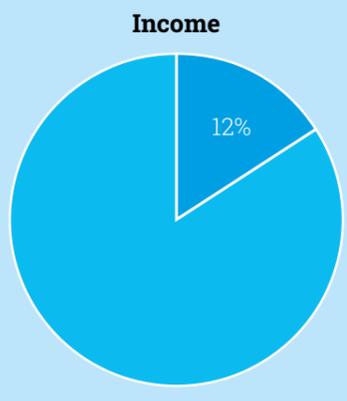


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reports and briefings produced, sharing our campaigning and investigative work

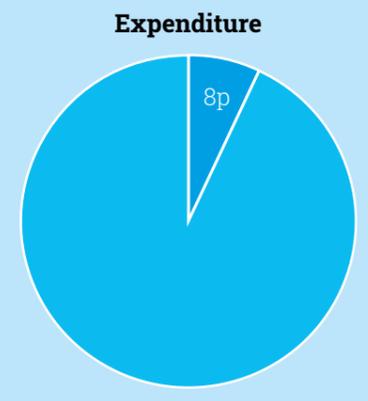
HOW WE SPEND YOUR MONEY

Your support helps us investigate and campaign against environmental crime and abuse. Our focus is the protection of wildlife, forests, ocean and climate. We turn the evidence we gather in the field into hard-hitting reports that are shared with enforcement authorities and campaign for new legislation, improved governance and effective enforcement.

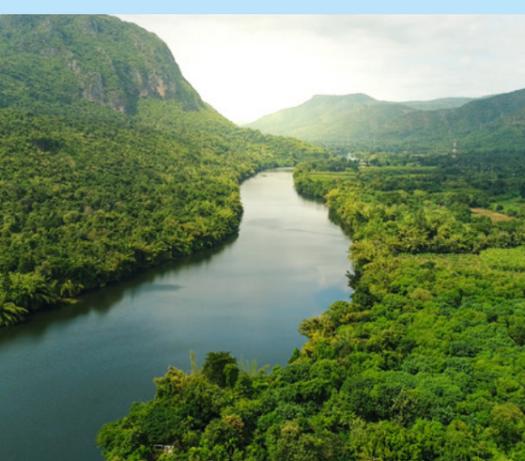
We are a small organisation making a big difference. We give great value for money by focusing our resources on the vital work which has made us one of the most effective conservation organisations in the world.



12% of all our income was donated by kind people like you. Project grants make up the majority of our other income.



8p of each pound spent was used for fundraising and governance. 92p of each pound spent was for projects tackling wildlife crime and protecting the environment.





Protecting marine life

- In January, we launched our third *Checking Out on Plastics* supermarkets packaging report and a briefing to help retailers and the UK Government understand how to achieve plastic packaging reductions. We also worked with NGOs in Europe and Australia to replicate our supermarket survey elsewhere.
- Our work at the forefront of efforts to secure a new global plastics treaty reached major milestones, the first in September when Rwanda and Peru put forward a draft UN Environment Assembly resolution to help bring it into being and the second in November when the US Government gave its backing.
- We've been involved in several legislative reviews in the EU and UK to tackle plastic pollution and continued working to ensure a ban on exporting plastic waste, releasing two specialist briefings. In September, our report *The Truth Behind Trash* mapped out all global plastic waste exports since records began.
- We and partner NGOs worked to pressure Mexico to protect the vaquita porpoise, attending the International Whaling Commission in September to urge the EU and other governments to raise the status of the vaquita at the meeting, resulting in an offer to the Mexican Government to support its efforts and calling for urgent action to stop gillnet fishing in the vaquita's range.

Acting on climate change

- In March, we released the *Pathway to Net-Zero: Cooling Product List*, a new guide to help companies cut their collective carbon footprint by highlighting energy-efficient natural refrigerant cooling solutions. We also updated our *Cool Technologies* website to house the product list and allow users to search it.
- July saw the release of *Europe's Most Chilling Crime*, a new report and film exposing the black market refrigerant trade in Romania. Revealing that illegal trade in climate-harming hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) from China to the EU is likely up to 30 per cent of the legal trade, the report was translated into multiple languages and its findings shared with enforcement officials.
- EIA led a coalition of European NGOs advocating ambitious measures to cut HFC emissions in the EU F-Gas Regulation, which is being reviewed.
- In 2021, our Climate Campaign launched a new area of work to tackle methane emissions, which are responsible for 25 per cent of warming, working closely on the development of new EU legislation.
- We were out in force at the UN CoP26 climate change summit in Glasgow, highlighting the benefits of the Montreal Protocol in mitigating climate in our report *Saving the Planet by Degrees*, as well as making clear the connections between plastics production and climate change in the briefing *Turning off the Tap* and the need to address methane emissions.

Fighting global deforestation

- January saw the release of *Double Impact*, the first major report from our newly launched 'Nexus' project to reveal the international trafficking hotspots where wildlife and forest crimes overlap, to allow for more effective enforcement.
- Together with Indonesian partner Kaoem Telapak, in January we released the report *Criminal Neglect*, revealing how action through the Indonesian courts was taken against only a handful of companies out of more than 50 found trading illegal timber.
- Following Myanmar's violent military coup on 1 February, our Forests Team led international calls for economic sanctions to prevent the junta exploiting the country's natural resources such as timber and, throughout the year, we repeatedly exposed incidents of Burmese teak being illegally imported into Europe, mostly for use as decking in the luxury yacht industry.
- At the start of the year, EIA assumed responsibility for the Media Monitoring system - created more than six years ago by Liberty Shared, a non-profit working on anti-trafficking matters - an innovative project seeking to shut wildlife and forest criminals out of the global financial system by supplying the latter with information on criminal activities and entities.
- In February and October, we highlighted serious ongoing failures in Indonesia's palm oil sector in the reports *Burning Questions* and *Deforestation and Deregulation*.
- Throughout 2021, our Forests Team produced a new feature-length documentary *Indonesia: The Fight for the Remaining Forest*, some sequences from which premiered at the UN CoP26 climate summit.

Combating wildlife crime

- In May, the makers of Channel 4's Unreported World documentary *Thailand's Tiger Kingpins* referred to our report *On The Butchers Block* as a "sacred text" in the film's development.
- In June, our Intelligence Team unveiled a first-of-its-kind Global Environmental Crime Tracker, a database open to all to help analyse wildlife, forest and environmental crime updated on a regular basis.
- Our report *Off the Hook* in March exposed a disturbing worldwide failure to investigate illegal wildlife trade, with few criminals ending up court.
- Our March briefing *Tackling Financial Flows from Illegal Wildlife Trade in East Asia*, produced with NGO Liberty Shared, called on financial institutions to target transactions linked to illegal wildlife trade.
- We campaigned for Tanzania's Selous Game Reserve to be stripped of World Heritage Site status due to the damage done by dam constructing; regrettably, the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in July let the country off the hook.
- In September, we warned that Parties to CITES must do more to address pangolin trade.
- EIA's advocacy efforts paid off when the Norwegian Bank divested from four traditional Chinese medicine companies we had exposed for using leopard bone and pangolin scales.
- In November, we released two reports focused on Africa - *Lethal Remedy* warned of the growth of TCM across the continent and the implications for endangered species sometimes used as ingredients, while *Vietnam's Footprint in Africa* found Vietnamese-led criminal networks continuing to play a major role in fuelling poaching Africa.

Thanks to your support, we will continue to investigate and campaign against environmental crime and abuse in 2021.

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