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We Close 2021 with Gratitude and Thanks...



As you know, we send seldom newsletters and wish to keep in close contact with all our supporters, here, and on social media. We had so many successes again this year and we have shared many with you already. We decided to conclude the year with the remaining ones.



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Mission Caita Angola: Combating Illegal Wildlife Trafficking & Ranger Empowerment.



Illegal wildlife trafficking is one of the most lucrative illegal trades, ranking just after human, gun and drugs, estimated to be a multi-billion-dollar business, involving the unlawful poaching of, and trade in live animals and plants or parts and products derived from them. Wildlife



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is traded as skins, leather goods or souvenirs; as food or traditional medicine; as pets, and in many other forms. Illegal wildlife trade runs the gamut from illegal logging of protected forests to supply the demand for exotic woods, to the illegal fishing of endangered marine life for food, and the poaching of elephants to supply the demand for ivory.

Illegal wildlife trafficking is unsustainable, harming wild populations of animals and plants and pushing endangered species toward extinction. Endangered animals are often the target of wildlife crime because of their rarity and increased economic value. Furthermore, illegal trade negatively impacts a country's natural resources and local communities that might otherwise benefit from tourism or legal, sustainable trade. In addition, such traffics bring some pathogens out of the wildlife to the city life, spreading viruses leading to pandemics such as Covid-19. It needs to be STOPPED





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Wild at Life e.V. is based in one of the most pristine remaining African rain-forest: Maiombe, covering a wide area from Angola to DRC and Republic of Congo. Our work covers the Angolan side, where we operate hand in hand with the Government to stop poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking. Meanwhile we conduct, in parallel, the mission of empowering our Rangers.

As of today, we have rescued 12 chimpanzees, 8 moustache guenons, 5 macaques and countless endangered grey parrots. Our base camp serves for rehabilitation and release of the species, while our resident government rangers are caring for the area.





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I am sure you already know about this valuable mission and can read the entire story under our Mission Caïta Project on the official website: <https://www.wildatlife.com/chimpanzee-rescue-in-cabinda-angola/>

As our basecamp is quite basic and our funding is small, we do have a signed legal MoU with Jane Goodall Tchimpounga Sanctuary (the biggest and most well-funded, equipped chimpanzee sanctuary of the world) in Congo and we cooperate for the best possible future of our rescued orphan chimpanzees. Cooperation between NGOs are a rare find as there are many internal politics and variables, but Wild at Life is incorporated on zero admin cost basis and purely works for the sake of wildlife and biodiversity, hence we believe in cooperation between NGO as wildlife comes first and the many NGOS valued



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media success stories are mere details for us.

Since the closure of the Angolan-Congo borders due to COVID, we had to hold any future translocation to the Congo sanctuary. In the meantime, our rescues were still increasing in number. While we have had amazing success in bringing down the poaching rate in the region, we still had to confiscate the orphaned chimps from the terrible condition they were held in.

Hence, we could not wait any longer and we decided to expand our base camp and made a playground for our orphan babies, a kindergarten. Chimps do grow up fast and they need bigger space to thrive at.





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Our work in Angola was recognized on a worldwide level and we have received the IUCN/WCPA International Ranger Award 2021 on Special Commendations and Best Rising National Park.



We have rescued many more chimpanzees and guenon orphans during the last months and we are giving them the best care.



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One of them was Manuela, tied to a tree for at least 5/6 years. Negotiations were long and interminable but we have successfully taken her to safety and she will recover with the other chimpanzees sharing the same faith.





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Wild at Life Elephant Sanctuary, Zambia



Our herd of 9 elephants and the hippo Sox, who thinks he is an elephant, is doing well, very well.



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Due to Covid restrictions, we had to remain close to visitors and the financial burden of the herd was another one we had to care for in 2021, and we did it. We have kept all our elephant caregivers as well as all the staff and we have managed to care for the elephants (and Sox) the entire year, thanks to YOUR support. For that we are grateful. We do hope 2022 will bring some ease to the restrictions and we can have some visitors who would support the care of the gentle giants.





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Illegal Wildlife Trafficking Case, Turkey

As many of you might remember, we have launched a campaign against the media influencer M. Izgi, a Youtuber who was constantly ‘purchasing’ primates and using them for his private fame and gain: <https://www.wildatlife.com/wildatlife-will-go-on-fighting-against-wildlife/>

Our Founder Asli Han has specially fought this battle and was constantly harassed, even threatened, by various groups responsible for the trade and selling of the animals to these influencers.

We have not given up and for the first time in Turkish history, we brought a person in front of justice. M. Izgi’s charge is on illegal wildlife trafficking and animal abuse. With the deep and dedicated work of Wild at Life, we have reached a milestone in Turkey. The perpetrator is now facing 5 years firm jail time and this will be a first and unique case which will make traffickers think twice before engaging again in such bloody trafficking.

Posing with wild animals and using them for gain and fame has no conservation value whatsoever and is deeply fueling the bloody illegal wildlife trafficking, which in turn is decimating the wildlife population of these primates while babies are poached from the forest, as an average of 10 family members are killed in the process.



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Animal Rescue, Germany



With our local partners such as Russelseim and Project Oase, we continue to rescue animals in need in Germany. During 2021 we have rescued countless farm animals as well as geese and birds. Together in 2022, we aim to bring more relief and rescue more lives in need in Germany



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We will have more exciting news in the coming months. We are rescuing more animals from wet markets in Nigeria and releasing many more back to the wild. Here you can see one of our latest pangolin releases.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Kh5z79gwgg&feature=youtu.be

We are also expanding our sanctuary and we will hold more education and awareness days in the region.





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Only a few weeks ago we organized a Run For Wildlife with our local partners to raise awareness on the wildlife plight and bring animals into people's hearts.



Ginet Rescue, Nigeria

Clubbed to the head in Nigeria, she found care and peace with us. Jolie the Genet is now in quarantine and we hope she can recover from her terrible ordeal. For us, it is a daily sadness seeing how animals are not reaching people's hearts and souls. We need to learn to respect, learn to coexist

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/NWFa_Dj-rW8

As a last note, our pride of four (Georges, Elma, Eva and Julie), which we rescued from the notorious lion canned hunting farm, is doing great. They are thriving in their vast semi-wild enclosure and we will continue our work and campaign to bring an end to the bloody industry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y47inR4pdCU&feature=youtu.be>



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To access our past informatie newsletters:

<https://www.wildatlife.com/newsletters/>

In this Festive Season, why not virtually adopt one of our precious rescues as a year-end gift? It is a gift with an amazing meaning. A gift that keeps giving. You will receive a beautiful adoption pack including the adoption certificate and the information about your adopted orphan.

<https://www.wildatlife.com/adopt/>





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Please keep us in your hearts and souls during this festive season. We strive to keep up with all the projects and the animals under our care in Angola, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Germany and South Africa, We can always use your kind support.

As a German incorporated NGO, your donations are tax deductible in Germany.

Our work isn't over yet. Many still wait for help and we can't do this without you.

We wish you all the best during the Happiest Month of the Year and we cannot wait to share with you all the exciting news and rescues during 2022.

Together we can do this...



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Our main mission is to combat illegal wildlife trafficking and rescue the victims of poaching and canned hunting farms to have the peaceful, safe life they deserve. Thank you for standing by our side.



“We didn’t conquer space, but we will make sure to preserve our place.

With our deepest gratitude.”

Aslihan Gedik
Founding Chairman & Chief Conservation Officer
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