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WHAT YOU HELPED US ACHIEVE 2025



I think it's fair to say that 2025 has been a very challenging year for many people and it has certainly been a tumultuous year for the third sector as we have faced huge funding cuts from both the US and UK governments.

However, as a dynamic and adaptable organisation EIA is well-placed to step up to the challenge and we have weathered such storms before.

Despite seismic geopolitical changes that have affected all walks of life, EIA remains resilient and continues to achieve across all our programmes.

We have had to adapt and tighten our belts, but are committed to ensuring we deliver on all commitments made to our supporters and to hold the line against the steady erosion of global promises made by governments and decision-makers.

And, of course, we could not do any of this without the support of you, our loyal supporters, funders and donors, so as we prepare for the challenges of 2026, my sincere thanks to you all.

Mary Rice
Executive Director



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

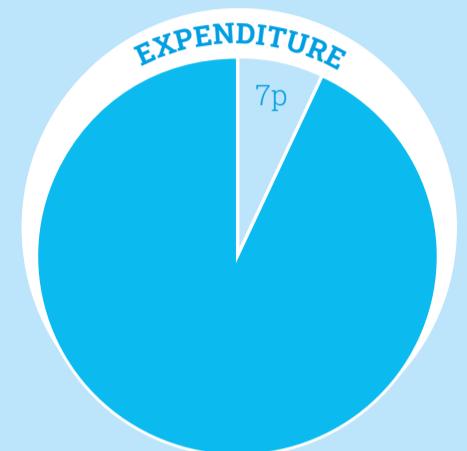
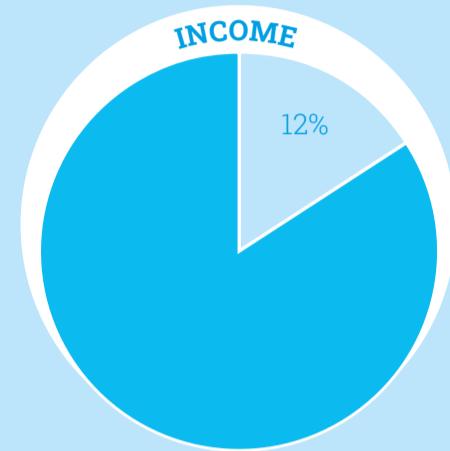
Thank you for standing with us to protect the planet and its biodiversity for future generations

HOW WE SPEND YOUR MONEY

Your support helps us to investigate and campaign against environmental crime and abuse. Our focus is the protection of wildlife, forests, oceans and the climate.

We turn the evidence we gather in the field into hard-hitting reports that are shared with enforcement authorities and we 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 per cent of all our income was donated by kind people like you. Project grants make up the majority of our other income.

7p of each £1 spent was used for fundraising and governance.
93p of each £1 spent was for projects tackling wildlife crime and protecting the environment.



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INTELLIGENCE TEAM



- We conducted nine investigations targeting key criminal actors involved in environmental crime, providing us with intelligence to effect long-lasting change.
- We generated 414 intelligence reports, resulting in at least 51 briefings to law enforcement, government agencies, academia, civil society and intergovernmental organisations.
- 4,058 incidents have been added to our public Global Environmental Crime Tracker for illegal wildlife, timber, refrigerant and plastic waste seizures.
- We updated the tracker's structure to better reflect the work of the Forests Campaign by expanding data fields to record forest violations and palm oil incidents.
- 752 criminal entity names were provided to the financial sector through EIA's Media Monitoring Programme, resulting in 400 new and 77 updated profiles on due diligence systems for 'Know Your Customer' checks.





WILDLIFE

- We produced two reports analysing Chinese court cases concerning Asian big cats and pangolins, confirming the ongoing threats to leopards and pangolins from the domestic market for medicinal products containing their body parts.
- We released a new report following up investigations into the role of Vietnamese criminal networks in smuggling wildlife from Africa to Asia.
- We disseminated a new briefing on threats facing Asian elephant populations, including ongoing illegal trade in elephant skin products online.
- EIA exposed how a Chinese company in Laos has been licensed to manufacture, sell and export products claimed to contain bear bile and rhino horn, targeting residents and visiting consumers from China.
- We supported the development of an NGO nature crimes database and provided training in open-source intelligence gathering to civil society in south Asia as well as investigations training to NGOs in South-East Asia.
- We played a key role at CITES CoP20 in upholding the international ban on ivory and rhino horn trade in the face of repeated attempts by Namibia to relax it.

2025

FORESTS

- In 2025, we continued engaging with law enforcement following two legal cases involving illegal teak imports from Myanmar. Sunseeker International received a criminal sentence and Oceanco was fined, marking significant progress. We later provided further intelligence and raised concerns about companies linked to both supply chains which continue sourcing illicit teak.
- Amid EU efforts to weaken environmental protections, EIA worked in broad coalition with allied policymakers in Brussels and EU NGOs to prevent the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) from being folded into an "omnibus" package to deregulate forest protection. Although delays and a review in 2026 are likely, the regulation's core intent was preserved.
- We and Indonesian partner Kaoem Telapak exposed deforestation, corruption and human rights abuses in Indonesia's palm oil sector linked to the Fangiono family, pushing buyers to act.
- Drawing on decades of experience combating forest crime, we will continue to support efforts to establish a new United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime protocol, advocating harmonised definitions to strengthen global enforcement and justice systems.

OCEAN

- We continue to work tirelessly to uphold ambition in the Global Plastics Treaty negotiations. Although the talks ended without agreement, we helped ensure negotiators held the line on important issues.
- Our briefing *Falling Apart at the Seams* helped place textile waste firmly on the table at the Basel Convention, opening the door for stronger controls and clearer international response.
- We helped secure the EU's first regulation to end plastic pellet losses, a landmark win after a challenging political shift.
- We strengthened the campaign for a UK plastic waste export ban, coordinating a 53-NGO letter to DEFRA and producing key campaign outputs.
- EIA led a coalition of NGOs to launch the new EIA report *Ethics Over Profits: Why Yahoo! Japan must stop selling whale and dolphin products*, calling on Yahoo! Japan and LY Corporation to stop selling products containing whale and dolphin meat.
- Our report *Catch of the Day* highlighted the deadly impact of whale and dolphin bycatch in European waters, including endangered populations, and calling for robust action and enforcement of legislation.

CLIMATE

- Our engagement with the Montreal Protocol spotlighted key emerging issues including illegal trade in HFCs, emissions of nitrous oxide and the risks linked to next-generation fluorochemicals.
- Our investigations uncovered major refrigerant-smuggling networks and supported EU enforcement to tackle the illegal trade.
- We launched the new report *Cooling the Climate Crisis* to persuade retailers to address cooling, which drives about 70 per cent of supermarket emissions.
- We worked with partners to counter industry and US pressure to weaken the EU Methane Regulation, holding the line to implement strong methane reduction requirements for fossil fuel imports.
- Our sustained advocacy helped create the political and strategic space for the formation of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition Super Pollutant Country Action Accelerator, which will support the establishment of dedicated super-pollutant teams within governments.
- We published a *Thought Starter on Implementing Paragraph 28 of the First Global Stocktake*, which helped shape discussions with NGOs, governments and financial institutions on the models needed to deliver a managed transition from fossil fuels.

Thanks to your support, we will continue to investigate and campaign against environmental crime and abuse in 2026.

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