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A message from EIA President, Allan Thornton

THIRTY years ago, I sat in the living room of my tiny North London flat filling out the form to incorporate the Environmental Investigation Agency.

The year before, I'd sailed with friends Dave Currey and Jenny Gibson (now Lonsdale) on a 115-foot boat up the Norwegian coast to film the slaughter of some 2,000 minke whales. Dave is an experienced wildlife photographer and together we documented the agonizing 22-minute death of a whale harpooned from a Norwegian boat and then shot half a dozen times by its captain with a rifle.

Could a new group seek greater protection for small whales, dolphins, porpoises and other endangered species and their habitats? When EIA was formed, reports were soon produced on illegal or 'pirate whaling', on the mass killing of pilot whales in the Faroe Islands and on the horrific mortality rate of wild-caught parrots shipped to pet shops in Europe and America.

A new, more daring kind of environmental group, one that used undercover investigations to inform its research and advocacy efforts, was born.

Since then, EIA has used its unique investigative methodology - to "Protect the Environment with Intelligence" - to expose environmental crime around the world. We have secured many more important victories for endangered species and for the world's forests and climate than I can cover here, but some of the most important included:

- **triggering** the 1989 global ban on international ivory trade after poachers reduced Africa's elephant population by half in a decade. EIA's ground-breaking report, *The African Elephant Disaster*, exposed the ivory syndicates in China, Dubai and Africa behind the slaughter;
- **documenting** repeatedly the mass killing of pilot whales in the Faroe Islands, leading to a long-term decline in the numbers killed;
- **persuading** 140 airlines to ban transport of wild-caught birds, including parrots, and helping to secure the US Wild Bird Protection Act;
- **triggering** the ban on domestic trade in rhino horn by Taiwan in 1992 and China in 1994, resulting in a huge drop in poaching;
- **exposing** widespread illegal trade in CFCs (ozone layer and climate-destroying chemicals) across Europe and the US in the late 1990s;
- **securing** a ban on turtle shell trade in Sri Lanka;
- **securing** a 22-year ban on Argentina's annual capture of 28,000 blue fronted Amazon parrots for the pet trade;
- **upholding** the IWC's ban on the commercial hunting of whales in 1994 and helping to secure the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary;
- **securing** the one-year ban on grizzly bear hunting in British Columbia, Canada in 2001;
- **spearheading** the 2008 ban imposed by the US Government on imports of illegal timber and wood and a similar measure in Europe in 2013;
- **exposing** massive illegal logging in Indonesia's orangutan parks. In 2005, we triggered the world's biggest crackdown on illegal logging - the billion dollar a year trade in illegal merbau logs from Papua to China;
- **training** over 100 local groups in five Indonesian provinces to investigate and document illegal logging;
- **mounting** a 24-year campaign against Japan's killing of over 28,000 Dall's porpoises in 1990, reduced to a 52 year low of under 1,000 animals in 2013;
- **highlighting** the illegal trade in big cat skins and exposing the trans-Himalayan trafficking routes for big cat body parts;
- **securing** a ban on sale of whale, dolphin and porpoise products in more than 3,500 Japanese supermarkets and by Japan's three largest seafood retailers, removing around £40 million worth of such products from the shelves;
- **persuading** Amazon.com and Google's Japanese shopping sites to ban ads for elephant ivory, whale and dolphin products in 2013;
- **persuading** Rakuten.com, Japan's largest Internet retailer, to ban sale of all whale and dolphin products in 2014.

These are just some of the many successes the EIA team has achieved with the help of thousands of loyal supporters. I am indebted to the incredible loyalty of EIA's supporters over the past 30 years - we never could have done it without your help.

The EIA team has remained hungry and devoted to protecting our beautiful world for the benefit of all.

Thank you!

Allan Thornton
EIA President

Facing future environmental challenges with new tools and the same ethos

IT doesn't take very long for 30 years to fly by and many of us at EIA never imagined when we walked through the door on our first day - in some cases almost three decades ago - that we would still be here, *writes Executive Director MARY RICE.*

Nor, do I imagine, did the three founding directors think EIA would become such a force to be reckoned with on the international campaigning stage. Yet here we are at 30, and looking at the future stretching ahead of us with a mixture of ongoing and new challenges.

The world around us has changed dramatically since 1984; technology has transformed the way EIA operates and it continues to inform the way we work. But some things haven't changed much at all - greed and the pursuit of individual wealth at any cost being a case in point. The abuse of the environment, the demand for natural resources and the lucrative illegal trade in flora and fauna are all a threat to the long-term security of our global heritage.

As pioneers in the use of visual media and communications to expose the extent of environmental crime and illegal trade in wildlife and timber, one of EIA's challenges in the future will be to ensure that, as an organisation, we remain fit for purpose as the game changes. Keeping up with technology is a major challenge: mobile phones have completely changed the way we communicate and operate; social media and email have turned us into a 24/7 global community with ambiguous boundaries and increasing expectations; every five minutes, it seems, there's a new piece of 'kit' for capturing, processing and disseminating information.

As we continue into our fourth decade we will be seeking to consolidate and build on our successes, use the lessons we have learnt and apply the skills and experience we have acquired through years of determined and challenging campaigning to ensure there is a clear and robust strategic plan in place to ensure the legacy lives on.

Can we persuade countries such as China and Thailand to ban ivory trade, for example? To stop tiger farming?



Can we get India and Saudi Arabia to agree to a global phase-down of HFCs? Can we persuade China to follow the lead of other key markets such as Europe and the US to introduce legislation banning the import of illegal timber? Can we continue to blaze a trail for other groups to follow?

Certainly there are many people who think so. I picked up the phone a couple of weeks ago to a supporter who has been with us since day one and when I asked him why he still chose to support us, he said 'because you do good work; there's no scandal and no wasting of money'. It really is as simple as that.

Putting environmental crime high on the international agenda

OVER the past decade, EIA has been at the forefront of efforts to persuade global institutions and national governments of the threats posed to the planet by burgeoning environmental crime and of the need to view such offences as a form of transnational organised crime, writes Campaigns Director JULIAN NEWMAN.

Through its undercover investigations and detailed research, EIA has never been in doubt that many of the environmental problems the world faces are due to pure criminality, with organised syndicates making illicit fortunes from plundering and despoiling ecosystems and natural resources. Yet until relatively recently, the law enforcement community has all too often viewed these offences as minor, victimless crimes.

Growing research is now revealing the true extent of the main forms of environmental crime: illegal logging; illegal wildlife trade; trafficking of hazardous waste; smuggling of ozone-depleting substances; and illegal fishing. Combined, these crimes generate revenues of tens of billions of pounds annually for organised criminal gangs.

The main challenges identified by EIA are the lack of appropriate laws and penalties, and failure to effectively enforce existing laws. Frequently, countries sign up to international environmental conventions

but do not adequately enforce the regulations in their own territories. For some issues, such as illegal logging, there is no legal basis in many countries to intercept shipments of illicit timber.

Further, when frontline enforcement officers successfully seize contraband timber or wildlife, follow-up investigations are not carried out and prosecutions are rare, meaning there is no deterrent effect to the criminals who view a seizure of rosewood or ivory as a business expense. Too often such seizures are heralded as a success. Yet, unlike narcotics, where interception prevents harm, by the time illicit wood or wildlife has been seized the damage has been done.

In an effort to remedy this situation, EIA has long been pressing for greater involvement by the professional enforcement community to tackle environmental crimes, rather than leave it in the hands of forestry or environment agencies. This includes applying the tools used against other forms of serious crimes, such as intelligence-led operations, controlled deliveries and use of anti-money laundering laws and asset-seizure to curb environmental crimes.

There are now encouraging signs that this approach is gaining traction. EIA was one of the first environmental NGOs to attend

meetings of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, which now has a dedicated programme addressing wildlife and forest crime. Likewise INTERPOL, the international police body, has seen its environmental security programme grow rapidly over the past few years, as has the World Customs Organisation's.

At the national level, there are increasing examples of smarter approaches, such as the use of anti-money laundering laws against timber smugglers in Indonesia and Thailand, and intelligence-led operations against ivory traffickers in China. Yet more needs to be done to dismantle the major international syndicates involved in environmental crimes and put them out of business.

EIA fully understands the challenges faced by enforcement agencies grappling with serious criminals, with violence a frequent trademark of those involved in illegal logging and wildlife poaching.

Throughout its history, EIA has been privileged to work with dedicated individuals who go beyond the call of duty to protect the environment. We continue to support such efforts through the provision of intelligence derived from field investigations and by producing training films on combating specific forms of environmental crime.



ABOVE:
EIA President Allan Thornton speaks at a CITES meeting in Santiago, Chile, in 2002

RIGHT:
Seizure of illegal timber at the Indonesia/ Malaysia border





EIA's films unit - visualising the threats and spreading awareness of the issues

FROM the very start, EIA's use of compelling visuals has been a key tool in its work to expose and combat environmental crime, writes Press & Communications Officer PAUL NEWMAN.

The 1983 Balaenoptera investigation to document Norway's minke whale hunt, which led to the creation of EIA the following year, returned with startling 16mm footage which played a key role in capturing public attention.

The technology we use has changed considerably in the intervening 30 years, from bulky film canisters through to video cassettes (which posed significant challenges to undercover investigators seeking to discreetly document meetings with criminals and traders despite the need to conceal bulky VHS cameras) and now onto digital, where we can more easily conceal hidden cameras the size of shirt buttons to record many hours of footage on a memory card not much bigger than a postage stamp.

But capturing filmed evidence of criminality is far from the only use EIA has for this medium; our in-house film unit has a long and proud track record of shooting its own location footage and writing scripts to craft both absorbing, informative mini-documentaries and brief, high-impact campaign films on specific issues.

A key advantage of working in a visual medium is the ability to convey complex

environmental issues in an easy-to-grasp form, letting the images tell the story along with the words of the people captured on camera, particularly those openly boasting of their criminal operations.

These in-house skills have also enabled EIA to venture into mainstream broadcast; the 1995 ITV series *The Animal Detectives* was a joint production of Goldhawk together with Ecodetectives, a company owned by EIA. The series was based on EIA's undercover investigations into trade in endangered species, with episodes focused on bears, whales, parrots, walrus, rhinos, turtles and monkeys. *The Animal Detectives* won the Media Natura award for best film, the Brigitte Bardot International Genesis Award and the Gold Plaque at the Chicago Documentary Film Festival.

Our own footage from investigations has continued to be featured in the mainstream media, particularly in the recent Nat Geo Wild mini-series *Eco Crime Investigators*, which showcased EIA's investigative work in four hour-long episodes.

The proficiency of EIA's film unit is so widely recognised that we have produced several films specifically for enforcement professionals around the world. Since 2005, we have produced a series of unique training films especially aimed at customs officers on ivory smuggling, the big cat skin trade and smuggling of ozone-depleting substances.



FROM TOP:
Leo Plunkett filming in Iceland, in 2014;
Paul Redman filming in Japan in 2011;
Sandy Watt filming in Vietnam in 2014



Host Liz Bonnin and EIA Head of Fundraising Anna Cairns during the auction



30th anniversary auction night a chance to meet, greet and celebrate!

ON September 17, EIA celebrated its 30th anniversary with a reception and auction at Cecil Sharp House in Camden, London.

Guests had the opportunity to mingle with EIA campaigners and volunteers before settling in for an auction of wildlife photography, kindly donated by 25 acclaimed photographers.

The auction culminated with a chance to bid on an exclusive seven-night stay at a Zambian safari lodge, accompanied by award-winning wildlife photographer Sue Flood to document the entire stay.

Hosted by TV presenter and biologist Liz Bonnin, the evening provided a great opportunity to celebrate the remarkable work of EIA and all it has achieved in 30 years.

Executive Director Mary Rice said afterwards: "A huge thank-you to everyone who participated. We raised an incredible £17,500, with more still to come in, every penny of which will go directly towards the work we do to safeguard our natural world."

We also unveiled the new short film *Balaenoptera Legacy*, produced by our talented in-house film unit to commemorate this special anniversary. With footage dating back to EIA's origins, the film explores why three activists felt so compelled to found the organisation back in 1984 and why those reasons still resonate today.

You can view the film on our website at www.eia-international.org.

FUNDER ENDORSEMENTS

"The Rufford Foundation has been supporting EIA for almost 20 years. EIA is one of the most effective research and campaigning organisations on wildlife trade and has never been afraid to confront issues head-on. Its reports and research are regularly used as tools to combat the increasing threat to animals and plants from illegal trade. Despite its relatively small size, EIA has a huge influence on the global conservation stage."

- Rufford Foundation

"When looking for organisations to fund, we look for groups who are small, dynamic, innovative and inspiring but also who create a huge positive impact, with just a dash of brilliance. Environmental Investigation Agency is an incredible example of our criteria. We are really proud to support this organisation, inspired by their determination and dedication to protect the natural world from environmental crime and abuse.

"Our wondrous world needs more organisations like EIA who successfully campaign for meaningful changes in international law, impacting governments globally. We need activists for change who are determined to raise awareness, expose crimes and protect habitats and species, defending our beautiful planet.

"We are proud to support EIA and their amazing, life and world changing projects. EIA, we salute you!"

- Body Shop Foundation

"I'm really pleased to have joined the funding of EIA's critical investigation of China's links to illegal logging and wildlife trafficking. The work has been powerful - and not a moment too soon! - and their report-back to funders thorough. So I followed this by sponsoring EIA for another grant, from Network for Social Change, to extend this investigation to Burma."

- Anthony Rae, Anthony Rae Foundation

The photography of EIA: using images to create change

FROM gorgeous panoramas of unspoilt emerald rainforest to the graphic reality of the carcasses of great whales being inched up the slipway to be butchered, such images strike home with an immediacy not available to text.

It's one thing to read of so many acres of pristine forest lost to oil palm plantation or so many tonnes of ivory seized, but it's quite another to see the actuality, the brutal scarring of a landscape to make way for orderly monoculture planting, the grim jumble of raw tusks representing the horrific carnage inflicted by the elephant poachers and the transnational criminals directing them.

Here, and on the pages following, is a selection of some of the most striking images in EIA's extensive archive.



THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:
 Skull of a poached tiger,
 Pench National Park, India;
 male orang-utan in Tanjung
 Puting National Park, Indonesia;
 horse festival in Tibet
 Autonomous Region;
 hook used to kill pilot whales
 in the Faroe Islands



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THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
 Raft of illegal logs in Seruyan, Indonesia;
 forest dweller, West Papua, Indonesia;
 investigator Clive Lonsdale secretly filming an ivory carving factory before an illegal export, United Arab Emirates;
 logs crossing the border at Suifenhe, China;
 EIA co-founder Dave Currey demonstrates a video camera, Indonesia

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Exporting our knowledge and expertise to the investigators of tomorrow

IT is often a part of EIA's work which goes unnoticed, but training for local activists and communities has been a vital part of our mission since the late 1990s and has left a lasting legacy in some of the main countries in which we are active, writes *Campaigns Director JULIAN NEWMAN*.

As a relatively small group, EIA has learnt the value of utilising visual evidence to draw attention to the environmental abuses we investigate, as well as the importance of working collaboratively with local NGOs on the ground. These two elements come together in our training initiatives.

The concept is simple - to transfer the field documentation skills EIA has honed over the years to local groups on the frontline and to provide equipment such as cameras and computers. It is also a two-way process, as EIA learns through these training courses of the challenges faced by these groups in protecting their land and environment.

EIA's first major training project commenced in 1999 when we teamed up with the Indonesian NGO Telapak to

provide skills and equipment to local groups across the vast country. For the next four years, I was privileged to criss-cross Indonesia, from Padang, Sumatra, in the west to Jayapura, Papua, in the east, training a host of local activists dedicated to protecting their forests.

In addition to providing basic training in camera and investigative skills, EIA also embarked on a series of joint investigations with some of the local groups we had trained.

Since then, EIA has provided documentation training in Papua, Tanzania, India and Vietnam, and we are currently assisting groups in Myanmar. Through this endeavour, EIA has helped to build networks of NGOs with the skills to safely obtain visual evidence and to produce short films and reports on their findings. As well as traditional camera skills, EIA is also delivering new techniques, such as using smartphones to capture and tag evidence in a geospatial form.

The training course is designed to be highly practical and not theoretical, an important factor in some countries where

local NGOs can suffer from workshop fatigue. It is always gratifying to see individuals with limited experience gaining the confidence and ability to obtain quality photographs and video footage which they can use to advance their cause. Some of the people EIA has taught have gone on to become award-winning camera operators and film editors, but the greatest legacy is the evidence and stories captured by the participants, often operating in difficult conditions.

Aside from the training itself, these workshops also give EIA staff the opportunity to talk long into the night with local activists, providing valuable insights into some of the countries where we are active. Ultimately, EIA personnel get to fly home after carrying out field investigations, while the people we train are confronted with the impacts of environmental crimes every day. It is the least we can do to help them with some tricks of the trade and support.

The only downside of the training is the frequent request to finish it off with a karaoke session; one instance where we ensure all cameras are turned off!



Governments and retailers must put a stop to Iceland's fin whaling



AS Investigator went to press on the eve of the International Whaling Commission meeting in Slovenia, EIA - in conjunction with Animal Welfare Institute and Whale and Dolphin Conservation - released a damning new report on Iceland's growing slaughter of endangered fin whales.

Slayed in Iceland: The commercial hunting and international trade in endangered fin whales outlined how Iceland's fin whale hunt is driven by Kristján Loftsson, a multi-millionaire and the Executive Director of whaling company Hvalur.

EIA has previously revealed how in his bid to create a viable market for fin whale products in Japan, he has used the resources of another company for which he acts as Chair of the Board - Icelandic seafood giant HB Grandi.

Slayed in Iceland clearly exposed the huge scale of the hunt and overseas trade, as well as the financial and logistical links between the whalers and some of Iceland's largest companies and called for governments and corporations to take action to ensure they are not supporting Hvalur's whaling activities and to press for Iceland to put a halt to the practice.

Fin whales are the second largest creature on the planet, after blue whales, and for decades were the target of industrial-scale commercial whaling. This slaughter was curtailed in 1986 by the moratorium on commercial whaling but already such damage had been done to fin whale populations that almost three



decades later these magnificent creatures remain endangered.

"Since 2006, Hvalur has killed more than 500 fin whales, purely to cash in on a limited demand in Japan. It has exported more than 5,000 tonnes of fin whale products to Japan, including a record single shipment of 2,071 tonnes in 2014," said EIA Senior Campaigner Clare Perry.

Taking plastic bags out of supermarkets - and the oceans

FOLLOWING calls from EIA and other NGOs working on the issue, the European Parliament voted in April to adopt binding measures to cut single-use plastic bags.

MEPs voted by an overwhelming 539 votes to 51 for an 80 per cent reduction target by 2020, a measure that will help prevent billions of plastic bags ending up in the ocean.

Senior Campaigner Clare Perry welcomed the result as "a good first step" but stressed that a full ban on single-use plastic bags is justified. EIA will continue to urge EU Member States to strengthen the proposal in negotiations due to start after the summer.

We were back on the case in July for International Bag Free Day, part of the Bag Free World initiative seeking to eliminate single-use plastic bags. Asking our followers not just to go plastic bag free for a day but to do so for life, EIA's film unit produced a fun short campaign film to help spread the message.

You can view the film, *Break the Habit*, at www.vimeo.com/98936748

Working to end illegal drift netting

EIA has teamed up with NGO The Black Fish to focus attention on illegal drift netting and its lethal impacts on whales, dolphins and porpoises.

At their peak in the 1990s, driftnet fisheries were estimated to be killing up to 10,000 cetaceans annually in the Mediterranean alone. Although now illegal throughout Europe and on the high seas, nets exceeding a staggering 2.5km in length continue to be used.

In May, EIA and The Black Fish presented a paper to the Scientific Committee meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) highlighting the ongoing threat.

The spotlight finally falls on the dirty business of tiger farms

TIGER farming has long been marginalised at the UN Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), so it was particularly pleasing to see the issue getting overdue attention and being recognised as a serious threat to wild tigers.

The 65th Meeting of the Standing Committee (SC65) of CITES was held in July in Geneva, Switzerland.

After first exposing China's domestic tiger skin labelling scheme, EIA has long expressed grave concerns about its existence and opaque nature, revealing through undercover investigations how it is open to abuse and stimulates demand.

Remarkably, a senior Chinese delegate at SC65, while describing the measures his country has taken on tiger conservation, admitted: "we do not ban skin, we ban bone".

This is the first time China has admitted in an open meeting that it does not ban the use of tiger skins.

Following the admission, EIA made a formal intervention to confirm it has shared evidence with CITES of skins being traded



legally for commercial purposes. China did not respond.

Other key outcomes for tigers and other Asian big cats at SC65 included:

- adopting 16 recommendations, including some asking for very specific information on domestic measures to prohibit trade in parts and derivatives of captive-bred tigers and measures to destroy stockpiles;
- Parties urged to tighten regulations over the keeping, breeding and use of tigers to prevent their commercial use;

- encouraging Parties to develop DNA and photo databases for captive Asian big cats;
- China, India, Nepal, Myanmar and Vietnam asked to step-up enforcement in key border areas where there is persistent illegal international trade, and Thailand, Vietnam and Lao PDR urged to stop illegal trade in farmed tigers.

SC65 took place against the backdrop of a troubling surge in wildlife crime, threatening the survival of a host of species, notably elephants, rhinos and tigers.

EIA campaigners pushed for Parties to take meaningful actions to address the deteriorating situation, including tackling domestic markets.

As well as our focus on tigers, we also renewed calls for the closure of existing domestic ivory markets, the suspension of any further discussion of an ivory trading mechanism, and the audit and destruction of all ivory stockpiles.

Crooked cop jailed for eight years for timber smuggling

TIMBER-smuggling Indonesian police officer Labora Sitorus was jailed for eight years after a legal appeal overturned a shockingly lenient verdict handed down earlier in the year by a court in West Papua.

Sitorus was originally charged with illegal logging, fuel smuggling and money laundering but was found guilty of only one charge - illegal logging - and sentenced to just two years in prison with a US\$4,000 fine.

He was acquitted of money laundering, despite evidence showing US\$127 million passed through his accounts, but was convicted on appeal by the Prosecutors trying the case.

In May last year, EIA released video footage of illegal loggers harvesting merbau and other species for Sitorus' timber company, PT Rotua.



Call for Hong Kong to ban ivory sales

AS Hong Kong destroyed approximately three tonnes of ivory - 10 per cent of its stockpile which is due to be destroyed in a further dozen incinerations - in May, EIA joined a coalition of 61 organisations to call for it to ban all ivory sales.

Retailers' key role in global warming fight

EIA campaigners were in Paris for June's Consumer Goods Forum Global Summit 2014 to stress to its members the importance of publicly reaffirming their

commitment to begin phasing out climate-destroying refrigerants and to announce the steps they intend to take towards this objective.

China's craze for luxury furniture is driving Siam rosewood to extinction



A MAJOR new EIA report in May revealed that Siamese rosewood has been illegally logged to the brink of extinction to feed a voracious demand for luxury furniture in China.

Illegal supply chains for the multi-billion dollar market in high-end Ming and Qing dynasty reproduction furniture, collectively known as 'hongmu', are widely characterised by death, violence and corruption.

Routes of Extinction: The corruption and violence destroying Siamese rosewood in the Mekong exposed an industry fuelled by high level corruption and now targeting other precious tree species as replacements.

Chinese Government support for the industry and a growing trend for the country's expanding wealthy elites to invest in hongmu have seen demand for raw materials far outstrip domestic supply. Between 2000-13, China imported 3.5 million cubic metres of hongmu timber, almost half of it from the Mekong region - including Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

Siamese rosewood has become so scarce and valuable that logging it is now more akin to wildlife poaching; the tools of the trade are chainsaws, guns and even rocket-propelled grenades, armed violence is commonplace and methamphetamines are often used as both a stimulant and payment for loggers from border communities blighted by drug addiction.

"Unless swift and decisive action is taken to stem this bloody trade, we could well be looking at the extinction of Siamese rosewood in a matter of a very few years," warned Forest Campaign Team Leader Faith Doherty.

Routes of Extinction detailed EIA's undercover investigations into the criminal trade and cautioned that crime, corruption and ill-considered government policies in the region will likely result in the demise of Siamese rosewood, commercially if not biologically, in the near future.

"China has made some attempts to counter the appalling excesses of the illegal trade in Siamese rosewood but they are clearly nowhere near enough," added Faith.



TOP:
Rosewood 'hongmu' furniture on display in a Chinese showroom

ABOVE:
Undercover image of Vietnamese gangster Aqiang, right, who smuggles rosewood into China, stuffing wads of Chinese Yuan into his bag

MEET THE TEAM



Paul Newman

NAME: Paul Newman

AGE: 50

HOMETOWN: Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk

EDUCATION:

National Council for the Training of Journalists, plus more than 20 years of experience working in regional newspapers.

CAMPAIGN SPECIALISM:

As Press & Communications Officer, I'm responsible for general media relations, writing press releases, assisting with reports and the writing/production of *Investigator*. I also maintain and build EIA's social media presence and website, and assist with input into films.

WHAT FIRST INTERESTED YOU IN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES?:

I was fortunate to grow up in a house right on the beach, something which instilled a love of wild places (and there are few places that feel much wilder than the Norfolk coast in the depths of winter!). From an early age, our parents encouraged my brother and I to take an active interest in politics and the environment, and it was my mum, Carol, who first took me along to a local Friends of the Earth meeting, which showed me it was possible to address major international issues on a local level and which eventually led me to regularly volunteer with Swan Rescue for a number of years.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE AT EIA?:

Working with such dedicated and passionate people at EIA, and helping to achieve so much with so few, ensures that just about every week has a memorable experience of one kind or another. If pressed to pick just one, I'd go for our 2012 campaign urging internet giant Amazon to end sales of whale and dolphin products via Amazon Japan; it was the first consumer-action campaign I'd ever helped to create, scripting the campaign video and roping in my wife and daughter Rebecca to appear in it. The launch of the campaign and its associated report went very well but I was stunned when Amazon took down the products in less than 24 hours, and delighted when, a few weeks later, it formally confirmed the ban - and even added shark products! It was a hugely satisfying win, even more so as it taught my daughter the invaluable lesson of just how much it's possible to achieve if you're prepared to try.

Mozambique's forests are plundered for China's illegal timber imports

JULY'S new report *First Class Crisis* revealed that a staggering 93 per cent of logging in Mozambique during 2013 was illegal.

Research, undercover investigations and analysis conducted by EIA from 2013-14 showed the key driver of forest crime in Mozambique is demand from China.

Some 76 per cent of all global timber exports from Mozambique in 2013 were illegally cut in excess of reported harvests - and the vast majority (averaging 93 per cent from 2007-13) went to China.

"If the excessive focus on just a handful of commercial timber species continues, commercial stocks will be largely depleted during the next 15 years," said EIA Forest Campaigner Jago Wadley.

"This veritable epidemic of crime and

environmental mismanagement has deprived the world's second least developed country of \$146 million in lost tax revenues since 2007."

EIA called for an immediate suspension of all timber exports until Mozambique can ensure harvests, consumption and trade can be sustainably met from remaining forest resources.

Mozambique became China's biggest African supplier of logs by value in 2013, but 46 per cent of China's timber imports were also smuggled out of the country.

After the report was covered by the media in Mozambique, the country's Environment Ministry expressed concern over the level of devastation while the Agriculture Ministry promised a series of reforms to the forest management system.



Mozambique log pile, 2012

Members' ZONE

Fakenham 50

THANKS to all those who took part in this year's Fakenham 50, a cycle ride through serene rural Norfolk. EIA was the official charity partner and more than £1,600 has been raised to date - a fantastic result!



Fakenham 50

Big Give 2014

PLEASE look out for your chance to once again double your donations to EIA this December via The Big Give.

This year, we will be competing for matched funding to benefit our wildlife campaigns. Last year saw us raise more than £28,000 for our Oceans Campaign, a fantastic result which allowed the team to conduct a recent investigation in Iceland that otherwise might have been postponed.

Contact Lynne in Fundraising for more information on this year's challenge, via lynnevadavies@eia-international.org or +44 (0) 20 7354 7960.



Dragon Boat Team

Dragon Boat Race

OUR gratitude to Chris George and the 20-strong Fiery Tigers team who took part in the Dragon Boat Race on August 31 and have so far raised over £600.

We love seeing people getting involved in unusual activities to raise money for charity, so thanks for all your hard work guys!

Katzen

EIA would like to extend an enormous "danke schön" to Nicola Rowedder-Weber and the entire cast of the musical *Cats* for raising an incredible €1,000 during their performance in Cologne, Germany, back in April. Bravo!



Katzen

Brighton Marathon

AFTER the success of our Brighton Marathon runners Adam, Justin and Jill in 2014, we once again have places available for next year's event, taking place on April 12.

If you would like to take on this monumental challenge in aid of EIA, please get in touch with Lynne via lynnevadavies@eia-international.org or +44 (0) 20 7354 7960.



Jill Thomson in the 2014 Brighton Marathon

Raffle

OUR 2014 Summer Raffle has been drawn, the winners notified and the prizes have been posted!

Keep an eye out for our very special Christmas lottery, which we will be sending out in the coming weeks.

A message from Anna Cairns, Head of Fundraising ...

WE wanted to produce a special 30th anniversary edition of *Investigator* magazine to give you hope and a clear reminder that it is possible to save our environment.

The achievements that EIA has made over the past 30 years, as a relatively small group of people, are proof that with passion, intelligence and courage the natural world can be protected.

Criminal deforestation can be stopped, ozone-depleting gases can be dramatically reduced and wildlife can be saved from slaughter. It just takes time, persistence and support from people like you - something for which we are truly grateful.

If you have any questions about our work and getting involved, please don't hesitate to get in contact. We always love to hear from you.

Have a fabulous rest of 2014!



EIA's Fundraising team are, from left, Philip, Anna, Lynne and Ben



Family. Friends. The natural world.
We know that loved ones come first but if you would like to help us ensure a future where our grandchildren will experience the wonders of the natural world, please consider leaving a gift in your will to the Environmental Investigation Agency.
Over the past 30 years, EIA has saved the lives of hundreds of endangered species and their habitats through pioneering investigations into environmental crime.

For more information or just a chat about our work, call us on +44 (0) 20 7354 7960 or email legacy@eia-international.org
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