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A message from our Executive Director, Mary Rice

It's been an incredibly busy year, with more of the same before we reach 2011 - and it always comes as something of a shock to me the way time races past so quickly.

In May I was fortunate enough to attend the International Wildlife Film Festival (IWFF) in Montana. Having never been to that part of the world, I wasn't sure what to expect, although I had visions of grand landscapes and stunning vistas as portrayed in the film "A River Runs Through It". I wasn't disappointed, by either the place or the hospitality.

The IWFF is the oldest festival of its kind and is a platform for film-makers from all over the world to screen their offerings. Every year there is a one-day conference - the Tarkio Retreat - where participants gather to discuss issues pertinent to the film industry. This year the theme was International Illegal Wildlife Trade and EIA was invited to participate as one of four guest speakers, and for many this was the first time they had ever heard of us. As is often the case, they were bowled over by the work we do and the successes we have had. EIA was also the subject of an award-winning film at the festival; Eco Crime Investigators, Inside the Tiger Trade, which focused on recent EIA investigations into the illegal tiger trade, won Best News. Some of you may have seen the film, which was screened on National Geographic earlier this year and continues to be shown worldwide.

On a less positive note, we face increasing numbers of wildlife seizures across the board: cat skins, ivory and, more worryingly, a massive surge in the incidents of rhino poaching with over 180 individual animals killed in South Africa alone between January and August - particularly disturbing given the methods used by the poachers and the obvious involvement of internationally organised criminal syndicates. Having been highlighted as hitting a 15-year high at CITES earlier this year, the global enforcement community seems at something of a loss as to how to deal with this wave of rhino poaching: South African authorities are considering engaging the army in the fight against the poachers but that will not stop the demand - nor will it identify the routes and the networks involved: which will require a more co-ordinated and global response.

By the time you read this, EIA will have attended INTERPOL's 7th International Conference on Environmental Crime in September and we will have presented our work to an audience of over 200 key enforcement experts and organisations with the aim of finding ways for us all to tackle the growing global problem of environmental crime. No doubt, a range of issues will be addressed during the week-long meeting, and perhaps in the next newsletter we will be able to report back on some meaningful and easily implemented action resulting from the conference. Watch this space.

In the meantime, on behalf of all of us at EIA, thank-you for your continued support, good wishes for the Christmas season and all the very best for 2011.

Mary Rice
Executive Director



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EU finally delivers ban on stolen timber

It was a landmark moment for the world's threatened rainforests and for EIA on July 7 when the European Parliament voted overwhelmingly to ban imports of illegally logged timber and wood products.

We've been working at the forefront of international efforts to curb illegal logging and timber smuggling for more than a decade now and were overjoyed to see this new legislation - passed by 644 votes to 25, with 16 abstentions - get the green light after so many investigations and so much lobbying.

From 2012, importers who first place timber and wood products onto the European market will be barred from selling illegally harvested timber and timber products; they will also be obliged to use a due diligence system to minimise the risk of doing so, a system requiring them to compile information concerning their timber, including where it was harvested.

Traders must also conduct risk assessments to evaluate the possibility of placing illegally harvested timber or timber products onto the EU market and, finally, they will have to employ risk mitigation measures to reduce the chance of acquiring illegally harvested timber and wood products. Traders selling internally within the EU must provide information about their suppliers and ensure the traceability of timber and timber products up to the first point of sale in the EU.

"This really is a fabulous result!" said EIA Forests Campaigner Faith Doherty. "By having this law, Europe is taking responsibility for a huge market that has driven the demand for cheap tropical timber.

"The actual law itself could be stronger, by extending the ban to all players who sell timber and wood products in Europe; but for the moment what we have is a prohibition that addresses those who first place timber and wood products onto the market.

"This is a vital first step and our supporters can rest assured that we will be working tirelessly to build on it. What we need to focus on now is ensuring that issues such as penalties, which are the responsibility of member states, are given real teeth."

The legislation follows the success of EIA's efforts in the US which helped achieve a revision of the Lacey Act, adopted in May 2008, to ban all sales of, and trade in, illegally harvested timber. It is a testament to EIA's commitment and tenacity that 10 years on from the launch of our illegal logging campaign, the world's two largest markets for wood products - the US and EU - have now shut the door on imports of stolen timber.



A personal triumph

The battle to save Indonesia's rainforests is a deeply personal one for EIA campaigner Faith Doherty. In January 2000 she was kidnapped while investigating illegal logging.

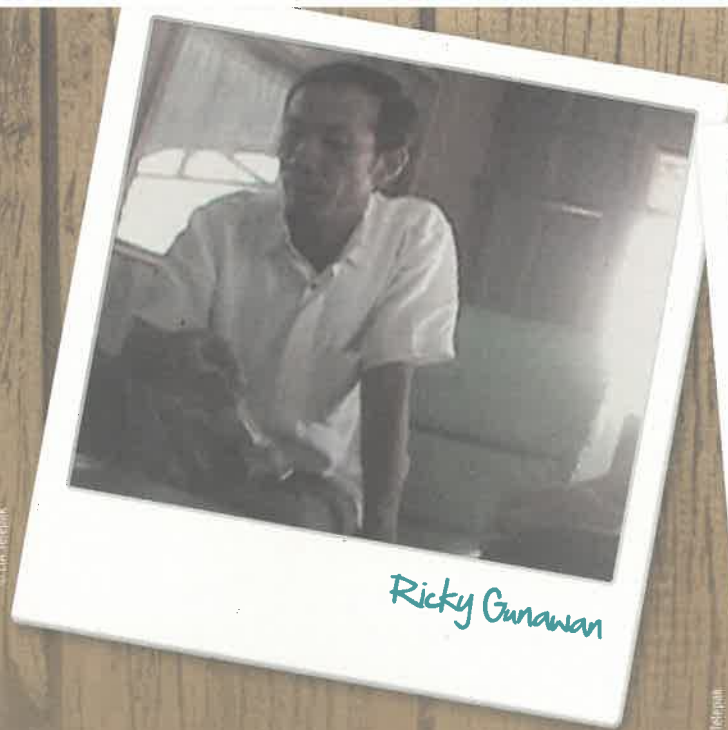
With Indonesian colleague Ruwi, she had travelled to Tanjung Puting National Park, in central Kalimantan, to assess the extent of illegal logging by timber baron Abdul Rasyid, exposed the previous August in the EIA report *The Final Cut*.

But a meeting at a sawmill owned by Rasyid turned out to be a trap and for two punishing days they were beaten, threatened with death and pressed at gunpoint to recant evidence of widespread forestry crime in Indonesia, uncovered by EIA and local partner Telepak.

"I was told that if I had been a man I'd have been dead," said Faith. "When the gun came out I really thought they were going to kill us."

EIA and Telepak pulled out all the stops to get the pair to safety, and it was fitting that Faith went on to spearhead EIA's successful campaign to ban EU imports of illegally logged timber.





Ricky Gunawan



Hengky Gosal

Keeping the pressure on the timber criminals

EIA stepped up its work to protect Indonesia's rainforests when it named and shamed two of the kingpins profiteering from the hugely lucrative international trade in stolen timber.

Following investigations alongside Indonesian partner Telapak, we issued a damning new report - *Rogue Traders: The Murky Business of Merbau Timber Smuggling in Indonesia* - at a press conference in Jakarta in early August.

Exposing businessmen Ricky Gunawan and Hengky Gosal as two of the major players in smuggling illicit merbau - a valuable hardwood sought for flooring, furniture and doors - we used the press launch to stress the need for criminal investigations into their activities.

EIA also called on the Indonesian government to list merbau on Appendix III of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), with a sustainable quota for trade, and to establish a taskforce reporting directly to the President on actions taken against illegal logging.

In 2005, the EIA/Telapak report *The Last Frontier* exposed merbau smuggling to China on such a scale that the Indonesian government responded with an unprecedented crackdown. But despite significant progress against illegal logging since, enforcement action against the main players has stalled.

Following the October 2009 seizure in Jakarta of 23 containers of illicit merbau logs destined for China, India and South Korea, our investigators posed as timber buyers to uncover a smuggling operation headed by Hengky Gosal, using bribery and failings in the timber monitoring system to get permits for the illegal shipment.

Unwittingly being filmed, Gosal admitted smuggling up to 50 containers a month of merbau square logs (called fitches) to China, and also claimed to bribe customs officers.

Another illicit timber trafficking hotspot highlighted in the report is Surabaya, in East Java, the base of merbau smuggler Ricky Gunawan. He's a familiar figure to EIA - we've submitted several reports on him to the authorities, but he has yet to be investigated.

Indeed, Gunawan's influence is such that when one of his China-bound merbau shipments, falsely labelled 'bridge components', was detained by Indonesia customs in April 2009, intervention on his behalf by some government officials and members of the local parliament ensured its swift release.



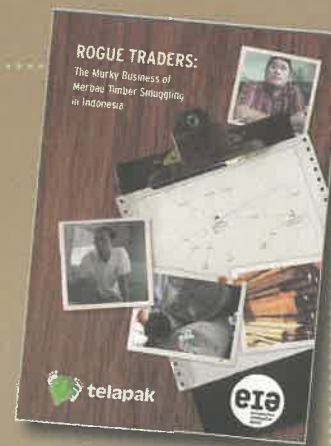
"Rogue Traders" Launch

EIA, Telapak and local partners in Indonesia held a series of events in August to launch *Rogue Traders*. After submitting the report and accompanying film to Indonesia's anti-corruption agency, the KPK, we held a press conference in Jakarta. Many journalists attended, including those from the BBC, AFP and Indonesian news outlets, resulting in wide coverage nationally and internationally.

Simultaneously, in Makassar - hometown of smuggler Hengky Gosal - the local NGO Jurnal Celebes, which helped EIA/Telapak during our May 2010 investigation there, held a press briefing. Gosal received numerous calls from inquisitive reporters and next day saw himself splashed across the front pages of local papers.

Finally, the most intrepid EIA and Telapak campaigners were busy distributing the report and film at the Asia Forest Partnership conference in Bali that week. Mardi Minangsari and Faith Doherty gave the report in person to the Secretary General of Ministry of Forestry and held discussions with government and timber trade representatives.

They may have gone to the beach too, but only once the report was out - or so they say...



Meet EIA's partners: Telapak



Last year, EIA celebrated 10 years of partnership with the Indonesian group Telapak. This long and productive cooperation began with a joint investigation into illegal logging in Tanjung Puting National Park, in Kalimantan. Ambrosius Ruwindrijarto - Ruwi - was a member of that team and is now president of Telapak. Here he describes the work of his organisation.

"A few months after its inception in the late 1990s, Telapak met with EIA. That first acquaintance has proven to be the determining moment of Telapak's growth and fate up to today. Telapak Indonesia Foundation was set up in Bogor, an hour's drive from Jakarta, by six fresh graduates who had met as part of the university's nature club and wanted to keep enjoying activities such as mountaineering, climbing, jungle trekking and wildlife observation. Obviously, coincidences do have a deep meaning. It happened that a friend told us about an organisation based in London which was looking into forest issues through investigations. This led to the first meeting with EIA, just as Telapak was starting to formulate its mission of creating a just and sustainable Indonesia.

"The anti-illegal logging campaign was and still is the heart of the partnership between Telapak and EIA. This campaign has achieved so much in terms of local, national and international awareness, policy changes, and most satisfying of all, the significant reduction of illegal logging in Indonesia. Currently, Telapak and EIA are still relentlessly pushing to

ensure that policies, governance and trade are transformed to stop illegal logging and save Indonesia's forests.

"In 2002, Telapak became a membership-based organisation and is now an association of 180 individuals of various backgrounds and occupations from across the country. Members now include NGO activists, business practitioners, academics, media affiliates, leaders of indigenous peoples, farmers and fishers. Telapak's key operational activities include investigations and high-profile campaigns on forest crimes and destructive fishing, water resource management and supporting the development of community cooperatives. Telapak is also building business units focused on community-based logging, ornamental fisheries, medicinal plants and herbs, local television and radio stations, a multimedia production house and cafes.

"Out of all the activities, struggles and achievements, real change on the ground to the lives of local communities is what drives Telapak to fight from day to day. For instance, one of the most valuable lessons I learned from a visit to the village of Teluk Binjai, in Riau, Sumatra, is that life after illegal logging is actually much better. During the logging era everybody worked in timber business, all illegally. The unlawfulness and the easy money meant that the local communities neglected their farmland, gardens and any livelihood that they used to have. They did not care about education for their children

because when money is quick and easy from illegal logging, why bother sending kids to school? Now that illegal logging has almost stopped in the area due to better enforcement, local communities have returned to their farmland and gardens as the source of their livelihoods. The village is also planning to embark on community logging combined with non-timber forest products such as honey, and to defend their forests from oil palm plantation or industrial timber companies.

"Examples like this show the deeper meaning of the coincidences and impacts of the Telapak and EIA partnership, which continues to flow onwards."

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Telapak's Hapsoro takes questions at the launch of *Rogue Traders* in Jakarta

Gearing up for the Year of the Tiger Summit



In our previous tiger update in the Investigator, we covered the forthcoming Year of the Tiger Summit in Russia and the process leading to it.

Since then, both the venue and date have changed - it will now take place in St Petersburg instead of Vladivostok and is most likely to be held at a later date in November. Does this last minute delay signify a lack of political will and foreshadow weak political engagement? Let's hope not. In any case, EIA is still involved, to ensure our concerns and ideas are incorporated into the final declaration and strategy which the tiger range states will release at the meeting.

And therein lies the rub - influencing these processes is not easy: such high-level summits can be preceded by months of discussion and wrangling; complex documents are released at the last moment, and comments expected within 24 hours; there are endless meetings as different parties attempt to control the outcomes or simply keep up with events.

While it's good that the tiger range states are taking the lead, EIA remains concerned that unless the nations honestly examine the underlying reasons for the loss of tigers and their habitats, we could end up with an empty declaration. Many of the ideas on the table have been under discussion for at least 10 years, and few are revolutionary. What range states must examine is why these things haven't

yet happened and what political issues must be addressed to facilitate their implementation.

Another concern is that the current draft declaration does not mention the need to close the tiger farms stimulating demand for wild tiger parts, or to end all trade in all tiger products. Such loopholes set a dangerous precedent and leave the door open for future tiger farming. We don't need quick fixes or band-aids - we need to secure a long-term future for the tiger.

So what does EIA want to see at this Summit? Both tiger range and consuming countries still need to improve enforcement, increase cross-border cooperation and intelligence exchange, and expand and support intergovernmental organisations such as the International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) to enable them to play a key role in tackling the illegal transnational tiger trade. EIA also calls on those countries with tiger farms to clearly signal their willingness to end the tiger trade by closing them, and consolidating and destroying stockpiles of tiger parts. While there is nothing new in these recommendations, there is a reason why they keep getting repeated.

Regarding international law enforcement, EIA attended the INTERPOL Environmental Crime Conference in Lyon to promote our idea for dedicated 'Tiger Desks' based in the tiger range countries. INTERPOL plays a crucial role in helping countries tackling international crimes and for

relatively small sums - probably less than has been spent on tiger-related meetings in the last year - the INTERPOL National Central Bureaus and HQ could be brought more fully into the fight against tiger crime.

Back in the UK, EIA continues raising awareness of the tiger crisis. On November 29, we will be collaborating with supporters to host ROAR, an exciting night of music, art, comedy and poetry at the Screen On The Green in Islington, London, to celebrate the potent cultural symbol that is the wild tiger.

We will also be partnering with Asia House, WildAid and the Born Free Foundation to look at how we turn words into action to ensure there are still wild tigers in the next Year of the Tiger, 2022. EIA will be producing a short film as part of an exhibition about the tiger hosted by Asia House in London from November 5, 2010 to February 12, 2011. We'll also be presenting at a forum at the Royal Geographical Society on December 7, 2010 and at a gala benefit evening on January 25, 2011.

Finally, there was good news in August as notorious wildlife smuggler Sansar Chand was jailed for six years for possession of a leopard skin. The sentence, related to a charge dating back to 1995, was the maximum allowed and is in recognition of the fact that Chand has evaded justice for decades. As one of the most notorious wildlife traffickers in the world, the sentencing of Sansar Chand sends an important signal that these crimes should not go unpunished.

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Action Point

Take Action

In these days of austerity and cutbacks, it's vital to let the Government know what we care about. Write to Nick Herbert, Minister of State at the Ministry of Justice, to express your support for continued efforts to combat wildlife crime, both in the UK and abroad.

Specific things the UK government could do include:

- * maintaining funding for the National Wildlife Crime Unit and the Metropolitan Police Wildlife Crime Unit;
- * working with partners in the EU to support the INTERPOL Environmental Crime Programme;
- * implementation of CITES Decisions, including 15.48 which calls for funds to secure a high-level seminar on tiger crime.

For more information, check our website at www.eia-international.org/campaigns/species/tigers

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Investigator Fact File - Debbie Banks



Name: Debbie Banks

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Education: I graduated from Aberdeen University with a BSc in Zoology, and University College London with an MSc in Conservation

Campaign specialism: I'm head of the EIA Tiger Team and have worked on several aspects of tiger conservation such as habitat loss, illegal trade, political advocacy for the tiger and leading investigation teams into China, Tibet, Nepal, the US and Europe

What first interested you in environmental issues?: I'd been studying wildlife conservation issues since 1989, but it was in 1994 when I was so inspired by a lecture from leading tiger conservationist, Valmik Thapar, on the plight of tigers in the wild that I decided to travel to India to try and understand the situation firsthand, while meeting with active conservationists. When I returned, I volunteered with the EIA and helped launch its tiger conservation campaign across India. After a year, in 1997, I was given a formal post.

What other roles do you have?: I'm Chair of the Species Survival Network's Big Cat Working Group and have helped coordinate collective NGO actions to address legislation and enforcement matters through CITES since 1997.

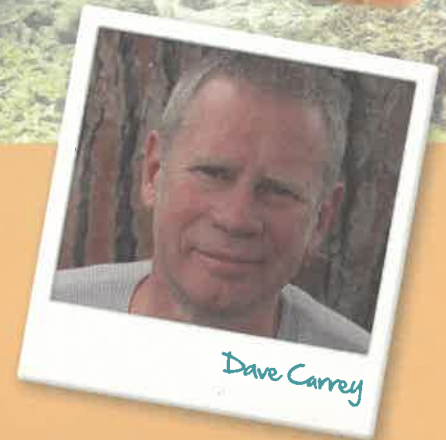
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Life beyond EIA



AS well as working tirelessly to protect the natural world, EIA co-founder Dave Currey has a passion for documenting it through the camera eye.

Now he has launched a website showcasing the very best of his landscape and wildlife photography.

Dave's early interest in visual communication led him to gain a degree in Photographic Arts in 1976, and that same year he embarked on a 1,000-mile walk through Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming to help the World Wildlife Fund raise awareness of conservation issues, in the process acquiring some of the media-related skills he would use throughout the following three decades of environmental activism.

In 1979, he was a volunteer photographer onboard the Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior during its Icelandic anti-whaling campaign, which eventually led him to meet Allan Thornton and Jenny Lonsdale, with whom he would go on to found the EIA in 1984.

Between 1978-86, Dave was a regular contributor to Wildlife magazine and its subsequent incarnation as BBC Wildlife, and in 1982 he was described in What Camera Weekly as "one of the new breed of naturalist photographers, with a commitment to conservation and the style of a photojournalist."

His work has appeared in publications such as LIFE, The Sunday Times, The Telegraph Magazine, World and Country Life, and has been closely associated with many conservation successes.

Since retiring from EIA in 2008, Dave has been able to devote more of his time to photography. His new website primarily features his breathtaking wildlife and landscape photography (along with the reminder "All wildlife photos on this website are taken in the wild"), although there are also two galleries containing a selection of his moving and sometimes distressing campaign images.

"Photography and film have always been important to me" says Dave. "Campaign images have changed people's perceptions and my wildlife and landscape photography has helped me escape some of the horrors encountered in EIA work. I hope the pictures inspire others."

Not content with his successes in environmental activism and photography, Dave is currently writing his first novel, an eco-thriller set in Borneo.

Visit Dave's website at www.wild-photos.co.uk

PP Campaign images have changed people's perceptions QQ



EIA aims to curb sham carbon credits from refrigerant chemical factories

With global warming one of the world's most pressing problems, it sounds like madness to deliberately manufacture greenhouse gases just for the value of destroying them.

But these perverse incentives are all too real, which is why EIA has been working hard to remove such flaws in HFC-23 destruction programmes funded via European Carbon markets.

As a means of meeting their emission reduction targets, companies can use carbon markets to 'offset' part of these reductions. This involves paying factories in developing countries to stop emitting greenhouse gases or invest in green technology such as renewable energy.

Potent greenhouse gas HFC-23 is a waste product created during the production of HCFC-22, an ozone-depleting refrigerant being phased out by the Montreal Protocol. Investment in HFC-23 destruction programmes constitutes the majority of offsets used by European companies.

However, evidence shows the huge profits to be made from HFC-23 credits under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change's Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) have effectively created a market to over-produce the waste gas simply to cash-in by subsequently destroying it.

HFC-23 destruction projects mostly profit Chinese and Indian chemical companies, plus

financial brokers in the UK and Europe. The destruction of HFC-23 in the real world can cost just €0.17 per tonne of carbon dioxide-equivalent (CO₂-eq) - but in the carbon trading world, when sold on the EU Emissions Trading Scheme market it can fetch as much as €12, or 70 times more than it costs to destroy the gas.

These projects are so lucrative that they encourage further production of HCFC-22, undermining efforts under the Montreal Protocol to phase it out.

The UK has a direct role in this sham. In 2008, British companies surrendered more than 2.3 million offsets originating from HFC-23 destruction projects, worth an estimated €38.6 million. UK companies heavily involved in financing HFC-23 destruction projects include Barclays Bank, British Gas, Royal Bank of Scotland, Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs, along with many UK-based carbon trading groups such as Climate Change Capital and Natsource.

EIA, working together with the Brussels-based NGO CDM Watch and UK group Sandbag, has been lobbying for these credits to be stopped and there are initial signs that both the UN and the European Commission are taking this seriously. Over recent weeks, the UN has begun reviewing the issuance of carbon credits from numerous destruction projects and in August the European Commission announced that it will review what credits can be used in the next stage of Europe's Emissions Trading scheme, beginning in 2013.

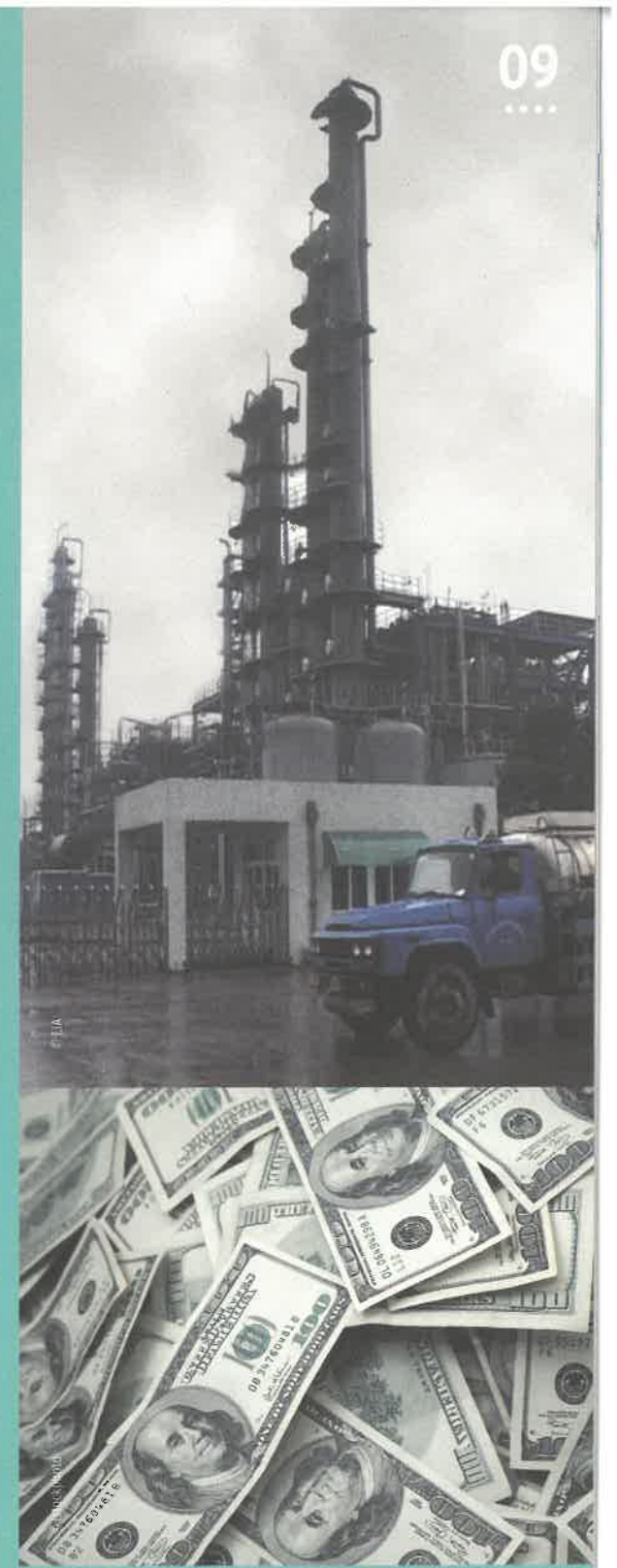
Update on ODS trade

EIA continues to monitor illegal trade in Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS), particularly HCFCs. As of January 2010 the use of 'virgin' HCFCs was banned in the EU, meaning that only recycled or reclaimed HCFCs could be used. We are concerned that there may be a shortage of reclaimed HCFCs to meet demand and that this will lead to illegal HCFC imports into Europe. EIA has already heard rumours of illicit shipments entering the EU.



Over the last year the US enforcement agencies' "Operation Catch-22", targeting HCFC smuggling, has led to the seizure of hundreds of tonnes of contraband HCFC 22. In the biggest case to date, the president of Miami-based Kroy Corporation received a 30-month sentence for illegally importing over 400 tonnes of HCFC 22.

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EIA's work with Tanzanian NGOs progressing

In Dodoma, the capital of Tanzania, dusty street children ran after the imposing figure of Elisha Thompson, shouting 'mwalimu, mwalimu' ('teacher' in Swahili). Coming from a poor family himself, Elisha empathised with their acute poverty and felt frustrated at their hopelessness; why should these children be living on the streets, deprived of an education? He desperately wanted to help but with no financial resources or permanent employment, he didn't know how - except to buy them juice and biscuits with any spare change he had.

In February 2009, Elisha participated in EIA's visual documentation training workshop through DONET, an umbrella organisation of groups based in Dodoma. With his new skills and equipment, he had found a way to help the street children. Over the next few months, he investigated why they were not at school. He visually documented how they were forced to work on the streets to earn a few shillings selling sand or peanuts to support their parents or to buy a ruler or pencil for school. He documented the tribulations of life on the streets, their addiction to glue and risk of rape.

Elisha attended a second workshop on editing and used his footage to make a touching film called 'Dreams'. He has since gone on to make TV adverts calling on the government to increase funding for teacher training and improve teachers' housing, which are screened daily on every TV channel in Tanzania. As Elisha says: "Myself, I was born and raised in a poor family. EIA has given me equipment and skills, which I have been using to produce films. I can now campaign. Advocacy is a



struggle, but you have to believe in yourself, you have to fight to give others hope."

Elisha is just one of the hundred or so activists EIA and its local partners have trained in Tanzania since 2008. Although the training focuses on helping Tanzanian NGOs to push for better management of natural resources such as forests, the example of Elisha shows how the skills and equipment provided are also relevant to those people pressing for basic rights in Tanzania.

As the three-year project moves into its final year, it is heartening to see the skills gained by participants translate into powerful films and successful campaigns. To date, seven films have been produced on a range of issues including fisheries, industrial pollution, pastoralist rights, education and forest governance. Participants have begun using the films to press for change and influence policy.

PP Without visual evidence this would not have been possible. We believe in the power of film QQ



One of the groups trained, Maajabu, an organisation based in Arusha, northern Tanzania, has carried out a field investigation in an area in Loliondo, which the central government wanted to list as a National Forest Reserve. The government planned to expel Maasai communities living in the area, accusing them of logging illegally and destroying the forest. Maajabu's investigation found that outsiders were responsible for the destruction.

In April 2010, Maajabu showed their film 'Our Beloved Forests' to the Director of Forests, Tanzania. He agreed to accompany Maajabu to Loliondo and, following discussions with the local communities and Maasai, declared the area a 'Village Forest Reserve' to be managed by the Maasai communities. This outcome shows how the training provided by EIA is helping Tanzanian activists to make positive changes on the ground. As Erica Rugabandana of Maajabu says:

Deal to resume commercial whaling fails at IWC

The International Whaling Commission held its 62nd annual meeting in Morocco in June and EIA campaigners Jenny Lonsdale and Clare Perry attended, along with US colleagues, to press our case and concerns.

The big issue at IWC62 was the proposal from the Commission's Chair and Vice-Chair which would have granted Japan, Norway and Iceland IWC-endorsed catch limits. Apart from drastically undermining the 24-year moratorium on commercial whaling, it offered nothing to significantly benefit cetacean conservation.

Thankfully, our strenuous lobbying helped to persuade parties to reject it. The deal is not off the table, but the IWC agreed to pause negotiations until the 2011 annual meeting.

Other key outcomes at IWC62 included:

- Greenland received a controversial additional subsistence whaling quota of nine humpbacks, despite evidence that much of the 'subsistence' hunt is sold in supermarkets. The EU negotiated a compromise proposal whereby Greenland agreed to cut its overall quota by 22 minke and nine fin whales each year during the next three years. Sadly, this was a fairly empty compromise since Greenland rarely catches its full quota.
- The work of the IWC's Conservation and Scientific committees to identify and address global threats to cetaceans, from climate change and pollution to over-fishing, ship-strikes and habitat loss, received overwhelming recognition this year, with one pro-whaling delegate complaining that it 'constituted three-quarters of the IWC report!' EIA has been instrumental in getting this work off the ground and continues to be closely involved.
- An unprecedented number of countries raised human health concerns about consuming whale and dolphin meat after EIA led a joint NGO briefing on the issue that was circulated to all Commissioners prior to the meeting. Three European countries took the floor for the first time to make statements of concern, requesting the IWC Secretariat to initiate a dialogue with the World Health Organisation.

Finally, EIA was disappointed that virtually no attention was given to the slaughter of up to 20,000 whales, dolphins and porpoises in Japanese coastal waters each year, despite intensive lobbying. The Scientific Committee reviewed African small cetacean populations, highlighting a serious concern with unregulated dolphin hunting in the region.



The atrocious hunt in the Faroe Islands was EIA's founding campaign back in 1984. These are pictures from our archive



Faroe Islands pilot whale hunt escalates

EIA is working with a broad coalition of organisations to tackle the continued and expanded hunting of pilot whales and dolphins in the Faroe Islands.

No pilot whales were killed in 2008, when the Faroe Islands Chief Medical Officer recommended not eating their meat because of high pollution levels. However, 310 pilot whales and scores of white-beaked dolphins were killed in 2009, and the 2010 figure has already more than doubled, with more than 600 pilot whales killed in July alone.

The inherent cruelty of the methods used to kill these highly social whales was exposed in the 1980s by EIA, generating enduring international criticism. The whales are driven into bays by boats. There they are restrained with heavy metal hooks and cut behind the blowhole through to blood vessels that lie along the spinal column. Among the heartbreaking images from kills this summer are slaughtered females with their unborn calves cut from them and left on the quayside to die.

EIA is working to understand the motivation behind the sudden increase in hunts, to create a dialogue with officials in the islands and in Denmark and to explore the most effective ways to end this unnecessary slaughter.

Campaign news in brief

Ivory seizures illustrate threat to elephants

Seven months after the decision at the meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) in Doha to reject requests from Tanzania and Zambia to sell their ivory, plans are already being laid for the next big CITES meeting in 2013. Zambia's minister of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources has already publicly stated that it will be submitting their proposal again and EIA also expects Tanzania - and others - to follow suit. It seems that despite vehement denials in March that Zambia had any elephant poaching problems, there has been tacit acknowledgement of EIA's findings in our report "Open Season" and they are planning to increase funding for enforcement and to "reduce the high level of off-takes" - meaning illegal killing of elephants. Early indications suggest that there have been a number of "operations" in Zambia to address the problem, although targeted, intelligence-led investigations to expose the key individuals behind the illegal networks remain elusive.

Recent press reports of ivory seizures indicate that smuggling networks remain active. Two tonnes of ivory was seized in Kenya in August; another 48 tusks seized later the same month; 117 tusks seized in Thailand in July; ivory equivalent to 35 elephants seized in the Democratic Republic of Congo in June; two tonnes, believed to be from Tanzania, seized in Vietnam in May. Further reports illustrate growing threats to Asian elephants, and with cases of poisonings, gunfire, and increased human/elephant conflict. EIA will continue to gather intelligence on the syndicates behind the illicit ivory trade.

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Funding threat to INTERPOL's environmental crime work

An EIA team attended INTERPOL's Seventh International Conference on Environmental Crime, held in Lyon in mid-September. The biennial meeting attracted over 200 participants from government enforcement agencies, NGOs, academics and the media. The growing scale of the conference is indicative of the increasing awareness of environmental crime and the crucial role that INTERPOL, the international police organisation, has to play in combating such offences.



The meeting heard details of a series of cross-border operations carried out under the aegis of INTERPOL over the last two years. Three joint operations to combat ivory trafficking have been carried out Africa - called Baba, Costa and Mogatle. The coordinated sweeps involved over a thousand enforcement officers and resulted in the seizure of over three tonnes of ivory and over 200 arrests. INTERPOL has also overseen operations targeting the use of illicit wildlife products in traditional medicines, trade in reptiles and amphibians, and illegal trade in tiger parts. Such coordinated operations are vital to disrupt the networks behind the global illicit trade in wildlife. INTERPOL has also begun projects on pollution crimes, such as the smuggling of hazardous waste.

Despite this progress, the future of INTERPOL's environmental crime programme is jeopardised by the lack of long-term funding. Within INTERPOL, environmental crime is something of a poor orphan and is not classified as one of the organisation's priority areas. As a result it does not attract sustainable funding. For 2010, funds are around \$200,000 - a pittance considering the scale and seriousness of environmental crimes, which generate tens of billions of dollars in profits for criminal syndicates. At this year's General Assembly of INTERPOL, being held in Doha in November, environmental crime will be on the agenda for the first time since 1992, and it is hoped that a commitment for sustainable funding will be agreed. If not, all of the progress made during the past few years will be lost.

Communications update

"It's no good EIA doing important work, using innovative techniques, if no-one ever hears about it!" to quote a frustrated campaigner. EIA's communications department has been working hard to ensure that our message does get out there and our efforts have produced some very positive developments in recent months.

The number of people 'liking' our Facebook page increased to over 2,000. This was a very exciting milestone for us and a big 'thank-you' to all our 'fans' - we really do appreciate your support. If you have friends you think might be interested in what EIA does, why not point them in our direction?



In June we were included in the Guardian's Top 50 wildlife and conservation Twitter accounts. Considering we have only been 'tweeting' since June 2009, this was a public endorsement of the quality of information and humour of tweets from campaigners and staff in various settings and conferences around the world. Are you following us? (Twitter.com/eiainvestigator)



Our blog is another new development which has been enthusiastically embraced by all staff, so you can look forward to hearing from all the various campaigns and also some of the people who don't normally feature in our external communications. Check it out at eiainvestigator.wordpress.com!

Also, monthly email updates have dramatically improved so you can receive timely high-quality news on what we are getting up to. Have you subscribed yet? Sign up on our homepage eia-international.org.

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China and India to share intelligence on tiger trade

China and India have agreed to share 'actionable' intelligence following recent discussions between an Indian delegation headed by the Inspector General of Forests and the Chinese State Forestry Administration. The move, which is something that campaigners have demanded for many years, would see both parties resurrect a 1995 Memorandum of Understanding on tiger conservation that called for greater cooperation on anti-trafficking and poaching.



Vedanta denied the right to mine in Niyamgiri?

It is looking increasingly unlikely that Vedanta, the mining and energy company, will be given permission to extract aluminium ore in the Niyamgiri Hill region of Orissa after the proposal was condemned by the Indian Ministry of Environment and Forests.

The controversial plan has attracted worldwide attention since it would destroy the ancestral home of the Dongaria Kondh people and harm precious wildlife habitat. It has also attracted fierce criticism from the Indian Supreme Court-appointed Centrally Empowered Committee for breaches in environmental regulation. While it seems that Vedanta's plans are on hold for now, the final say will rest with the Indian Prime Minister as Orissa's Chief Minister continues to campaign for the mine to go ahead.



EIA takes part in meeting of European prosecutors

In June, EIA gave a presentation at a gathering of government prosecutors from across Europe. The meeting, which was held in The Hague, Netherlands, sought to exchange information on criminal prosecution of environmental offences, especially hazardous waste smuggling. EIA spoke about the level of environmental crime and its impact on ecosystems and people.



EIA provides new film for customs officers

EIA, in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme, has completed a new short film for use in training workshops held around the world by the Green Customs Initiative. The film will serve as a "curtain-raiser", vividly depicting different forms of environmental crime and highlighting the vital role of customs officers in detecting contraband such as illegal wildlife and harmful chemicals.

Members' ZONE

These pages are designed especially for our members: if you wish to contribute, please get in touch with your ideas and articles.

It seems that 2010 has simply flown by. It's been a busy few months for the fundraising team; not only did we say goodbye to our good colleague Sagarika, but it's been non-stop all summer! Thank-you to all those who have generously donated in the past six months - EIA is proud to be a very efficient organisation, with 79p in every pound going directly to our frontline work, investigating and campaigning.

Have you had the chance to see our award-winning documentary, *Inside: The Tiger Trade*? In June, we held our own private screening at the Zoological Society of London, for members, friends and family. Featuring the star of the film, Debbie Banks, and others from the production team, an insightful Q&A followed the film. It was a fabulously warm summer's evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, as well as providing an entertaining showcase about how we use our funds and an opportunity to say a big thank-you to those who have supported us over the years.

Many of our members have been tackling their own exciting fundraising challenges to help EIA, such as Isobel (12) and Mark (9) who embarked on a 50-mile hike along the River Perrett trail in Somerset, with their family and dog in tow.

"On our last day we walked from Haslebury Mill to Winyards Gap," said proud mum Nicola. "This was our hardest day of walking as we were all tired, the way was poorly marked at times, and we went quite a long way out of our way! We did make it to the pub in time to order lunch and plenty to drink and to celebrate finishing the walk."



ROAR: Tony Husand and friends host an intimate evening filled with live music, poetry and animation celebrating the tiger and EIA's work.

Do you have what it takes to be an EIA fundraiser?

The sky's the limit when it comes to dreaming up fundraising ideas to help EIA. Whether they're conceiving themed events, arranging screenings of our documentary work or getting themselves sponsored for a challenge, our members are passionate and creative. If you can think up a fun way to raise much-needed funds for EIA, then do please get in touch as we'd love to help you.

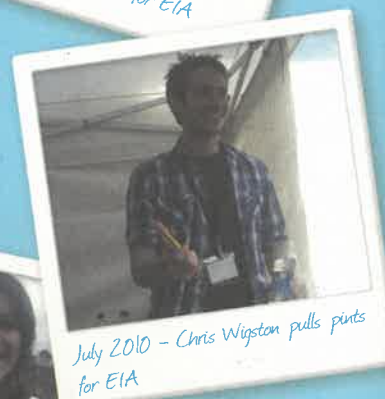
We have copies of our award-winning documentary available for private screenings, and if you're interested in holding a fundraising event we're happy to supply a copy of the film for your evening. Email sophiacheng@eia-international.org or call us at 0207 3547960.

"This was a great experience - character building, I'm sure, and we managed to raise £450 for EIA and the tigers."

You may recall in the previous issue of Investigator that member Ian Gilmour was organising an ambitious nautical event, with EIA as the chosen charity partner. This went fantastically well, with Ian reporting: "Glorious sunshine, wind gusting up to Force 5 and 6 on Day One and enough thrills and spills to blast away the city blues; the competitors were a happy bunch."

On firmer ground, the streets of Kingswood, near Bristol, were dramatically transformed in early September via an artistic jungle theme, complete with a parade featuring a five-foot tiger designed by the local school, with all proceeds from the weekend donated to EIA! We look forward to sharing pictures of the event in our next issue.

We are delighted to announce another EIA fundraiser coming up on November 29 in Islington, London, when widely-acclaimed cartoonist Tony Husband and friends host ROAR, an intimate evening filled with live music, poetry and animation celebrating the tiger and EIA's work. Watch this space for details.



Members' ZONE



Exclusive offer to EIA members

We are pleased to be partnered with Dakini Books and its forthcoming release *Tigers*.

Tigers tells the remarkable story of a lone tigress, a formidable huntress and fiercely protective mother, as she struggles to survive and to raise her four cubs in the wild. We follow the adorable, heartbreakingly vulnerable foursome from just 10-days-old, as they get themselves in and out of trouble, grow and explore the forest, learn to hunt and to fight their own battles and, finally, leave to start families of their own.

Written by acclaimed wildlife journalist Carol Kaufmann, *Tigers* is a poignant story of survival, motherhood, growing up and letting go, and is illustrated with spectacular photography by award-winning John Downer Productions, whose pioneering filming techniques have captured what has been called "the most intimate portrait of tigers ever seen".

Copies of the book are available exclusively to pre-order for £29 plus p&p. Every book you order through the EIA includes a 30 per cent donation to us, helping to save wild tigers from extinction. Place your order through tigercampaign.com and quote EIA30.

Supporter Profile

Fabio Stefani is our latest Life Member, who got in touch with us after seeing *Inside: The Tiger Trade*. We asked him why he decided to join;

"I came to know of the EIA through their documentary, which resonated with me quite strongly as I have tracked tigers in my personal time as a hobby in India, Laos and, most recently, in Russia. The work EIA has done in revealing the military's influence on the decimation of this majestic animal is absolutely key at this time, especially in view of the global heads of state tiger meeting to be held in Russia later this year. It only takes a small group to spread awareness and that is what we need to keep doing in this case. I live in Hong Kong today and most of the general public here are simply not aware that there are extinction issues now presenting themselves with tigers and other wildlife in SE Asia. This is the key role that EIA can play in the future and I'm glad to support the team!"



Winter Raffle

At the time of going to press, our Summer Raffle winners will have been notified. Thank-you to all those who bought a ticket, and why not have another go as our Winter Raffle is upon us? With £1,000 up for grabs and the chance to support EIA at the same time, everyone's a winner! Sell them to your friends and family, down at your local pub, to workmates or at your students' union - the possibilities are endless. The closing date is March 1, 2011.

Christmas is fast creeping up



Beat the rush and purchase EIA Christmas cards directly from us or look out for Paperchase EIA cards in stores now!