Extending Our Global Reach
No Borders in the Fight to Protect Animals

From shark finning to dog eating, whale killing to polar bear hunting, seal clubbing to elephant poaching, a seemingly endless array of cruel practices challenged The HSUS and Humane Society International (HSI) staff, who continued to make significant strides in their work to protect animals and people around the globe.

We brought relief to disaster victims in India, Nepal, Mexico, and Belize; helped farmers in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Nicaragua improve care for their livestock and protect wildlife; and introduced the concept of humane reforms for factory farms in India and Brazil. We supported spay/neuter and humane animal control initiatives in more than 10 countries, and some 3.5 million people in six nations saw or heard our messages on protecting endangered species, conserving habitat, and ending the illegal wildlife trade.

Japan’s continuing refusal to halt its ruthless slaughter of whales and smaller cetaceans prompted us to strengthen our ongoing campaign to end the killing. The nation’s fourth-largest fisheries company, Kyokuyo, responded by halting the sale of whale and dolphin meat, and the government announced that it would scrap its plan to kill endangered humpback whales.

At two international meetings, we reversed a resolution backed by Japan, Norway, and Iceland calling for the resumption of commercial whaling; blocked efforts by Japan to strip great whales of their highest level of protection under a global endangered species treaty; and defeated Japan’s proposal to allow its coastal communities to resume commercial whaling.

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We also...

- Secured a nine-year ban on the international commercial trade in elephant ivory.
- Prevailed upon a majority of nations to reject China’s bid for international approval of its tiger-breeding farms.
- Persuaded Beijing to halt its misguided policy of rounding up and killing pet dogs as a rabies control strategy.
- Fought off U.S. efforts to ease international restrictions on the export of bobcat skins for the fur trade.
- Pressured Iceland to end commercial whaling.
- Convinced the United Nations to encourage member countries to end shark finning.
- Won our lawsuit to maintain the integrity of the U.S. dolphin-safe label against a bid by the U.S. and Mexican governments to weaken protections.
- Conducted an undercover investigation into the Philippines’ cruel commercial trade in dog meat and gained passage of a groundbreaking new law to help crack down on the illegal practice.

- Persuaded Ethiopian authorities to cancel a planned mass street-dog poisoning program in Addis Ababa through strong international pressure from more than 6,000 of our HSI online advocates.
- Helped secure a prohibition on the capture, keeping, and killing of chimpanzees in Sierra Leone and trained government officials in wildlife enforcement techniques to support the ban.

Left: Dr. Michael Kennedy rescuing a crocodile in Indian disaster
Where We Work

HSI was active in more than 35 nations last year. Our programs included disaster relief, wildlife protection, veterinary and husbandry training, cruelty investigations, care and rescue, humane farming and slaughter, and public education. Here’s a glimpse of the range of our activities.

- **Africa**—elephant contraception (South Africa); elephant desnaring (Kenya); ivory trade (Kenya, Mali); dog cull (Ethiopia); great apes protection (Congo, Sierra Leone); seal hunt (Namibia)
- **Armenia**—animal shelter project
- **Bahamas**—veterinary clinic
- **Belgium**—HSI Europe office; ban on seal products; dog/cat fur ban in 27 EU nations
- **Brazil**—hen battery cages; pig gestation crates
- **Cambodia**—wildlife protection
- **Canada**—HSI office; seal hunt
- **Central America**—wildlife protection (El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras)
- **China**—dog/cat fur; rabies; tiger farming
- **Costa Rica**—HSI office; disaster response; dog spay/neuter; shark finning; livestock
- **Cuba**—sea turtle trade
- **Denmark**—whaling
- **Dominican Republic**—dolphin protection
- **Iceland**—whaling
- **India**—HSI office; dog spay/neuter; hen battery cages; disaster relief
- **Indonesia**—humane slaughter training (Sumatra); Banda Aceh veterinary school rebuilt and reopened
- **Japan**—whaling: supermarket whale meat campaign; dolphin kill
- **Latin America**—sustainable tourism
- **Mexico**—horse slaughter; disaster relief; dog spay/neuter clinic; dolphin protection
- **Netherlands**—ban on seal products
- **Nicaragua**—livestock; equine program
- **Norway**—whaling
- **Panama**—dolphin protection
- **Peru**—dolphin protection; equine project
- **Philippines**—dog meat investigation; dog spay/neuter
- **Puerto Rico**—street dog rescue
- **United States**—UN treaties (N.Y.); International Whaling Commission (Alaska); Expo training/capacity building for delegates from 30 nations (Texas)