



Dear Friends

Conservation works. Through our partnership with IUCN to save the planet, we are providing financial resources to mobilise the conservation community into action — with hopes that other governments, philanthropists and the private sector will join us in our effort to save the wonders of our planet. I share the SOS belief that every species can be saved if we choose to act. Much of the latest news from SOS grantees bears this out. But SOS - Save Our Species needs all our help to continue making a difference. You too can do this by sharing this newsletter and the SOS story with your friends.

Will you answer the call?

François-Xavier Duporge  
Secretary General, Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial

357 poaching-free days for the Black Rhino in Namibia! [Retrospective](#) on SRT's accomplishments.



The combination of constant patrolling and monitoring, high community involvement and adequate government support has been very successful at keeping poachers at bay. Save The Rhino Trust Namibia's staff warn us however that it's no reason to lower the guard yet.

SOS funding leads to the first-ever arrest and prosecution for illegal hunting of threatened species in Chu Mom Ray National Park, Vietnam.

"While such activities had long been prohibited, law-breakers were never formally arrested", explains Lois Lippold from the Douc Langur Foundation. "This is therefore major news and a powerful signal to other hunters, paving the way towards a safer future for the Endangered Douc Langurs and Gibbons." Learn more [here](#).



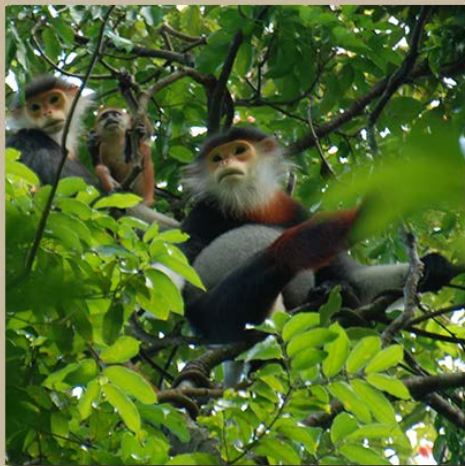
IUCN's annual [Big Swim](#) raised over US\$20,000 to protect dugongs in the Western Indian Ocean. Watch the short video [here!](#)



Wild yaks make friends with their domestic cousins, but can they do so with local herders? New [insights](#) into the level and perceptions of conflict will help conservationists design win-win solutions.



On discovering that a dam construction project was threatening a population of



Siamese crocodiles, FFI requested and was awarded an SOS rapid action grant for the capture and translocation of these Critically Endangered reptiles. Discover through this [photo essay](#) the difficulties encountered and what methods worked best!



In its efforts to raise awareness for the Critically Endangered Mangrove Finch on Galapagos Islands, SOS grantee CDF innovates with this [fun and educative shadow theatre](#) to engage with local children and communities.

## Head-starting programme boosts the population of Spoon-billed Sandpipers!

After the promising results of 2012, conservationists from SOS grantee Wildfowl & Wetland Trust continue with their daring intervention to save the Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper. The team has [successfully hand-reared 16 fledglings](#) in 2013, which represents a valuable boost to population numbers: on average only 60 young are reared each year in the wild. These encouraging results buy the species precious time to stabilise while conservationists address the issues of illegal trapping and habitat loss along the bird's flyway.



As the price of horn soars, more and more rhinos are at risk of slaughter by poachers, adding to local threats such as habitat loss. SOS is now supporting two projects by IRF to help save the Critically Endangered [Javan](#) and [Sumatran](#) Rhinos.

## Supervision missions continue with a visit in July 2013 to the Hirola project by Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT).

New images and stories fresh from the field to be shared soon! In the meantime, you can explore our website to learn about the Hirola [project](#) and other missions such as the [Sulawesi supervision field trip](#).



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An SOS [Rapid Action Grant](#) was awarded to FREELAND Foundation to better defend the Thailand Rosewood against the onslaught of armed poachers. Specifically, the project will enhance the safety & efficiency of enforcement operations in Thap Lan National Park.

Over 20,000 friends on Facebook!  
Help grow further our community and step up fundraising for wildlife!

SOS CALENDAR -  
Coming up!

SOS - Save Our Species was initiated on the belief that there is a yet largely untapped potential to develop corporate partnerships benefiting the cause of species. To succeed, we need to demonstrate that it's a cause people care for. The bigger our community, the more corporate interest we will generate! Please help us create the buzz - [like our page](#), and suggest it to your friends using the Facebook app on the right-hand side of the page!



# Quarter 4 2013: The selection process for SOS third call for proposals is in full swing. We will announce the successful projects in the coming weeks!

# October 4: World Animal Day! Celebrate with us on [Facebook](#)

# October 14-18th in Montreal, Canada: 17th meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention for Biological Diversity (CBD). Come speak with Dr. Jane Smart about Friends of Target 12 and SOS.

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