



## **Campaigns Against the Cruelty to Animals and Animal Conservation and Welfare Foundation E-Newsletter Christmas 2013 Volume 28**

Dear Colleagues, supporters and friends,

The year 2013 was a hectic year, with the CITES CoP 16 in Thailand in March, the ongoing Yupi the Polar bear Campaign in Mexico, our actions for other zoo's abroad, and now at the end of the year we are very busy gain for the Canadian seals, among supporting hundreds of other animal issues in Canada and abroad.

This year in April was **CATCA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. That could not have been achieved without all your great support!

Among our achievements, we started the year with the huge enterprise of completing our investigation of the **Internet Trade of Elephant Ivory in Africa and Asia**. I delivered in person our report with the results of the investigation at the CITES COP16 to the heads of governments of five continents, to let them see how widespread is the growing problem of the illegal trade of elephant ivory (and rhino horn), and urged them to create units to monitor their own e-trade, to tackle and prosecute the sellers. **Many governments have followed my suggestions.**

**All our 4 Reports of our Formal Investigations of the Internet Trade of Wildlife, since March 2013 are officially at the Interpol Database as a reliable source of information.**

**On day three, I personally secured a third of all votes for the 5 species of sharks, freshwater sawfishes and manta ray Proposals, as well as for the African manatees. All those Proposals were successfully adopted.**

On a personal milestone, I was much honored to hear that the renowned primatologist OBE and UNEP Ambassador Ian Redmond mentioned the results of my investigation on the **E-trade of Primates in Latin America (2011)**, CATCA and my name during an UNEP Primate event that he held at CITES. Also our investigations of the e-trade of wildlife have been mentioned in the new book of our CITES animal conservation Canadian Colleague Ph.D. LL.B Ronald Orenstein: *"Ivory, Horn and Blood"*.

On the Save Yupi Campaign, thanks to Zoocheck Canada I went again to the Morelia Zoo in Mexico in June. This time among all the multiple meetings with Michoacán NGO's, with the Mexican animal NGO's and other meetings with Scientists and Veterinarians, I had a meeting with my national/local Mexican Green Party colleagues, Michoacán animal NGO's and the Morelia's Zoo new Director. At the zoo I had a presentation about the Polar bear Habitat in Ontario, Canada. The zoo seemed surprised to see the comparisons that I showed them of Yupi's poor current conditions and how the Polar bears are at that Habitat. We the Save Yupi Mexican Team held a Press Conference and afterwards I went with my colleagues of the Green Party and Michoacán NGO's to the Tanguancicuaro City Hall, in a meeting that turned excellent, **as this became the first city in the State of Michoacán to ban bullfights, circuses with animals and festivities with animals. It was a historic moment for my colleagues but especially for me, after been an anti bullfight veteran campaigner for almost 35 years. Over all that day was a huge success!**

**Regarding Yupi, I am now in talks with an English Wildlife Park that is building a huge Polar bear area, with natural space almost like a real Polar bear natural habitat. This park has lots of interest in taking Yupi.**

About the **Benue Zoo animals**, a well known Primate African Sanctuary (In Cameroon and Nigeria) has taken over the negotiations to relocate the animals with the Nigerian government. They are there and have experience dealing with that government. **The animals are OK. This year after all the great work that my colleagues of CEE4life did, and all the postings we did all over African Sanctuaries and governments asking for help on this issue, even Jane Goodall got involved.** Now let's hope that our colleagues will get to relocate these animals to a sanctuary soon.

CATCA was approached this year by concerned members of the public that have witnessed abuse and neglect of animals in zoo's in Saudi Arabia, India and Egypt. We urged our supporters to write and even created petitions to target the local authorities of those zoo's, but we don't know the outcome as we don't have the people and much less the economical resources to check if the conditions have improved or not for those animals, but we have tried to do that.

### **GIVE A PRESENT THAT REALLY HELPS THE ANIMALS!!**

Check all the beautiful inexpensive items that we have before Christmas and help us to continue doing our international VOLUNTEER animal work for the animals! <http://www.catcahelpanimals.org/100.html> or here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/429302130482688/>.

We have some beautiful worldwide items in our CATCA website for you TO BUY NOW (in our CATCA auction page), so you can get nice and meaningful Christmas presents that will help us to continue doing our urgent volunteer international animal work with CATCA ([www.catcahelpanimals.org](http://www.catcahelpanimals.org)) and ACWF ([www.ACWFeu.org](http://www.ACWFeu.org)).

Please share widely with your friends and family to help us save more animals worldwide, with awareness, lobbying, education and investigation! Order early by FB in a PRIVATE MESSAGE or by email to get your orders before Christmas!

If you don't like anything but still want to support our not paid and endless animal work, you can donate in our CATCA website by PayPal or send us a cheque to our postal address (in our website).

For the **WAD activities** this year, we are extending them until spring 2014. We will be having a rabbit rescuer colleague go to some schools to talk about their rescues. **Check for the video in the next days at our CATCA website and in FB.**

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**WITHOUT YOU WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT!**

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE BEST FOR THE 2004!**

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**Our year in pictures (here below) from top right to left:** 1) Lobbying at the CITES CoP in Bangkok, about the importance of the e-commerce of wildlife with our new 2013 CATCA-ACWF Report. 2) Our Report cover. 3) In an interview with Chinese TV about the African elephants. 4) Lobbying for the Polar bears. 5) ACWF sticker that was in high demand and was delivered to the governments during the CITES Cop16. 6) With my Polish Official Delegation. 7) In one of the Conference rooms. 8) With my amazing Save Yupi Colleagues in Michoacán, Mexico (June). 9) Yupi's campaign logo. 10) During the press conference for Yupi. 11) Our logo for our ongoing Seal Campaign in Canada. 12) In Tanguancicuaró's City Hall, after the Mexican Green Party launched the initiative with our colleagues, we achieved that this town became the first in the state of Michoacán to ban bullfighting, circuses with animals and religious festivities with animals. A historic moment!. 13) Giving my WAD 2013 message as the Canadian Ambassador. 14) Our CATCA-ACWF educative table at the Veg Fest. 15) Our Shark ban Campaign logo. 16) Our informative educational table at a music festival in Vancouver. 17) Our colleague Lauchlan at a demo at the Vancouver Aquarium. 18) The World Animal Day logo. 19) At a demo in support for our Mexican colleagues. 20) With my Save Yupi Colleagues participating in a march for the animals that took place all over Mexico to improve the animal welfare of the animals.



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