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... from Paul



It's been another busy year for IOSF from running the otter hospital to our work abroad. We put up a new otter shed on the croft to replace the one damaged by the tremendous winds in the winter.

Recently I returned from Hungary where we are working with Somogy Provincial Association for Nature Conservation to develop a series of volunteer programmes to help restore the otter habitat in the lake system there. More information will be available soon with dates and costs.

We are currently organising an Otters and Fisheries Conference in Edinburgh in November and plan a workshop in Indonesia in early 2013 to train rangers and wildlife workers in various Asian countries. This follow up to the Cambodian workshop will be an exciting event for IOSF.

In times of recession it is not easy but our Otter Shop continues to do well, and we have received the support of many charitable trusts. Recently we received a very generous donation from one of our supporters.

We have also, or I should say Grace has, been recognised for her outstanding conservation work and has received one of IFAW's prestigious Animal Action Awards. This will be presented by Queen's Brian May in London (see back page).

I would particularly like to thank you all again for your support. We would be lost without it and we promise that we will continue to put otters on the map in 2013, our 20th year.

Take care,

Paul

News From The Sanctuary

Over the past year we have treated nine otters plus various other birds and animals. This is slightly less than in previous years, which we hope is a good sign that cubs are staying with their mothers rather than needing to come in to us.

One of the cubs, Shannon, came to us all the way from Ireland as there was no-one able to care for her there. Fortunately at the time we had another cub about the same age, Holly, from Golspie – she got her name as she was so “prickly”!! The two cubs got on very well and both have now been released.



Ness

Holly was released back on the Scottish mainland and Shannon went back to the Glenveagh National Park in County Donegal, Ireland. She had come to us through the Irish Wildlife Rehabilitation Trust and Emma Higgs and her husband Andrew, from the Trust, met up with us at Crianlarich to collect her for the trip back home.

Ness came from near Bonar Bridge and she is still with us. She should be ready for release in December/January but this is not a good time to start off in the wild on your own so she will wait until the Spring.

Sometimes otters don't actually come up to Skye but we can help at a distance. One example was Mij, who was found in Norfolk in March and taken to Chris Rockingham at PACT animal sanctuary www.pactsanctuary.org.



Holly

Shannon's release



This poor animal had been hit twice by a car – after the first accident he staggered around on the road and was hit again. But amazingly x-rays revealed that somehow none of his bones were broken – goodness knows how!

As PACT had never had an otter before they immediately contacted us for advice. Naturally the early days were a worry but then Chris phoned to say that Mij had just snatched a fish out of her hand and eaten it! Soon he was tucking into trout and by June he was fit enough to be released. What a remarkable story.

Unfortunately not all the cubs which come in survive and this is the sad part of our job. We are never sad to see an otter heading off into the wild, where it belongs.

Of the other animals and birds received in the hospital we have had hedgehogs, bats and various birds including the usual migrating Manx shearwaters. But if we were to pick one special one it has to be the tiny pine marten which arrived at the end of April. He was no bigger

than a teaspoon with his eyes tightly shut. Fortunately he was very keen on his bottle so was no problem to feed – unlike otters who can sometimes be like squirming furry eels when we are trying to persuade them to take a bottle.

Our marten grew quickly and soon became adept at climbing. He has been such a character – he is so fast and shoots up and down the fence as he looks for his food. Now the pine marten has been released and he certainly was a challenge to catch!

But it is not just the cubs which have been keeping us busy! Over Christmas we had a bit of a disaster - there were terrible gales and part of the roof of the shed on the croft blew off. The biggest problem was that the shed was partitioned to provide a sleeping box for otters, and at the time



Dee and Luce were in there! Fortunately they were unhurt and as they also had a separate sleeping box in the enclosure they simply moved in there.

When we looked at the damage we realised that the whole shed would need to be replaced and not just the roof. Obviously we couldn't do that while Dee and Luce were there so we patched it up as best we could until their release at the end of March.

So then the work could begin. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the Animal Defence Trust the new shed was in place by June and the essential maintenance on the enclosure had been completed so Ness could move in.

This summer our biggest problem has been lack of water – yes this is the Isle of Skye and we are renowned for rain but unlike the rest of the UK we had

almost no rain from the end of April until the middle of August. Luckily we didn't have a hosepipe ban as we had to lay a long pipe up to the croft pens to fill the otters' pools!



Paul working on the new shed

If you would like to donate to help the otters in our care you can do so online at www.ottershop.co.uk or send a cheque marked "Otter Hospital" on the back. Thank you.

How You Can Help



There are various ways you can become involved with IOSF. Make your online purchases and web searches count with EveryClick.com. You can donate unwanted jewellery for recycling and also your old mobile phones, or you can use CharityGreetings.com to send e-cards <http://charitycards.otter.org>.

You can find more ideas at www.otter.org/howYouCanHelp.aspx

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Why don't you encourage your company to become a corporate member. They will receive all the up-to-date information about IOSF and then your work colleagues can also become involved. Contact enquiries@otter.org for more information.

Cubs Abroad

Bulgaria

A few days ago we received an email from Dilian Georgiev about a cub in Bulgaria. The cub is being cared for at the Green Balkans Wildlife Rehabilitation and Breeding Centre in Stara Zagora.

www.greenbalkans-wrbc.org/index.php?language=en_EN&cat_id=0&

The cub is about 3 months old and is very active but they were concerned as it was having a bit of a problem keeping its food down and was not putting on weight. The latest news is that it seems to be improving but is not particularly keen on fish and seems to prefer chicken! We are keeping in close contact with Dilian and the Centre and hope it will continue to improve.



Dilian with otter cub

The Congo

Over the past 2 years many of you have been following the progress of Mazu, the Congo clawless otter. She was found as a tiny one-week old cub after her mother was killed by a hunter in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and she was raised by missionaries, Glen and Rita Chapman. Her impact on the local people of the village of Kikongo was wonderful as everyone wanted to know about this incredible animal. Her fame spread as far as the capital, Kinshasa, and even government ministers wanted to see her. So now she has become an ambassador not only for otters but for conservation in general.

Glen and Rita left Kikongo in July 2011 for a year's break in America and during that time Mazu was cared for by Delphin and Sico. These two local men did a fantastic job and IOSF was delighted to be able to support them in their work.

During this time Mazu started spending more and more time in the wild, but still returned home to visit Delphin and Sico. By the time Glen and Rita returned she was more or less living wild.

In February this year we had another email from the Congo, but this time from the Republic of Congo (different from the DRC!). It all sounded very familiar – The Harveys, another American missionary family, had an otter cub,



Mazu

Kamiya

whose mother had been killed by a hunter! Kamiya was about four months old and already weighed a sturdy 3kg.

We immediately contacted our network of vets and otter people who helped so much in the care of Mazu and the response was wonderful. As Rebecca Harvey put it "I was overwhelmed with the response from your network of otter supporters, all because of one small message I posted on the IOSF website!"

Kamiya grew well but there was a problem, the Harveys were due to go back to America in June for a year, just like the Chapmans had done. We considered various options and the most obvious solution was for Kamiya

to go to Kikongo. Glen and Rita were due back in July but in the meantime Delphin and Sico could be relied upon to look after her.

The logistics did not look encouraging. Not only was it a pretty daunting journey for a young otter but permission had to be obtained from the two governments for the cross-border transfer. Somehow these were all overcome and with the help of various people on the way Kamiya found herself on a plane to Kikongo.

As with Mazu, the local people were fascinated with the new arrival and all flocked to the airstrip to welcome her. Delphin and Sico quickly settled her in and by the time Glen and Rita arrived back they had a contented otter living in Mazu's old quarters.

This then was the start of the Kikongo Otter Sanctuary. The local people have taken otters to their heart and together with Glen and Rita we are sure that any otter found in the Congo will have a safe and healthy future at the new sanctuary.

You can follow the progress of Kamiya and the Kikongo Otter sanctuary on our Blog at www.otter.org/IOSFBlog.aspx and you can support the otters by donating or adopting at the Ottershop (www.ottershop.co.uk) or by sending a cheque marked "Kikongo" on the back.

Cambodia

IOSF continues to support the work of Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Centre and the care of Pursat, the hairy-nosed otter.

At the end of 2011, Romain Pizzi, a wildlife vet, visited Phnom Tamao on behalf of the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland. Romain is the vet for the Scottish SPCA wildlife rescue centre and treated our Kilburn, the otter with two broken legs.

At the time of his visit, Pursat was kept in a small enclosure in the quarantine area because of water problems in the larger enclosure which had been used by Dara. The good news was that the veterinary department had expanded and now had five vets and better facilities including a reliable electricity supply from solar panels.

Romain considered that the most important thing for Pursat was to move him out of the quarantine area, where he was exposed to a higher disease risk from newly admitted or sick animals. This depended on providing a good quality water supply.

Nick Marx, of Wildlife Alliance, who is the Wildlife Rescue Director at Phnom Tamao, worked on a plan for the new pen and thanks to the generosity of our many supporters and the Action for the Wild Fund of Colchester Zoo this was put into action. New water drums

were bought to enable fresh water to be brought daily from Phnom Penh – the pool holds about 1,500 litres so this is quite a task!

Natural Pursat was a bit unsure when he moved into his new enclosure but now he is enjoying his new space.

If you would like to support Pursat and Phnom Tamao, you can make a donation or adoption online at www.ottershop.co.uk or you can send a cheque marked “Cambodia” on the back. Thanks.



Pursat

Don't forget to check the website for updates, or the shop for great gift ideas

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Abel

Toto

Hungary

During our visit to Hungary we visited the Otter Park at Petesmalom. This is situated at some fish ponds in western Hungary and is home to four resident otters, Dana and Abel in one enclosure and Luca and Ali in another. And there was also little Toto, a young male cub who was found with his sister, who sadly died.

Marta and Tibor are the otter carers there and it was lovely to sit over lunch and discuss our various experiences. We met little Toto, who is about three months old and gorgeous! He was just starting to take solid food, but was not very enthusiastic at first.

Upon our return to Skye we sent over some of the special milk substitute we use here for our otter cubs. We also heard from Marta that Toto has grown

a lot and is now eating well. He is still a little bit timid, but she is gradually taking him out for longer periods.

We will continue to work with Petesmalom to help them improve their facilities.

You can help by adopting one of the Hungarian otters at the Ottershop at www.ottershop.co.uk

Costa Rica

A message was sent out to members of the IUCN Otter Specialists Group about a neotropical otter cub in Costa Rica. Victor Manuel from Mexico is studying this species there and met a man who has been caring for the animal, which is now about 8 months old. Apparently she is not confined but comes and goes as she pleases. Sometimes she is away for several days but she always returns.

This report is very interesting as the neotropical otter is another species which is not well known and any information is always welcome.

Neotropical otter



Photo: Victor Manuel

Indonesia

Some sad news from Cikananga is that one of the Asian Short-clawed otters Ciko, Nessie's pal, died recently and we do not know why. A post mortem was carried out but couldn't reveal a cause of death. One of our cubs here died earlier this year and again nothing was found in the post mortem and there is nothing you can do about it. So Nessie is on his own at the moment but still has next door neighbours Lenci and Merci.



Nessie

Asian Update

Illegal Trade

Our concern about the trade in otters continues and there have been some successes. In Cambodia at the end of 2011 Nick Marx of the Wildlife Alliance told us that their Wildlife Rapid Rescue Team (WRRT) had been travelling

to all corners of the country rescuing wild animals that have been captured. Phnom Tamao also received a young male smooth-coated otter, which had been handed in instead of being sold.

But the success in Cambodia goes further as offenders are now receiving heavy penalties with fines three times the value of the wildlife they are selling. They also lose their goods, the vehicle used to transport the animals and they may even face a term of imprisonment. The fines are paid to the Forest Authority, which helps to ensure the law is implemented. Clearly there is a lot more to be done but these signs are encouraging.

In Indonesia one of the major problems is the pet trade and otters, particularly Asian small-clawed otters, are often taken from the wild. Some of these are kept in terrible conditions and die.

IOSF is a founder member of SERO (Supportive Environments for the Regions Otters.) and Reza Lubis and Aad Aadrean have made good contacts with a group called Otter Lovers of Indonesia (OLI). Their aim is to encourage those members of OLI who already give good care to their otters and work to improve the conditions of those who do not. If necessary they will look into confiscating animals kept in really bad conditions and possibly transferring them to Cikananga Wildlife Rescue Centre in West Java where there are already facilities and trained keepers for otters.

Recently Reza was in Kalimantan carrying out a brief survey when he heard about a young hairy-nosed otter being kept as a pet. This species is extremely rare and as far as we know there is only one other animal in captivity – Pursat in Phnom Tamao. This is the first live hairy nosed otter ever recorded in the last 40 years in Indonesia. The hair-nosed cub was already named Bubu (which means *fish trap*) by the previous owner, and he is about four months of age. This species is so vulnerable to poor water quality and the outlook would certainly have been bleak. Reza managed to persuade the owner to part with the cub and we are now working on getting him transferred to Cikananga.

IOSF is also planning a workshop in Indonesia early in 2013, which will



Rescued Hairy-nosed otter

be similar to that held in Cambodia in 2008. We now know there are hairy-nosed otters in Kalimantan but have no idea of the size and distribution of the population or the threats. There is clearly a lot of vital research which still needs to be done but Reza and Aad simply don't have the time to do it all themselves. The workshop will therefore train students so that they can do their own fieldwork and research.

We will also involve the Otter Lovers of Indonesia as some members of the group are keen to learn more about otters and this will encourage them to do more for their conservation in the wild. Government officials will also be invited so that they can be made aware of the legal obligations and how to enforce the law.



Wildlife Rapid Rescue Team

ID Cards

IOSF has several contacts in Asia who are working on public awareness and education programmes within local communities. Many people say they have seen otters but do not know which species and when questioned they sometimes cannot be certain if it actually was an otter. Often there is no access to computers so that internet-based information is not available. If sightings could be confirmed as otters this would provide valuable information on species distribution and would also encourage people to report more and become more active in conservation.

IOSF therefore decided to produce a series of otter identification cards which can be used by rangers and field researchers. The cards are two-sided A4 and laminated so that they

are long-lasting and can be used in the field: There is a standard format which can then be adapted and translated into different languages. On one side are illustrations of the four otter species and other species which are sometimes confused with otters, such as genet. We are fortunate as the artwork has been done by our friend, Lyn Wells of ARTful Creatures (www.artfulcreatures.co.uk), and as ever she has done an excellent job. On the back is some information about each species and about otters in general including their importance to biodiversity and as an environmental indicator, and also threats.

To begin with we produced cards in the Indonesian and Nepalese languages. A Pakistani version is in preparation and there are also plans for Thailand.

Nepal

The otter ID cards were sent to Paras Acharya from Tribhuvan University in Nepal for his work in the Bardia National Park. This study was partly funded by IOSF and focussed on smooth-coated otters in the Babai Valley. This is one of the least disturbed areas within the National Park and the habitat here is ideal for smooth-coats.

The survey was carried out on foot in April 2012 and recorded signs and sightings to give data on the distribution of the species in this area. The results showed that because of the undisturbed conditions and the good habitat there is a significant population of smooth-coats. Paras therefore recommended that the area should be declared as "core otter habitat" by the Park authorities and further studies should be carried out to provide information on behavioural ecology. Effective conservation practices can then be developed in the valley and these can also be used in other areas where human pressure is greater.

In Nepal, like so many other Asian countries, conservation tends to focus on larger mammals and little attention is given to otters. As we have mentioned so many times, illegal hunting for pelts is a serious problem for Asian otters and the effect of hunting and levels of persecution are unknown in Nepal.

If you would like to see the full report please contact enquiries@otter.org

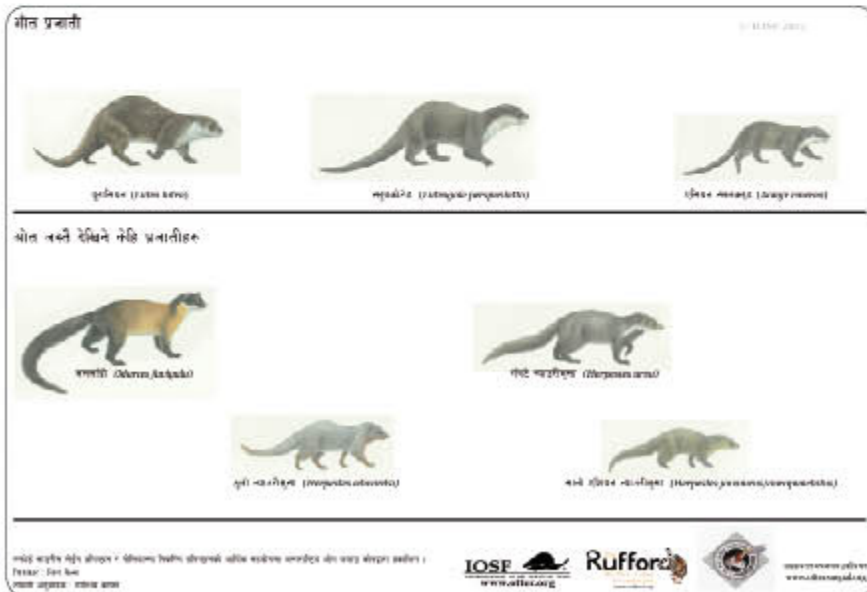


Smooth coated otters

Wildcare Conference

Every year the British Wildlife Rehabilitation Council holds a symposium and this is on a three year rotation around the country. In October 2011 it was the turn of IOSF to host the Symposium in Inverness and we welcomed wildlife rehabilitators from all over the UK and Ireland.

The talks were very varied and included updates on wildlife rehabilitation in Ireland, the trial reintroduction of the beaver in Scotland, the work of Raptor Rescue, and the Uist Wader Project. More practical subjects covered were the use of homeopathy, bat care and hand-rearing garden birds and pigeons. Vet, Romain Pizzi, spoke on the importance of making the correct veterinary decisions regarding how much or how little treatment should be given to a wild patient.



African Update

Kenya

Peter Nyamenya of Kisumu Museum and Isaac Oluoch, the new KISTOC Chairman, have been busy with school visits. There had been problems with “people politics” in KISTOC but Peter and Isaac are getting things back on track.

During their visits, the students are shown a short video called “My friend, the Otter” which shows how the otter hunts and feeds on crabs and fish and its importance in biodiversity and conservation. Three of the schools have a tree planting programme and their own tree nurseries and Kasagam Secondary School club members have created a small forest within the school compound, with about 300 trees. Kisumu Girls School has been involved in town-cleaning activities.

Peter wants to widen the programme to other schools along the shore of Lake Victoria, which are outside Kisumu town. Here some students make a living from fishing and use their wages to pay school fees. They know a lot about fishing and the natural habitat but need to learn about the importance of otters, biodiversity and conservation. There is also a need for more field trips to help the children see for themselves and learn how to appreciate the biodiversity of their wetlands and environment as a whole.

You can help with this community work in Kenya - please send a cheque marked “Kenya” or make a donation online at the Ottershop (www.ottershop.co.uk)



IOSF at The Ramsar Conference

In July, Ruth Davidson attended the Ramsar Conference of the Contracting Parties in Bucharest and created a display with IOSF literature. She met many members to discuss “ottery” topics and we are following up her contacts from throughout Asia, Africa, South America and Europe. These contacts are invaluable when drawing attention to otters, which are so often overlooked in conservation programmes abroad.

The Ramsar Convention is the short name of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance. This is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources. It came into force in 1975 and is the only global environmental treaty that deals with a particular ecosystem. The Convention’s member countries have committed themselves to implementing the “three pillars” of the Convention:

1. To designate suitable wetlands for the List of Wetlands of International Importance (“Ramsar List”) and ensure their effective management;
2. To work towards the wise use of all their wetlands through national land-use planning, appropriate policies and

legislation, management actions, and public education;

3. To cooperate internationally concerning transboundary wetlands, shared wetland systems, shared species, and development projects that may affect wetlands.

Otters are clearly an important part of wetland biodiversity and an excellent bio-indicator so hopefully working with Ruth’s contacts we can encourage them to be more aware of otters and do more for their conservation.

PASS IT ON

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Otters and Fisheries Conference

As we have said many times, there is very little scientific evidence to back up recent media claims that otter numbers have greatly increased and that they now live in large numbers in the UK.

Naturally, because of the publicity there are growing concerns from fisheries relating to otters, and their impact on fish stocks. Otters may have a local impact, but there are clearly other reasons for reduction in fish stocks and these should also be taken into consideration. Otters and fish are vital elements of freshwater ecosystems and it is important to maintain biodiversity.

IOSF plans to establish a working group of otter experts and representatives from the fishery community, which will ensure that up-to-date, precise data can be gathered, practical advice can be gained, and solutions provided for current problems.

To get things moving we are holding a one day conference in Edinburgh on 7 November bringing together otter scientists, representatives from fishery organisations, wildlife trusts, environmental, biodiversity and conservation agencies, fish farmers, koi carp keepers and anglers.

We will also have representatives from organisations in Austria and Hungary who have been involved in these issues.

Amongst the subjects covered will be

- **otter ecology, population numbers and distribution (past and present), survey methods, and the legal protection of the species.**
- **threats to fish stocks - environmental damage to rivers, drought conditions, disease, other predators (including invasive species).**
- **fishery concerns - how to protect fish stocks.**
- **working with otters - an example from Hungary, where they have a balance between fisheries and otters.**

Following the conference, a working group of interested parties will be formed to agree the way forward for more mutual collaboration.

Anyone interested can find more information on our website at www.otter.org/events.aspx and you can book online at www.ottershop.co.uk

Otters and Fishfarms

No, this is not the old story of otters eating all the fish and fishermen getting angry. This is the Hungarian version!

In August 2012, Paul and Grace Yoxon of IOSF were invited to Hungary by the Somogy Provincial Association for Nature Conservation, which is based in the west of the country. Their aim is to restore the wetlands of the area to form a wildlife corridor from Lake Balaton in central Hungary to the River Drava which forms the southern border with Croatia. To achieve this they have bought about 300 hectares of meadowland and about 500 hectares of ponds - but do not be fooled by the name "pond". What they actually mean are huge lakes as you can see in the photo below.

This area of Hungary is characterised by natural deciduous woodlands of alder, oak, beech and ash with some oak and hornbeam in more marshy areas. These woods are home to three species of deer (red, roe and fallow), red squirrels, badgers, martens, wild boar and wildcat, and Paul and Grace had the amazing privilege of spotting a wildcat on the path ahead of them.

There are also areas of grassland which the Association are restoring using traditional grazing methods with species such as Hungarian grey cattle

and Racka sheep. Each morning the herdsman takes the stock out to graze and watch over them until they return to their byre at night.

Botanically the area is also very rich with various species of orchid including green-winged and military orchids and the small pasque flower.

Some fishing lakes have been restored and have good stocks of fish species such as pike and carp. The lakes also provide an ideal habitat for various fish-eating species such as greater egret, herons (grey, purple and bittern), cormorants, white-tailed eagles, and, of course, the otter.

The Association are active in various international conservation programmes such as a black and white stork





*Tibi Bocsi
(Uncle Tibi)*

their work. And in the meantime all the birds and otters have enough prey to live on. The otters are rarely seen as they are nocturnal but the evidence of their spraint and footprints is there and yet there seems to be no conflict between them and the fishermen.

Of course, not everything is perfect. Invasive species, such as catfish, are a problem but they can be fed to the otters in care at the Petesmalom Otter Park.

IOSF has agreed to help the Association with their valuable wetland restoration work and you could be a part of our merry band of volunteers who will be going to Hungary next April. You will stay at the Association's headquarters, the former manor house of Kund Castle, and enjoy some of Terika's magnificent traditional home cooking. The food is simply amazing with traditional dishes such as goulash (a soup not a stew), home-made pasta in wonderful rich sauce, fruit soup and you simply cannot leave without trying palinka – the special spirit of Hungary, which is often home-made! And while you enjoy all this and the beautiful scenery you will know that you are personally working to improve the habitat for otters and other wildlife.

To find out more about this trip contact enquiries@otter.org



*Grey
Cattle of
Hungary*

protection project involving eight European countries and Morocco. In addition they have a captive breeding programme for the suslik, a rare rodent which is key prey for the Saker falcon.

But what does all this have to do with otters and fishfarming? The answer is that the Association have created a perfect balance between wildlife, the environment and sustainable living. Some of the lakes are leased to fishfarmers who harvest fish to make a living. The Association also harvest some fish to provide an income to support



United Nations Decade on Biodiversity

IOSF is a partner of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (UNDoB), the aim of which is to inspire broad-based action in support of biodiversity over the next decade (2011-2020) by all countries and stakeholders.

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We receive regular notices about items in the media concerning otters. If you want to keep up to date with these reports you can find them on our website at <http://www.otter.org/newsUpdates.aspx>

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- The Harmony Fund

IFAW Animal Action Award

Each year the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) recognises outstanding achievements in animal welfare through its Animal Action Awards.

This year we are delighted to say that IOSF's Grace Yoxon has been selected as the winner of the Conservation Award in recognition of IOSF's achievements in otter conservation worldwide. The award will be presented by Queen legend Brian May at a special ceremony hosted by Baroness Gale on 23 October at the House of Lords.



*Grace
and Toto*

We are thrilled that IOSF's work is being recognised in this way and look forward to doing more for otters throughout the world.

Don't forget to check the website for updates, or the shop for great gift ideas
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