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# ... from Paul



It is time again for our Annual Review to bring together all the achievements of IOSF over the past year. It's been another busy time for all of us at IOSE, but such a positive one in our 21st year.

We have our "Otters of the World" book out and sales are encouraging - this will help to spread our message about the importance of otter conservation. We were invited to Japan in October for a workshop to look into the feasibility of reintroducing otters to a wonderful national park. Otters became extinct in 1993 and they are very special to this country. We have our next otter workshop just before Christmas in Bangladesh, which will train university students, rangers and foresters in otter conservation in their own country and also students from other countries in Asia.

We have had a sudden influx of orphaned otters with three arriving from Ireland. This keeps all of us grounded on caring for the individual and when we see them go back to the wild it is always special.

So what for 2015? So far, plans are already in hand for a workshop in Tanzania. This will be a start in doing something really positive in Africa, where again otters are often neglected. We will continue our work in Asia and, of course, we will carry on caring for cubs in our hospital on Skye.

And finally, we would like to say a big thank you to you all. Have a lovely Christmas and New Year and help us to make 2015 a very special year for otters.

Paul

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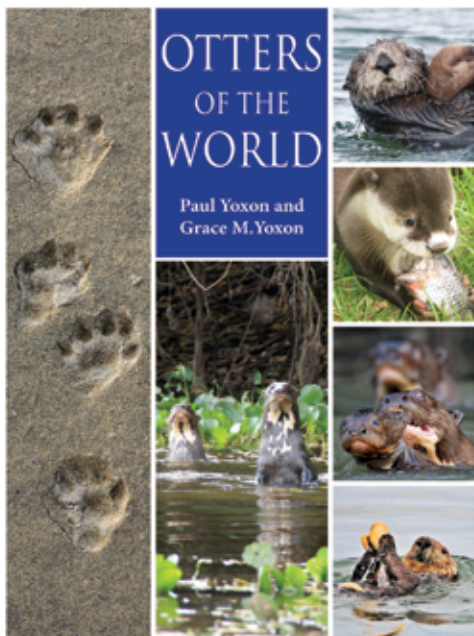
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## Otters of the World

We are delighted to announce the publication of our new book "Otters of the World". This book has been in the planning stage for a long time and it is wonderful now to see it in reality.

This is the first book to describe in detail all 13 species of otter and their ecology. There are 176 pages full of enthralling information, personal stories, distribution maps and the most outstanding photos, taken by various photographers and otter workers all over the world. The book shows the beauty and fascination of otters and demonstrates the importance of the otter in conservation, but it also reveals their plight in many countries.

This is the definitive book for all otter lovers which will also raise funds for, and awareness of, the IOSF and our vital work to save otters worldwide.



# Team Otter

TEAM OTTER is a brand new website for kids (<http://www.loveotters.org>) where they can find out all about the magical world of otters. There are pages on:

- ★ What are Otters?
- ★ Otters of the World
- ★ The Otter Family
- ★ Be an Otter Spotter
- ★ Otters need help
- ★ What is the IOSF?
- ★ Otter News

There are also links to various cool games and activities and a gallery of the different species of otter.



*Children of Kennagh School, Ireland*

So all you young otter-lovers go and check out your own new website! We would also love to hear from you. Send us your poems, pictures and otter news and tell us what YOU would like to see on your website. Email us at [enquiries@otter.org](mailto:enquiries@otter.org)

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# NEWS FROM THE UK

## Research

Post mortems of otters in Scotland have not been done since the late 1990s but IOSF has managed to obtain some initial funding to re-commence this work together with Cardiff University.

We continue to monitor the otters at a south Skye site using still and video camera traps to learn more about behaviour, habitat use and breeding. In May we had a video of a different animal – a close relative of the otter – a pine marten! Until 1995 there were no pine martens on Skye, although they were present just across the water in Kyle of Lochalsh. But within three weeks of the bridge completion they were spotted raiding rubbish bins at a Kyleakin restaurant. Since then, they have been seen in Broadford, and in May 2012 we had the baby from Armadale. We were also told recently that one had been seen at Carbost in north west



*Camera trap image of Skye otter*



*Skye otter captured on camera trap*



Skye. This is about 30 miles from the bridge so they are spreading up the island.

Paul completed his PhD study of the use of the Skye coastline by otters in 1996, so we have been sampling some of the sites surveyed then to see if there has been any change. The field work has been done and Paul now needs to analyse the data.

# Snares

We are sad to say that the campaign to ban snares in Scotland still continues after all this time. On 2 April, Alison Johnstone MSP for the Scottish Green Party for Lothian, submitted a Motion to “Ban Snaring in Scotland”. The Motion said “That the Parliament understands that, since the scheme was introduced in April 2013, 1,115 people have obtained a snaring identification number from the police; believes that this is a relatively low number and that, as many land managers do not use snares, this demonstrates that snaring is not essential for successful land management; understands that snares risk trapping what are known as non-target animals, including household pets and protected species, and can lead to unnecessary suffering; commends OneKind and the League Against Cruel Sports on seeking to highlight such problems, and believes that snares are an indiscriminate and cruel method of predator control that should be banned in Scotland, as they are in many European states.” This was supported by many other MSPs but sadly it was rejected, so the campaign goes on.

# Helping Eels

It is well-known that eels form a major part of the diet of freshwater otters and in recent times there has been a drastic decline in UK eel populations. Estimates give the decrease at 95-99%, so this could be part of the reason that otters are turning to other sources of food, such as people’s fish ponds.

The Golden Valley Fish and Wildlife Association (GVFWA) aim to restore eel numbers in the River Wye system in Herefordshire. Despite the decline, each year tens of millions of eels are caught and exported to fish farms in Europe and the Far East. So GVFWA are lobbying DEFRA to impose a precautionary ban on the export of eelers from our rivers. At the same time they are saving baby eels from export and so far they have managed to save and release 124,000 baby eels.



*Eel Stocking in 2014*

GVFWA have an online petition to stop commercial export of baby eels to prevent eels from dying out and you can sign this at

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/stop-the-commercial-export-of-baby-eels>

And remember, helping eels will clearly have a positive effect on otters as well as people with fish ponds!

# Education and Public Awareness

## *Enjoying an Otter Watching Day on Skye*

Over the year we have given talks and run various courses, including training in the recognition of otter secondary signs and surveying. We also have otter watching days on the Isle of Skye when we show



how to look for signs – if you are interested in such a day please go to <http://www.otter.org/otterWatchingDays.aspx>

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## Otter Network of the British Isles

Following the Otters and Fisheries conference in 2012, IOSF initiated an Otter Network of the British Isles in order to enable people working on otters to share best practice, survey results, methodology and offer support to each other. It also provides contacts who can give advice when we are approached about different otter issues, and members of the network are still working on the fisheries conflict issue.

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## FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

Keep up to date with all IOSF news through Facebook and Twitter – you will find the links at the foot of the first page of our website, [www.otter.org](http://www.otter.org)

The Otter Shop is now on facebook. Please visit our page then like and share. Let's get the Otter Shop to a bigger audience.



## OTTERS ON THE INTERNET

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>



# News from the Sanctuary

Over this year we have received nine otters, including one from the Isle of Mull, one from Cumbria and three from Ireland.

In the autumn of 2013 three cubs arrived. Jasper, a very feisty male, was found aged about 10 weeks at Lochinver on the west coast of Scotland. Mangal was found on Mull and taken to the Mull Otter Group. He appeared so angelic but was even more fiery than Jasper! The two soon became good pals and they are now back in the wild.



*Jasper and Mangal*

December brought Conrad who had been found wandering on a busy road in Cumbria. He first went to Sarah Neill at the Aquarium of the Lakes, as she had helped with two previous cubs, and she brought him to Skye. He was joined in February by a young female, Ratty, who had been found curled up in a wall at Ratagan on the mainland, not far from Skye.



*The old lady of Sleat*

At the end of August we had just finished an otter survey in south Skye when we met someone who told us about an injured otter below his house. The otter was very weak and put up no fight and it turns out that although she is fairly small, she is quite an old lady. She is eating well now and has put on some weight

but she tires quickly. We think it is unlikely that she will be able to return to the wild but who knows, she may prove us wrong.

*Tarka and Saoirse in their craft pen box*



At the end of September the three Irish otters arrived, as the centre where they were could no longer care for them. Tarka was rescued by a Swan Rescue group from Galway and Saoirse was found in Carlow, and they are about seven months old.

Delilah was found as a tiny cub lying almost lifeless on a driveway in County Cork. After treatment by a local vet she began to take a bottle and she is now eating fish and has become a snappy little individual.

Of course, we cannot save all the animals which come in and this is when it is really sad. Jack, a tiny chap from Ardelve, just stole our hearts. He was feeding well but never put on any weight although he was very active. One morning he crashed and died but the post mortem revealed nothing. On TV post mortems always find the answer



*Delilah, in one of the nursery pens*

but unfortunately this isn't the case in reality.

Although we specialise in otters, we do receive other casualties, and one special temporary resident was a young female peregrine falcon found beside a fence near Elgol. There was no significant damage and after a few days of feeding she was released.

*If you would like to support our cubs in the Sanctuary you can send a cheque marked "Hospital" on the back or make a donation online at [www.ottershop.co.uk](http://www.ottershop.co.uk)*

## PASS IT ON

*Recycle your otter news by passing it on to friends and family; your local library or school; Doctors' surgery or hospital; vet's waiting room, etc.*

*Don't waste it, share it.*

# International Otter Awareness Day

The second International Otter Awareness Day took place on 28th May and it certainly did achieve its aim of creating a lot more awareness about otters and the problems they face. Social media is a great tool and we were delighted by the number of people who used Twitter and Facebook to spread the word.



© Sarah Neill



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*Coll Fullarton and Ciaran Mackay*



*Sarah Neill and Maggie at Aquarium of the Lakes*

## OTTER NEWS ON PDF

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If you prefer, we are still happy to send out a printed copy to you.

Events included: Holland - Addy de Jongh gave a talk at the RietNymf Education Centre; Devon - Kerry and Victoria, rangers at Escot Park, created an otter treasure trail; Cumbria - Sarah Neill and her friend Maggi arranged a display at the Aquarium of the Lakes; Cromarty - Coll Fullarton and Ciaran Mackay held a dress-down day at their primary school to raise funds for the otters.

So we would like to say a big "Thank you" to everyone who took part and remember the next International Otter Awareness day will be on Wednesday 27 May 2015. For ideas on what you can do check out our Fundraising Pack at

<http://www.otter.org/raiseFundsForUs.aspx>

## Collaborations

If we are to achieve our aims we must be willing to work with other like-minded organisations. This is particularly true in the fight against illegal wildlife crime.



**PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION AGAINST**  
**wildlife crime**

IOSF has been a member of the Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime (PAW) for a number of years, as wildlife crime is clearly a great threat to otters, even in the UK. There have been incidents where otters have been caught in illegal nets and fish traps and we have even had cases of otters being shot.



IOSF has joined forces with Asia for Animals Coalition, which was originally founded in 1998 by Jill Robinson to bring an end to the terrible practice of bear bile farming. Since then they have expanded their work and one of their aims is to end abusive animal practices in zoos and safari parks in Asia. As you know, otters are also kept in appalling conditions in some parts of the world, so we are delighted to work with Animals Asia to help these animals.



**CAWT**

**Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking**

Recently we also joined the Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking (CAWT), which brings together like-minded governments and organisations sharing a common purpose. Initiated in 2005, the aims are “to focus public and political attention and resources on ending the illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products. As a member we join with other organisations “to address the growing threats to wildlife from poaching and illegal trade, working individually and jointly toward achieving the Coalition’s goals, with each partner acting where it can contribute most effectively.”



Whilst the internet enables buyers and sellers of otters and otter products to trade, it can also be a valuable tool in working to reduce this crime. Wildleaks (<https://wildleaks.org>) is a new initiative providing the first, secure, anonymous, online whistleblower platform dedicated to Wildlife and Forest Crime. It is focused on obtaining information, especially regarding individuals, networks and the modus operandi of traders, in order to prevent crimes, as far as possible, and enable the identification, arrest and prosecution of the people involved. Wildleaks is developing collaborations with other NGOs, who can spread the word and IOSF is to become a part of this network.

Clearly these are all aims which IOSF supports and we look forward to working with other like-minded people and organisations to stop the illegal trade in otters and all species.

# International News

## The Illegal Wildlife Trade

As you know, IOSF has been concerned about the illegal trade in otter furs for many years and in 2008 we produced a report for the CITES Standing Committee. At the Indonesian training workshop in March 2013, we learnt about the scale of the trade in live otters as pets. In Jakarta alone there were 800 people with pet otters and young cubs are openly advertised on some internet websites. Most are wild caught and the mother is usually killed as she tries to defend her young. So IOSF is revising the earlier report to include this additional trade and it will be published on our website.

There have been various developments in the fight against wildlife trade, including the coalitions already mentioned, but there have also been other positive steps. Technology can be a great tool and a new app called “Wildlife Witness” has been developed. This allows people, in particular tourists, to take a photo with the exact location and send it to TRAFFIC so they can investigate further and take appropriate action.

# TRAFFIC

the wildlife trade monitoring network

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2014/4/9/new-app-to-build-awareness-and-information-on-illegal-wildli.html>

IOSF is continuing the series of workshops to train the next generation of otter researchers and conservationists, and the next workshop will be in Bangladesh in December 2014. This will include a visit to a village where they have trained otters to help the fishermen. This is an old tradition and both people and otters work together in harmony.



# Asia

© Emil Barbelette



IOSF has been invited to Japan in October to attend a workshop looking at the possibility of reintroducing the otter. Otters became extinct in Japan in the 1990s but they are an important part of the Japanese culture, so they want to bring them back before the people forget. The Japanese otter is believed to have been a subspecies of the Eurasian otter, but it is also possible that it was a separate species altogether.

It is an exciting project but we have to make sure that we learn from problems encountered in other reintroduction programmes, such as in Holland.

## Philippines

In October 2013 Diana Limjoco, who lives in the Philippines, was brought three tiny Asian small-clawed cubs, still with their eyes closed. It is clearly very difficult to rear such young animals and three little ones needing feeds every 1-2 hours was very tiring. But Diana took on the task and the cubs, all male, grew rapidly.



Photos © Diana Limjoco



In June Diana heard of an otter which was being kept in terrible conditions and she was determined to help this animal too. She couldn't introduce him straight to her boys as they could easily kill each other. Another enclosure had to be built next to Oscar and Owen, so that they could see and smell each other but not actually reach out to touch. It is hoped that eventually all three otters will be released back to the wild.

She named them Oscar, Omar and Owen, but sadly Omar died suddenly and there was obviously concern for the other two – would they also become ill and how would they cope with losing their brother? With Diana's patience the two remaining cubs got over the loss and they are still doing well. Hopefully they can be released next year.

IOSF was able to obtain funds to pay for the new enclosure but Diana, a pensioner, also needs help with paying for food for the otters.

*If you would like to support Diana and her otters you can send a cheque marked "Philippines" on the back, make a donation online or you may like to adopt the otters at [www.ottershop.co.uk](http://www.ottershop.co.uk)*

# Cambodia



© Romain Pizzi

*Pursat, the hairy-nosed otter at Phnom Tamao*

was able to obtain funds for this. At the end of 2013 two cubs were born to a pair of these otters, who had appeared to be unable to reproduce.

# India Karnataka

Apoorva Kulkarni has finished her studies in Karnataka but continues to give us updates. Shivu, a fisherman who acted as her field assistant, is keeping a regular eye on the otters. He was asked to help with more otter conservation work which has brought in a bit of extra income to help the family.

Apoorva was concerned about the effect of dynamite fishing. Explosives are used to stun or kill the fish but otters can also be killed. Shivu has been talking to his fellow fishermen to try and stop this and in March the head of the region's Fisheries Department went to the village and declared an official ban on dynamite fishing.

This positive action is founded on one person's caring and enthusiasm which has spread through the fishing community.

IOSF has been helping the otters at Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Centre (PTWRC) for many years. PTWRC is the home of Pursat, the only hairy-nosed otter in captivity. They also have smooth-coated otters and a lone male Asian small-clawed otter who has been there for over two years and they are trying to find another otter to keep him company. This species is rare in Cambodia and known only from the north-east of the country. A more recent arrival called Rolong, a smooth-coat, needed an enclosure and IOSF

# Goa



© Atul Borker

*Smooth-coated otter eating a catfish*

Atul Borker of Wild Abs (<http://wildabs.com>) is using camera traps to study smooth-coated otters in Goa. He is also working with communities and visits schools in the area to tell them all about the otters. He has produced a booklet on the small mammals of the area which includes smooth-coated and Asian small-clawed otters and these are being distributed free to forest staff and schools.

## Indonesia

Reza Lubis, who organised the training workshop in March 2013, told us that they have now received a forest concession for 108,000 hectares of peat swamp in central Kalimantan for the next 60 years. This area has hairy-nosed otters and it will also be a good place for otter releases.



© Nick Baker

*A hairy-nosed otter in the wild*

## Africa Namibia

At the end of 2013 a spotted-necked cub was taken to Johan and Cherie Griffioen at Kalizo Lodge on the Zambezi river. They named her Ariel. When she arrived she was very stressed, having been transported in a sack on the back of someone riding a bicycle! However she was still fiery and had that fighting spirit to help her to survive. Kalizo is an ideal place for a soft release as it is right on the banks of the Zambezi and in May Ariel went back to the wild. A family of spotted-necked otters were seen daily and it would seem that she left to join them.



© Johan and Cherie Griffioen

*Ariel at Kalizo Lodge*

## South America Guatemala

In November 2013 Meagan Ephraim received a five-week old neotropical otter. The otter, Lola, has been getting fish from Meagan's tilapia farm and she has grown into a fine strong animal. Meagan is now looking into the best options for releasing Lola.



© Meagan Ephraim



## Europe *Holland*

The Dutch otter reintroduction has seen a lot of problems and controversy. In January 2014 an image of an otter was caught on a camera trap at Nieuwkoopse plassen, in west Holland, the first otter recorded there in over 35 years. A later report said there were in fact at least two different animals, a male and a female, and so hopes were raised for cubs.

Obviously it is wonderful to have these animals back, but it seems as if too many are being killed on the road. On 16 September Addy de Jongh, of the Stichting Otterstation Nederland, reported that three had been killed in his local nature reserve, Groote Wielen, which resulted in

local extinction, and the next day another was hit on highway A6.

In May 2013 the Dutch court ordered the Dutch government to solve all the problems within a year. Clearly this hasn't happened and so otters are paying the price of the slow action of the government. Addy went to court again on 22 September in an appeal requested by the government, who did not agree with the ruling of the judges last year. It seems as if in this appeal the judges were again in favour of the arguments of Addy's lawyer. On 4th November the ruling of the judges will be announced.

## THANKS

There are always so many people to thank but we do have to mention the following, whose help has been so valuable:

Jackie West and Andrew Cameron, on our Advisory Board, give so much help and we really appreciate all their time and effort. We are very grateful to Padma de Silva, our Asian co-ordinator, who is always there for help and advice on Asian otter issues. Also, to Doug Lapsley, for his time and assistance with the web site.

In 2010 when Mazu, the Congo clawless otter cub, came to the Chapmans in the Democratic

Republic of Congo, a network of people quickly developed including vets, scientists and those with hands-on experience of rearing otters. Their experience is invaluable and they continue to help other people all around the world caring for orphaned cubs. There is now an online forum where people can share information and ask for help. Many thanks to you all.

Sarah Neill has helped with three cubs from Cumbria and with the help of her friends she holds regular events for IOSF at the Aquarium of the Lakes.

Daphne Neville and her otters are loyal supporters of IOSF and Daphne arranged a special tea party to raise funds for the otters. In Germany, Wolfgang and his otter Nemo do a lot to help our work and we were delighted to have the opportunity to see him and his wife, Traudl, during their holiday to Skye.



Alfie Pallet continues to hold sales at his village hall, Charlie Thomas bravely shaved his head and John Noorani's cruise photos are still bringing in donations. The Three Pigeons Inn, Graigfechan, the Glenelg Inn, Ledgowan Lodge Hotel and The Royal Oak, Wantage have supported us with events.

Finally, we would like to thank the following organisations for their support:

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 The Animal Defence Trust  
 Beaulieu Beaufort Foundation  
 Lynn Chase Wildlife Foundation  
 Colchester Zoo Action for the Wild  
 The Marjorie Coote Animal Charities Trust  
 William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

In August, Charity Chuckle ([www.charitychuckle.co.uk](http://www.charitychuckle.co.uk)) held a comedy fundraiser for IOSF at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe which included comedians Seann Walsh and Romesh Ranganathan. Charity Chuckle are based in Brighton and raise funds for local charities by staging shows with some of the best stand-up comedians on the circuit. We must thank Jacqueline Gordon, who very kindly went along and rattled a bucket for donations at the venue.



Our amazon Wish List is proving popular with our supporters, thank you everyone.

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# A Beautiful Poem

Some of you will have read this email from Varun Jha (15 years) from New Delhi in India, in our September e-update. However, we feel it is such a lovely poem that it is worth repeating in our Annual Review.

Here's a poem I wrote for nature....Hope u like the poem...the poem I wrote is very near to my heart....I love otters such a cute, innocent animal killed for greed by us. Hope IOSF works more for saving otters help their number increase on planet earth.

*“There is a pleasure in the pathless woods;*

*There is a rapture on the lonely shores;*

*There is society, where none intrudes;*

*By the deep sea, and music in its roar:*

*I love not humans the less, but Nature more.....”*

## ABOUT IOSF

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