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INTERNATIONAL OTTER SURVIVAL FUND



... from Paul



Welcome to our 2015 Annual Report which I am sure you will find of interest. IOSF has had yet another busy year and we held the first ever training workshop in Africa which was a great success. What was amazing was that in 2015 the Tanzanian wildlife experts, who train students at the College of Wildlife Management at Mweka, did not think otters existed in Africa, which was quite a shock to us. So after our week of training they now realise how important the otter is as part of the ecosystem in Africa. We had participants from ten African countries who returned home with a new desire to do positive things for otters. We now have an African otter sightings Facebook page incorporating a recording form and we have added a page on African Otters to the IOSF website, which is all positive.

This year the new Red List for otters came out and we find that of the 13 species, 12 are declining. The marine otter, southern river otter, giant otter, sea otter and hairy-nosed otter are classed as “Endangered” and all three of the sub-Saharan African species have been upgraded to “Near Threatened”. So much more work in conservation and education has to be done.

We also heard recently that the IUCN (World Conservation Union), not only allow fur trade associations as members but also the Dallas Safari Club. This is a trophy hunting society who argues that by allowing a rich person to kill a black rhino for \$350,000 means that this money contributes to the conservation of these endangered animals. Well, we do not agree and cannot be a part of any organisation that allows this, and we will not be a part of the IUCN Otter Specialist Group that is not willing to take a stand on the killing of 45,000 American river otters each year for fur.

Our plans for 2016 include a proposed training workshop in China together with more work to combat the illegal otter trade in Asia.

May I personally thank you all again for your help. We hope you will have a great Christmas and New Year and look forward to your continued support for IOSF and the otters.

Thank you again

The Year at a Glance

Here is a summary of what has happened in the last financial year:

OCTOBER 2014

IOSF's Paul and Grace Yoxon were invited to a workshop in Hokkaido, Japan, where they are considering reintroducing otters, which were formally declared extinct in 2012.

NOVEMBER 2014

A new book on the "Otters of the World" by Paul and Grace was launched.

DECEMBER 2014

IOSF's programme of otter training workshops in Asia continued in Bangladesh.

JANUARY 2015

IOSF took part in a London art project by building an artificial holt.

FEBRUARY 2015

IOSF highlighted the plight of otters in Asia.

MARCH 2015

Two more otters back in the wild after Tarka and Saoirse were released.

APRIL 2015

A new cub, Puddle, arrived at the IOSF sanctuary on the Isle of Skye.

MAY 2015

27 May was International Otter Awareness Day with people in 30 countries taking part in activities to increase awareness of otters and their importance in the ecosystem.

JUNE 2015

IOSF launched the new updated website.

JULY 2015

The first ever pan-African workshop on otters was held at the College of Wildlife Management, Mweka, Tanzania.

AUGUST 2015

A new cub arrived at the Kikongo Otter Sanctuary in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

SEPTEMBER 2015

Takahiro Murakami from Shiretoko, Hokkaido, Japan, visited IOSF on Skye to see otters in the wild and our educational work in local schools.

The Year in Numbers

- **15,576 Twitter followers**
- **7,017 Facebook followers**
- **95,610 Web hits**
- **18,212 Web hits to our Kids page "Team Otter"**
- **60 more people trained in otter work** (30 in Bangladesh and 30 in Africa)
- **8 otters helped by the Sanctuary**
- **7 otters now back in the wild**

NEWS FROM THE UK

Research

Post mortems of Scottish otters had not been done since the late 1990s but in 2014 IOSF obtained initial funding to re-commence this work together with Cardiff University. 43 Scottish otters have been sent to Cardiff, most of which were road casualties, but three were young cubs which had been abandoned and died of emaciation.

An interesting discovery was made in

a number of dead otters from Mull - a gut parasite (an acanthocephalan) which has not been seen in English or Welsh otters.

The Cardiff scientists suspect that this reflects differences in diet, and that it is coming from the marine prey, but more work is needed.



Monitoring the Isle of Skye Otter Population

Last year IOSF decided to revisit the survey work done by Paul in 1999 for his PhD. 14 sections of coastline are now being regularly monitored – two from each geological zone - and the results will be compared with the original data and also with the results from 2014. This is all still to be analysed but it will provide information on any change in otter numbers on Skye.

We continue to monitor certain areas on Skye using camera traps and this year we have also had photos of pine martens, foxes and roe deer. Until 1995 there were no pine martens on Skye, although they were present just across the water in Kyle of Lochalsh.



(@IOSF)

Camera Trap image of a Skye Otter

Education and Public Awareness

As usual, this year we have given talks and run various courses, including survey training and identifying otter secondary signs. We also have otter watching days on the Isle of Skye where we look for otters in the wild and show how to recognise signs – if you are interested in such a day please go to http://www.otter.org/Public/Events_OtterWatchingDays.aspx.

In January we were invited to take part in an event at Camden Arts Centre by building an artificial otter holt as part of an art exhibition. This was a family day



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Surveying otter sprinting sites

and 35 people of all ages took part in various ottery activities, including games and mask making, but of course the highlight was building the holt.

Otter Network of the British Isles

In March we heard that otters in Hertfordshire seemed to have declined over the last 10 years. The local Wildlife Trust has been monitoring the population since 2001 and the most recent survey found very few signs.

As otters almost disappeared in the 1950s



and 60s without anyone noticing, we contacted members of the Network to ask for information on the rest of the country. Most reported that otters appeared to be doing well in their area and in some cases numbers seemed to be increasing. However, in many areas funding has been reduced for surveying and monitoring and so this is largely based on reports from the public, rather than from actual data.

In some areas there appeared to be a slight decline possibly due to persecution, albeit illegal, from fishermen.

Eurasian Otter, Shetland

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www.shetlandnature.net

News from the Sanctuary

(Images ©IOSF)

The weather over the last year has been very wet and this has put a lot of pressure on the otter pens as they take a long time to recover after resident otters are released. There were also extreme winds in January which caused some damage to the door of one pen, so that the two otters there had to be moved to another enclosure.



Delilah - Almost release time



Tarka - Time to go

We are pleased to say that seven otters are now back in the wild – Conrad from Cumbria, Ratty from Ratagan, Jasper from Lochinver, Mangal from the Isle of Mull and the three Irish otters, Tarka, Saoirse and Delilah.

In their place we have received three young cubs. The first from the Scottish Borders was found in a motor parts store in Galashiels and taken to Arthurshiel Animal Rescue Centre, so she was called Carla. Next to arrive was



Carla

In July Sarah Neill received another cub from near Grange over Sands, who was clearly very ill and she could smell petrol on him. Sadly in spite of the best care he died. Sarah contacted the Environment Agency and apparently there had been an oil spill in the river a few days before. The cub has been sent for post mortem, although it seems highly likely that it died after ingesting oil.

Various other animals have been treated at the centre, including a buzzard hit by a car, a number of hedgehogs and some baby rabbits, whose mother had been killed accidentally during construction work. We have also had calls about “abandoned” seal pups and bats appearing in unusual places!

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 [“http://www.ottershop.co.uk/”](http://www.ottershop.co.uk/)



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We very much appreciate our supporters who pay their sponsorships by Standing Order as it really does save on administration costs. However, can we ask you please to check that you are paying the current sponsorship fees and update them if necessary. The last time our fees were increased was in 2010 and previously it went up in 2006.

We are very conscious that everyone is finding it hard financially these days and so we have resolved not to increase them now, but it would be a great help if you could make sure you are paying the correct amount. The fees are:

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Family:	£40.00 per year

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long term source of revenue, providing a regular income to IOSF to help us budget and plan ahead more effectively.

For more information go to https://www.givingonline.org.uk/International-Otter-Survival-Fund_2623/index.html.

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www.otter.org

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



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://otter.org/Public/News_OtterNews.aspx

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

International Otter Awareness Day



27 May 2015 was the third International Otter Awareness Day and it was by far the biggest. The impact was truly worldwide and people from 30 countries took part. The power of social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, was used widely to spread the word about otters.

It is impossible to list all the people and events, but we would like to thank every one of you who helped. The following are a few examples of what took place:



Brazil - Marcelo Rheingantz, a biologist at the Laboratório de Ecologia e Conservação de Populações, produced this wonderful banner.

Canada - The Oceanographic Environmental Research Society ran a children's activity session using a booklet called "Fun with Sophie the Sea Otter & Ricky the River Otter".

Czech Republic - Lukas Polednik and Katarina Polednikova of ALKA Wildlife visited their local kindergarten.

England - Kerry, a ranger at Escot Park, Ottery St Mary, Devon, held an Otter Trail.

Ethiopia - Engedasew Andarge put up posters at Addis Ababa University and the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority.

Hungary - The Otter Park at Petesmalom held an open day led by Dr Jozsef Lanszki.

India - Syed Fayaz held a special screening of his film "And then they were gone" – a documentary, describing how otters have disappeared from Kashmir's Wular Lake area.

Iraq - Omar al Sheikhly and his colleagues produced an Otter ID and Conservation sheet in Arabic aimed at the public and all registered hunters.

Israel - Jerusalem Zoo had a short magazine segment on Israeli television.

Netherlands - As last year, Addy de Jongh gave a talk at the RietNymf Education Centre.

Russia - Sergey Makeyev from Sakhalin Island gave a public talk on otters.

Scotland - IOSF's Paul and Grace gave a talk for the Mull Otter Group.

Sri Lanka - Padma de Silva visited her local temple taking copies of her otter education books for children.

Trinidad and Tobago - The Zoological Society of Trinidad and Tobago carried out a media campaign on social networking sites, newspapers and programmes on local TV.

USA - Anna Dorian of Vibrant Reiki has supported IOSF for a long time and she kindly donated all the income from her sessions on 27 May.

This is just a taster of some of the events. Even if we haven't been able to mention you personally the otters and IOSF say a big thank you.

**And remember to put a date in your diary for next year –
Wednesday 25 May 2016 is...WORLD OTTER DAY!**

The Illegal Wildlife Trade

THE SHOCKING FACTS OF THE ILLEGAL TRADE IN OTTERS

FOR EVERY ILLEGAL TIGER SKIN FOUND THERE ARE AT LEAST 30 OTTER SKINS



Otters declined by 99% in Changbai Shan nature reserve in NE China

200 otter pet owners in Jakarta alone

73 otter furs found in one haul in Tibet

Otters have disappeared from Kashmir's Wular Lake area

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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 Order Committee.

This was updated in November 2014 and also now includes information on otters sold as pets – this can be found at http://www.otter.org/documents/IOSF_Illegal_Trade_in_Otters_Report_2014.pdf.

IOSF is a member of CAWT (Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking) and through them we were able to send a display based on this report for the IUCN World Parks Congress held in Sydney, Australia, from 11-19 November 2014. The Congress was entitled “Poaching from Parks: combating wildlife crime in protected areas” and was followed by the IUCN World Leaders’ Dialogue on ‘The Nature of Crime – the extent and impact of illegal wildlife trade’.

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Asia

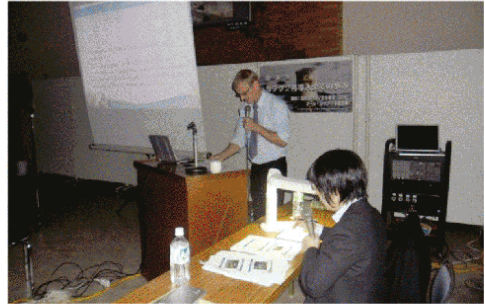
Japan

In October 2014 Paul and Grace were invited to Hokkaido for a workshop looking into the possibility of reintroducing otters. Otters disappeared completely in Japan, probably in the 1970s, although there were some reports in the 1990s, and they were officially declared extinct by the Japanese government in 2012.

Otters are an important part of Japanese culture and so they want to bring them back before people forget that they once roamed free in Japan. The meeting was held at Shiretoko National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Paul was invited to share his experience of otters and reintroductions and to deliver a public presentation as part of the awareness campaign. An important part of the workshop was to visit potential release sites to assess food availability and habitat and to consider how any reintroduction should be carried out.

In September 2015 Takahiro Murakami made a return visit to Skye to look at sites where otters are still found and to see examples of educational work carried out by IOSF.



Paul Yoxon presenting at the Hokkaido Workshop



Visiting the Japanese coast



Investigating possible river release location

Indonesia

The Indonesian Otter Network is developing a training programme on otter survey techniques for biology students throughout Java. Reza Lubis and a participant from the IOSF 2013 workshop are both supporting students researching otters. There also seems to be some progress on the pet trade and Reza believes the demand may be decreasing slightly because people are more aware that is not easy to care for an otter.

Aad Aadrcan is lecturing in biology at Andalas University, West Sumatra, and has started a PhD in Japan studying Asian small-clawed otters in a human-disturbed landscape in Sumatra. This species is well known in zoos

but there is a vast lack of information on their wild behaviour. People continually change the environment and there is a considerable risk from conflicts with fish-farmers.



Asian small-clawed otters

Bangladesh

(Images ©MM Feeroz)

IOSF continued the series of workshops to train the next generation of otter researchers and conservationists with a Bangladeshi workshop from 7-12 December 2014. It began at Jahangirnagar University near Dhaka, with introductory lectures and we then travelled to the remote village of Narail, where the people still practise the traditional form of fishing with otters. Fishing is usually first thing in the morning, but they put on a demonstration for us. The otters are clearly well cared for and they are essential to these people's livelihoods. Some Bangladeshi workshop participants did some educational work with the children and soon the group had swollen to over 150 people and young and old took part in the activities.

We then moved to the motorboat MV Dingy to sail to the Sundarbans, which is the largest area of mangroves in the world, and home to the biggest population of Bengal tigers. The next three days were a mixture of lectures and practical exercises on field techniques and survey methods. Each morning we went out early in two small boats to look for wildlife,



Bangladesh Workshop

and we were able to watch three families of Asian small-clawed otters.

We discussed threats to otters which are mainly from pressure of the vast human population. We looked at the risk of pollution and the damage caused by oil - this was emphasised when we saw an oil spill which had spread up some small creeks, home to the otters. This had resulted from the collision of two ships in the main channel releasing about 350,000 litres of furnace oil. When we watched the otters, the banks of mangrove mud had many red crabs and mudskippers – ideal prey. Now some creeks were covered in a fine film of oil and nothing moved – no crabs, no mudskippers. Later two otters were found dead in the Shela river.

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Don't waste it, share it.



Paul Yoxon speaking at the Workshop

Prof Hussain is the Assessor for the Red List and his 2012 assessment found that nine of the 13 otter species are declining. In Bangladesh the Asian small-clawed and smooth-coated otters are classed as “Vulnerable” and the Eurasian otter is “Near Threatened”.

The workshop participants were undergraduates, MSc students and lecturers and their passion for wildlife was evident. Some were already working on birds or river dolphins but they have a new-found enthusiasm for otters which they will carry into their work. As in Indonesia, a network was formed enabling people to share experience, record otter signs and sightings, and prioritise future work.

One priority is to look for the Eurasian otter, which has not been seen there since 1995.



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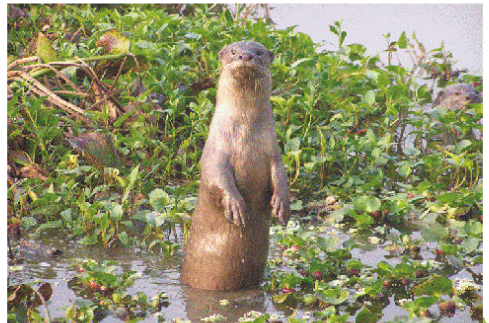
Grace Yoxon involved in educational work with children, Bangladesh

However, after the workshop a lecturer brought a group of eight students to meet us and two had heard reports of this species in the north-east of the country. So Prof Ferooz is now planning a survey.

Asian Otter Conservation Network

At the December workshop it was agreed that it would be useful to have more country networks and there are now networks in Pakistan, India, Cambodia, Nepal and hopefully soon Thailand. These are linked under the new Asian Otter Conservation Network with Prof Padma de Silva, from Sri Lanka, as Chair.

The aim is to enable workers in each country to collaborate both nationally and internationally, prioritising future research and sharing education materials. We believe that it is vital for local Asian researchers to do this together so they become a stronger force



(©MM Ferooz)

A smooth-coated otter

to the benefit of the otters. IOSF is acting as administrator and co-ordinator of this Asian Network.

Africa *African Otter Training Workshop*

The three species of otter in sub-Saharan Africa (Congo clawless, African clawless and spotted-necked) are all listed as “Near Threatened” with declining numbers, but during the assessment process it was realised that much of the data is over 25 years old. As in Asia, a big problem in Africa is lack of researchers, and it is quite possible that in some areas otters will become extinct before anyone actually knows they exist. The Asian workshops have been such a success that it was decided to take this concept to Africa to develop otter conservation there. The workshop took place at the College of African Wildlife Management Mweka, Tanzania, which has trained over 5,000 wildlife managers from 52 countries worldwide.



African clawless otter

The IUCN/SSC Otter Specialist Group has long acknowledged that work on African otters should be a priority and that there needs to be a network of people working on the species. Until now nothing had been done and the IOSF workshop was the first Pan-African event to address this problem.

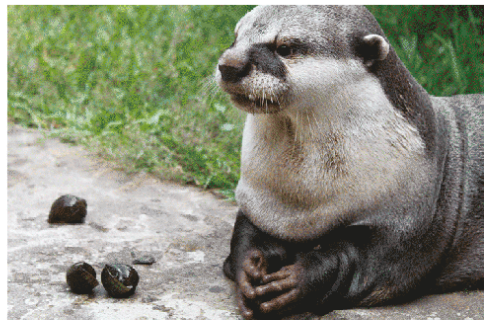
Participants came from ten sub-Saharan African countries - Benin, The Gambia, Ghana, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda,



Spotted-necked otter

South Africa and Tanzania. They had various backgrounds – people already working with otters through research or community work, park rangers, ecologists and those working in associated fields, such as wetland protection. Delphin, Sico and Rita from the Kikongo Otter Sanctuary in DRC came and told of their great community work.

Many global issues are affecting our wildlife today - habitat loss, pollution, climate change and many problems associated with poverty. Otters also face conflict with fishermen who view them as a problem because they take fish and damage nets – expensive losses to a poor family reliant on fishing as a livelihood. In some areas otters are also hunted for fur and traditional medicines.



Congo clawless otter

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The workshop identified long and short term goals for future work and, as public awareness is essential, the participants designed posters for community use. A Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AfricanOtter1?fref=ts>) has been set up for people to post photos of otters and their signs, linked to a confidential form for more detailed location information. This is linked to the IOSF website (www.otter.org) and the African Otter Outreach Project (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/African-Otter-Outreach-Project/181450325232204?fref=ts>). A web page has been added to the IOSF website and we hope to translate this into French and Swahili http://otter.org/Public/AboutOtters_AfricanOtters.aspx.

In the long term more collaboration is needed with people working in areas such as wetlands to make them aware of otters and their conservation. Together we can develop further awareness programmes using the best communication methods, such as posters, TV or radio, meetings, etc.



By working with communities we can generate interest and obtain base-line information on otters. We can also find out how we can help them and look at providing alternatives to encourage people not to kill otters.

Again, a network has been formed, African Otters, with an online forum for people to share experience, seek help and share education materials. As in Asia this must be led by African workers in their own communities and IOSF will act as an administrator.

Kikongo Otter Sanctuary

Just weeks after the Tanzanian workshop a new cub arrived at the Kikongo Otter Sanctuary. Rita asked Delphin and Sico to name the new otter and they chose "Mweka" in honour of the otter conference, the college, and what they learned about otters there. This just shows what a long lasting effect the workshop will have.

You can adopt Mweka online at www.ottershop.co.uk



Mweka and Delphin

©Glen and Rita Chapman

Auction

We are pleased to be able to offer for auction a patinated cold cast bronze low relief sculpture, gifted to IOSF by the artist David Burt (www.davidburtsculptures.com).

David Burt is an established Relief Sculptor with commissions and presentation castings in the UK, USA, New Zealand, India, France and Germany. He has shown at The Summer Exhibition of the Royal Academy and The World Wildlife Fund. He held his own private exhibition and has work permanently displayed in several multinational companies and leading organisations including Amnesty International, Water Aid and some twenty or more international charities.

This piece "OTTER PAIR" measures 31cm across, is backed with green baize and has two hanging points. Only two of these have ever been cast, although three more may be cast to go



to private collectors, so this is an opportunity to get a very unique piece.

If you would like to make a bid on this item please send an email to enquiries@otter.org. Closing date for bids is Wednesday 16th December 2015.

Obituaries

Brenda Hey

We were very sad to hear of the death of our old friend, Brenda Hey in Inverness. Brenda came on our very first trip to the Isle of Canna in 1988 and she subsequently joined many of our holiday trips, including St Kilda. Brenda was a maths teacher in Leeds and subsequently became headmistress. So with her experience in education she was a valued member of our Board

She loved all wildlife but of course had a special passion for otters and also the Isle of Skye. Personally we have very many happy memories of Brenda and these will always remain – we will miss her enthusiasm, fun, good humour and never-ending encouragement.

Martin Neville

We were also sorry to hear of the death of Martin Neville, husband of Daphne, who has been a great supporter of IOSF. Although most of our contact was always with Daphne, we knew she had a great person in the background supporting everything she did.

Charles Kennedy MP

As a charity we are very aware that we cannot take any political stance on issues but we cannot ignore the efforts of our late MP for Skye, Charles Kennedy. Regardless of his political views he was always very supportive of our work and of animal matters in general. Much has been said about his commitment and integrity but we would just like to add our own tribute from the conservation and animal welfare point of view.

Thanks

There are always so many people to thank and especially this year we would like to thank everyone who made International Otter Awareness Day such a big success. With your help we can make it even bigger next year!

We also have to mention the following, whose help has been so valuable:

Jackie West and Andrew Cameron, on our Board, give so much time, help and advice which is so important to us. Padma de Silva, our Asian co-ordinator, has now also taken

on the role of Chair of the Asian Otter Conservation Network, and always gives her full support, help and advice on all Asian otter issues.

Many people spend a lot of time and effort to promote our work but our special thanks go to Daphne Neville, Sarah Neill and her friends in Cumbria, John Noorani, Wolfgang Gettmann in Germany, Mine Okamura in Japan.

And to the various organisations who have so kindly supported our work:

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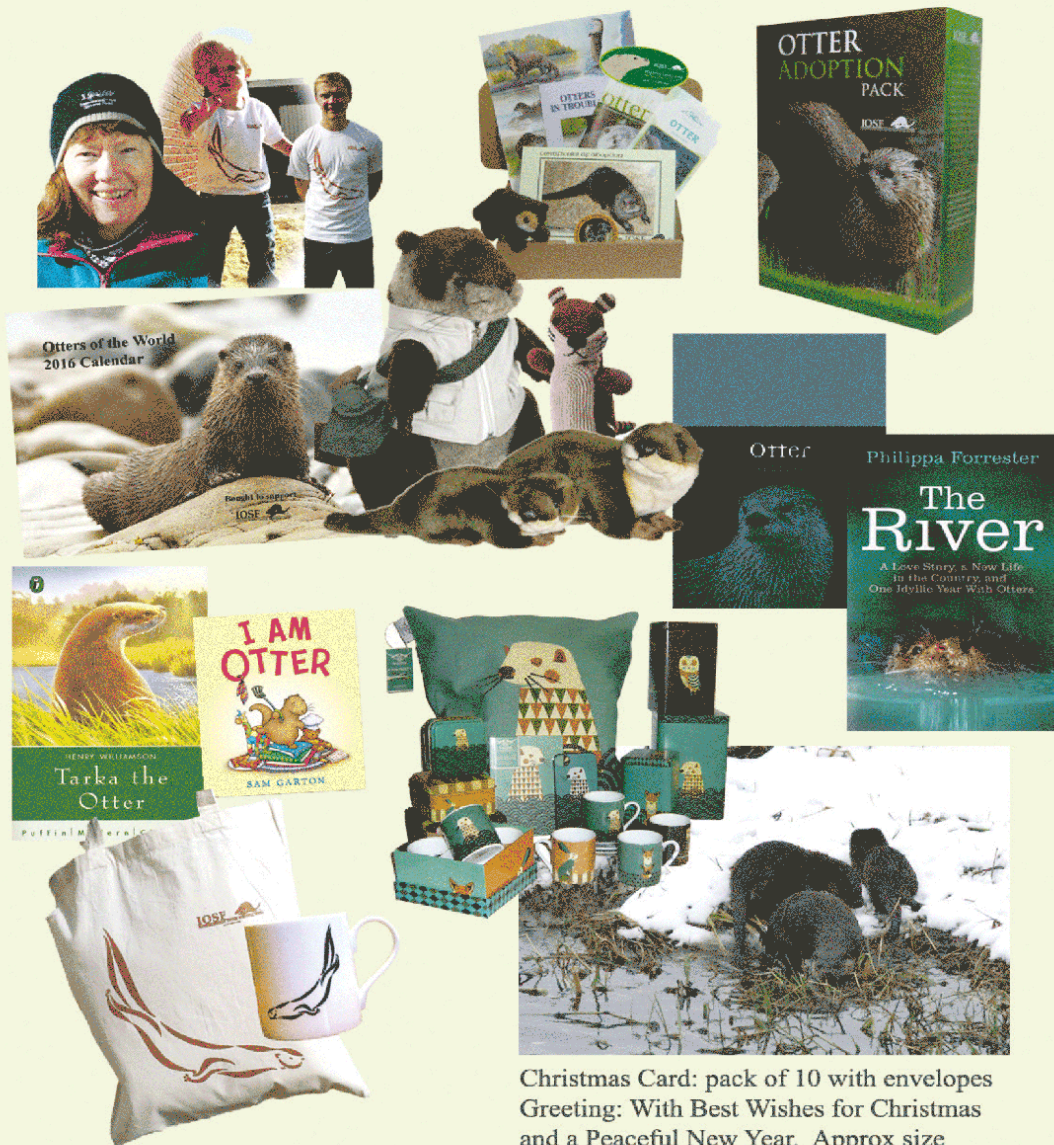


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