



## Otter News No. 135, October 2022

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### IOSF Otter Oscars

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- Young Person (under 18)
- Community Achievement
- Group or Organisation
- Research
- Photography or Artwork
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### Wildlife Rapid Rescue Team, Cambodia

**We have told you many times about the great work carried out by Wildlife Alliance at the Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Centre (PTWRC), Cambodia's only government run wildlife rescue centre.** The Wildlife Rapid Rescue Team (WRRT) is the official government task force implemented to crack down on the illegal wildlife trade, supported technically and financially by Wildlife Alliance. Rescued wildlife will either be released immediately or taken to PTWRC for care, prior to release in this is appropriate.



To give you an idea of the scale of the problem they are facing in just the third quarter of 2022 WRRT rescued 373 live wild animals and 372 dead animals. These included a smooth-coated otter, 31 pigtailed macaques, 12 long tailed macaques, 3 porcupines, 1 muntjac, 1 fruit bat, 1 pangolin, 2 pileated gibbons, 3 silvered langurs, 3 common palm civets, 1 monitor lizard, 59 tortoises and turtles, 140 pythons, 77 other snakes, of which 7 were cobras and 38 birds, including green peafowl and wreathed, great and Oriental pied hornbills.

Most of the dead animals were birds but there were also slow lorises, monitor lizards, snakes, tortoises and turtles and over 150 kg of wild meat. On 1 September they found someone selling wildlife body parts for traditional medicine at Kohn Kong City market, including otter skins and body parts.

That is in just three months, which is horrific. So it is a HUGE problem.

**But there are also positive stories to report.** The Fishing Cat Project is a small organisation which has helped with otters before and they told the team about a smooth-coated otter being kept as a pet in Koh Kong. They managed to persuade the owner to give up the otter, and on 20 September it was transferred to PTWRC.



One of the release sites which Wildlife Alliance uses is the famous Angkor Archaeological Park at Siem Reap and three smooth-coated otters were released there earlier in the year. The three are free to go wherever they want but they are quite content to return to their release enclosure for fish which has been left for them each day. They do face risks from fishermen's nets and fish traps and maybe this is encouraging them to stay nearby.



Photo: Wildlife Alliance

Nick Marx, from Wildlife Alliance, who manages the project, has contacted APSARA (Authority for the Protection of the Site and Development of the Region of Angkor) requesting them to help to keep the animals safe.

On 4 July, a very weak male smooth-coated otter was found and so they put him in the small cage inside the otter release enclosure in the hope that he would grow stronger and could be released with the others. However, they had to take him to Phnom Tamao when he continued to get weaker and hopefully given the proper care he can indeed go back to the wild, where he belongs. He is another example of someone taking an animal as a pet and then just dumping it when they either lose interest or the otter becomes destructive and smelly.

Thanks to the support from Wildlife Alliance WRRT and PTWRC who do a great job rescuing and caring for these animals. It is not an easy job as they have to deal with pet owners who don't want to give up their animals and also the more criminal elements who see the animals as a commodity. Also as usual there can be certain political niceties with various authorities.

If you would like to support this work, you can make a donation at the Otter Shop:

<https://ottershop.co.uk/products/iosf-rescued-pet-otters-fund>

## Some Positive Results of Prosecutions for Illegal Trade

### India

**A paper was published recently on the distribution of smooth-coated otters in Valsad, Gujarat, India** (*Smooth-coated otter distribution and report on illegal otter trafficking in Valsad, India – Trivedi and Patel*). The paper reported on the confiscation of a sub-adult female cub destined for the illegal trade for its fur, meat or for traditional medicine. The otter was later released under supervision from the forest officials.



Photo: Krunal Trivedi

This occurred in June 2020 and five people were arrested and charged under the Wildlife Protection Act 1972. In April 2022 all of the accused were found guilty and given three years' imprisonment and fined. It is really encouraging to see the authorities taking a strong stance against such trade.

Krunal Trivedi has been working on the otters of Gujarat for the last few years mainly on human-otter interactions. You can see more about their work at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08sl2upjFlc>

### Uganda

**An ivory trader has been jailed for life in Uganda which is the country's longest ever sentence for wildlife crimes.** Poaching and trafficking were widespread throughout the country and in 2019 the law was changed to allow tougher sentences.



Pascal Ochiba was arrested in January this year in Kampala with two pieces of ivory, weighing around 10kg. He had already served 18 months for possessing ivory and so was given a life sentence as he is a “habitual offender”.

Sam Mwandha, head of the Uganda Wildlife Authority, called the sentence “a landmark achievement in the fight against illegal wildlife trade. We must do our best in our times to protect our wildlife otherwise history will judge us harshly”.

Although this is not directly related to otters we can hope that other authorities worldwide will take a similar strong stance against the illegal wildlife trade.

[https://focusingonwildlife.com/news/ivory-trader-in-uganda-jailed-for-life-in-countrys-harshest-sentence-for-the-crime/?utm\\_source=mailpoet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newsletter-post-title\\_1120](https://focusingonwildlife.com/news/ivory-trader-in-uganda-jailed-for-life-in-countrys-harshest-sentence-for-the-crime/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter-post-title_1120)

## Tanzania (images credit Mrisho Mohamedi)

**We are delighted to report on more education work in local communities in Tanzania.** This time Mrisho Mohamedi visited the Matipwili Village, Bagamoyo district, a village close to Saadani National Park. Mrisho was working under the guidance of IOSF’s African Community Education Officer, William Mgomo, and it is great to see that William’s work is inspiring more people to take part in future conservation.

The main objective of Mrisho’s programme was to raise awareness of otters and their importance to local communities, including fishermen, farmers and children.

Firstly, he visited the local communities and stakeholders that have a direct relationship with otters and their habitats. Mrisho engaged with 15 fishermen where he learned about the issues they face with otters, the perceptions that the communities have and he also absorbed the knowledge that they offered. Many fishermen have conflict issues with otters in terms of damage to their fishing traps and also removing their catch, the fish. Once Mrisho had learned about these issues, he then spoke to the fishermen about the benefits of otters. Using different examples, such as other species, he showed them how otters produce an ecological balance and are therefore vital for the area. He expressed how every species, including humans, have advantages and disadvantages, in terms of their effect on other species, and this is something that the fishermen really engaged with.



The final say came from one of the heads of the local fishing community, who understood the benefits of otters in terms of the whole ecosystem. He emphasised that the conservation status of the environment was important, and that although otters are an issue for them, they will work on ways to reduce this and help protect them in the long term.

Mrisho then visited Matipwili Primary (700 students) and Secondary Schools (400 students) and spent the day



introducing the children to otters. Some of the children had heard of and know of otters, but more of them had not. The kids found this “new” animal very engaging and were very excited to see pictures of a species they don’t know. He spoke to them about otters, diet and distribution, and why it is so important to conserve them and finished by really emphasising the importance of otters as an indicator and keystone species.



Mrisho concluded by saying that visiting this community was difficult due to people's perceptions. However, with more work we can change the mind of the people towards otters, as even with this short programme, perceptions had begun to change!

IOSF is excited to see this project and Mrisho's hard work make a difference. We have already been contacted by other individuals in Tanzania who have been inspired by William's work and are going to do similar work in their own area.

***This huge impact of one individual who attended the IOSF workshop in Tanzania just demonstrates how powerful these workshops are. IOSF has always believed that it is vital to involve local people who can understand the needs of the communities and their culture and can relate to them. When William came to the workshop in 2015 he became captivated by otters and determined to do more. Since then literally thousands of children have heard his message and now there are more and more people following his example. It is wonderful to see the spread of otter education and conservation in Tanzania and we look forward to hearing more.***

You can support projects in Tanzania by making a donation at the Otter Shop  
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Yupukari Wildlife Club, in Guyana, has been busy over the last short while and have managed to get the kids out on field visits around the spectacular Rupununi region.

Oswin, part of the Wildlife Club and Save the Giants team, told IOSF that children have been out bird watching, setting up camera traps, having fun indoor meetings, fishing, picnics and even been out otter spotting along the river - and finding them!

We love seeing kids involved with nature and the Yupukari Wildlife Club is doing a great job!



**For more information on Team Otter, check out our website ([www.loveotters.org](http://www.loveotters.org)) or Facebook. If you are interested in forming your own Team Otter Club contact [Ben@otter.org](mailto:Ben@otter.org)**

## News from The Sanctuary

**Since our last newsletter, our sanctuary has been very busy!**

We had already mentioned that Storm was ready to go, and he has done just that and is back in the wild (see photos below). It was a beautiful Autumnal day as we took Storm back to Sutherland in the Scottish Highlands, where he was found. Our trusted network of helpers from the area had found the perfect release site where he would have minimal interference which would allow him to settle into his new surroundings. The sun shone bright as Storm, hesitant at first, finally jumped out of his carry box and into the sea. He spent his time diving around in the seaweed before disappearing into his new life.





Photo: Andy Summers



Photo: Donna Hopton

We are often asked if we are 'sad' to see the otters go back to the wild but nothing can be further from the truth. Our hard work, and the perseverance and survival instincts of the otter, allows them to return to the wild where they belong. In truth, nothing makes us happier.

Storm isn't the only otter that is back in the wild. Mist, the big, grumpy otter that had been in our care for a short amount of time is also back where she belongs! She was clearly a lot older than we had been led to believe before she arrived, so she was soon ready to go.

Finally, Cass is also back in the wild. As it's been a while since our latest newsletter we haven't updated you on the beautiful story of her release following her remarkable recovery in the sanctuary. On arrival we thought she was an older otter, and as such was struggling with the high demands of being a wild otter. She had been found in a nearby shed in our village, clearly thin and very pale (hence why she was named Cass after Casper the Ghost due to her extremely pale colour).



However, things didn't quite add up, Her face seemed to be of an old otter but her teeth were not. We discovered that as she had an infection in her mouth she chose to eat only on one side of it. As time went on, her recovery became more and more remarkable to the point where she was barely recognisable as the otter that came into our care.

Eventually came the time for Cass' release and we can honestly say that we have rarely had better. You could see the sense of joy in her body language as her box was opened and she sprinted for the sea – a true story of success and survival! You can see this for yourself on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1FNDIa\\_eHU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1FNDIa_eHU)

The other four 'residents' Bealltinn, Marina, Baird and Wally are still doing well. Wally too is being prepared for release soon – so more good news.

Marina and Baird are now good friends although they do squabble over fish at mealtimes – but that is all normal behaviour which we have seen in wild cubs.

Now, let us introduce you to a new face, Dobhran, which is Gaidhlig for otter. He comes from the Isle of Mull and it is believed that his mother was hit on the road as he was found on the roadside relatively near to where a



female had lost her life. On arrival, he was straight into the milk and feeding well – and, bar a small ‘bump’ in the road where he went off his food, he hasn’t really looked back. He is now eating whole fish and has been moved into larger quarters and continues to do well.



Unfortunately, otter rehab isn’t all positive stories, the nature of the work means that sometimes we just aren’t successful and this was sadly the case during the last short while. We received a couple of cubs that didn’t make it. One cub from North Skye was severely underfed and cold on arrival but did show signs of ‘perking up’

over the first few hours, with some warm feeds and heated sleeping box. Unfortunately, our hard work didn’t reap the rewards and the otter sadly passed – the post-mortem revealed that it had pneumonia and was unlikely to survive – but this doesn’t make it any easier!

The second, which was more recent, came from the Isle of Lewis. This little one was far smaller and despite multiple trips to the vets, it didn’t make it either. The post mortem revealed malnutrition and pneumonia and having spoken to the finders it seems she had been on her own for quite a while. Very sad.

Like we said, the nature of the job means that any otter (or animal) coming into our care is in need and therefore we are giving them another chance. Unfortunately, not all are successes but knowing that we can help the majority get back to the wild means that we will never stop trying. Going back to the point about being ‘sad’ when they are released, we are ‘sad’ when they aren’t, but we are elated when they go!

And we can only keep going thanks to your commitment, support and passion.

*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)*



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## Thank You...

The entire team at IOSF would like to send our condolences to the Reeves-Womble family after the loss of Ann, a loving mother and grandmother.

Ann is grandmother to one of Team Otter Broadford's members, John, and was so fond of hearing everything that John and the rest of the group got up to. In lieu of flowers at Ann's funeral, the family chose to raise money for IOSF and Team Otter – and we would like to express our thanks to them for that.

We will keep up the hard work to honour Ann and our many supporters. Thank you!

**We also thank: The Alice Noakes Memorial Charitable Trust, The Carron Charitable Settlement, Mrs. D.M. France-Hayhurst Foundation, The William Geoffrey Harvey's Discretionary Settlement No 2**

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<https://www.ottershop.co.uk/become-a-life-supporter-c2x9466694>

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Including a legacy in your will ensures that your wishes are carried out, so it is important to discuss this with your solicitor. You can stipulate a specific restriction for its use, but remember that without restriction your legacy can be directed to where it is required most urgently.

Should you choose to provide a legacy for the International Otter Survival Fund in your will, we thank you and appreciate your support in this way.

This link [http://otter.org/Public/HelpUs\\_Legacy.aspx](http://otter.org/Public/HelpUs_Legacy.aspx) will take you to our dedicated web page concerning making a Legacy.

## The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2023



We're fundraising for extra otter enclosures here at our Isle of Skye Otter Rehabilitation Centre. Help us to adapt to new challenges with the expansion of our outdoor facilities and updating of equipment...

Giving otters a second chance at life.

Please support us with a donation through our fundraising page with **The Big Give Christmas Challenge**:



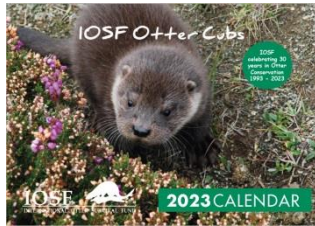
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## Wildlife Again Reveals Potential Threats from Pollutants

We are all familiar with the fact that otters nearly disappeared in the 1950s and 1960s largely due to the use of persistent chemicals particularly in pesticides. It was only when otters and other top predators, such as the peregrine falcon, began to become scarce that scientists realised the serious threat of these chemicals.

Back in 2000 IOSF held the first ever otter toxicology conference on Skye and you can find the Proceedings in Volume 1 of the OTTER Journal at [https://otter.org/Public/MediaAndResources/Resources\\_Journal.aspx](https://otter.org/Public/MediaAndResources/Resources_Journal.aspx)

During the conference the role of various pollutants in the decline of the otter in Europe was examined – heavy metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), organochlorines such as dieldrin, together with the threat from new chemicals. Research is carried out into the effects of individual chemicals like PCBs but no-one knows the “cocktail effect” of when they are mixed together.

Sadly, we really haven't learnt anything since then and now studies of birds are confirming the damage still being caused by pollutants in our environment.

Rui Lourenço from Portugal was captivated by the feathers of eagle-owls and used to collect them from below nest sites. Rui worked at the ecology lab at the University of Évora and one of his colleagues asked if she could test the feathers for toxic chemicals. Like otters, eagle-owls and indeed all raptors, are top predators and any pollutants become more and more concentrated as you go up the food chain. So those creatures at the top are liable to have high concentrations of these chemicals and by monitoring them we can keep an eye on pollutant levels in our environment. Rui now sends his feathers for regular analysis and as he says “They work as an alert system not only for predators, but for the environment and humans”. This is important work.

Many chemicals are regarded as “forever chemicals” as they do not break down in the environment. Although some were banned over 40 years ago they are still being found in wild animals and humans. Even at Rannoch Moor in the Scottish Highlands where the environment is regarded as “clean” a study showed that rainwater is not safe to drink because of the presence of these persistent chemicals. So what about the wildlife living in these waters, such as otters?





One of the problems is that about 350,000 chemicals are marketed around the world with about 100,000 marketed in the European Union. BUT a mere 500, yes 500, have been researched in detail for their threats!



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Eurasian Eagle Owl

In 2007 the EU brought in a new strategy called EU REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) which looks at the production, use and potential impacts of chemicals on humans and the environment. This means that all companies manufacturing or importing chemical substances into the EU in quantities of one tonne or more per year must to register these substances with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). This includes certain substances which are contacted in objects, such as flame retardants in furniture. Naturally this is very complicated but it is the strictest law we have to protect our environment from these chemicals. However, since BREXIT of course, the UK are not bound by this law and so is setting up its own UK REACH but there are concerns that this will cause delays and reduced standards in

monitoring and action.

As we said this strategy applies for chemicals in quantities of more than one tonne but if the amount of is less there are few tests. Indeed the European Environment Agency estimates that for more than 70,000 there is little or no information on toxicity and there is no regulation or regular monitoring. Another problem is that when a chemical is banned the industry simply replaces it with a similar one and then there have to be more studies carried out on that one. So there is a constant supply of new chemicals which have to be tested.

For the sake of our wildlife, our environment and even our own health let us hope that the regulations are given full support and provide a strong framework of regulation to protect us from these toxic chemicals.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/sep/25/how-birds-of-prey-are-exposing-a-toxic-time-bomb>



## Sea Women Expeditions

**Sarah Neill, one of our Board members, is joining the “Sea Women Expeditions” women’s leadership programme in Tromsø, Norway.** This is followed by a live-aboard ocean research and snorkel expedition during the winter herring run in Norway’s arctic fjords at 70 degrees North latitude.

Sarah is a marine biologist and will be co-leading the expedition. In total, 40 women (divided in 3 back-to-back cohorts), will participate in this epic expedition between 13th November and 4th December.

The mission is to scout, record, and document disappearing sea ice in the Arctic, with women of many different skillsets, such as: ocean explorers, scientists, artists, communicators, writers, storytellers, traditional knowledge holders, educators, historians, underwater robot and airborne drone pilots, filmmakers, underwater photographers and videographers, medical professionals, scuba divers, and snorkelers!



Sarah Neill with otter cub Puddle

We wish Sarah all the best on her adventure, and hope the expedition is all she expects and more, whilst delivering data that will bring us all great knowledge in the future, regarding this Arctic region.



## News in Brief

### Otter killed illegally in England

There are concerns in Norfolk, England, after an otter was found dead in a trap. Otters in the UK, and across Europe, are protected and it is an offence to disturb, harm or kill them. Police in the area are investigating and appealing for any information that the public may have.



Red Signal crayfish - PA and AE Stancliffe

<https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/crime/police-illegal-trap-kills-otter-south-norfolk-river-9299554>

There was a similar incident a couple of years ago on the Little Ouse near Thetford, also in Norfolk. Apparently, there are a lot of red signal crayfish in the river and an otter died in a crayfish trap. At the time there was a lot of publicity about it and as far as we know there have been no further cases.

***It is vital that all fishermen are aware of the risks any of their equipment poses to all wildlife, not just otters, and take the care needed to prevent any***

***needless injury or deaths.***

### Some positive news from England

Burnley, a town in northern England, has a new resident. One lucky local teenager managed to spot the otter in the canal and was able to take a video of it on her phone. She and her family were so surprised to see it there as they have never seen otters in that area before!

It is positive news for the waterways in the area. As you know, otters need a clean environment in order to thrive and the presence of otters returning to Burnley means that there are improvements in quality of the water. This is great to see!

It is also worth noting, that it is impossible for Olivia to have seen the otter illustrated in the article. This is the sea otter which is a resident of the Pacific Ocean!

<https://www.burnleyexpress.net/news/people/rare-sighting-of-otter-captured-on-film-in-burnley-3869532>

### Lucky Otter Cub

An otter cub had a lucky escape when it was rescued from the engine of a Tesco delivery truck. The young otter had found itself in uncharted territory in the supermarket car park and a rough encounter with a flock of birds forced it to seek safety under the bonnet of the van.

Thankfully, for the little otter, the driver heard its calls for help and the RSPCA was immediately contacted. At first, the cub wasn't keen to come out but with some enticement with some food, she was eventually removed and transferred to South Essex Wildlife Hospital. Here she was reunited with her brother, who was found the previous day.

The two otters are far too young to be without their mother and not known how they have been separated. Something may have happened to mum but it is also possible that the holt had been disturbed and the otters became disorientated and lost. In the case of the latter situation, we would always urge you to take the necessary precautions not to disturb otters and help to reduce such cases happening. We thank you for always thinking of wildlife!

<https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/uk-news/baby-otter-reunited-brother-after-25292620>



### Worries over sea otter

A sea otter in California is being monitored after 'stealing' a surfer's board. The otter jumped onto the surfer's board and was unimpressed by the surfer's attempts to get it off his board and back in the water. The otter bit at the board and only return to the ocean when a second surfer came over and scared it off.

Whereas this may seem like a fairly amusing and trivial situation, it could have ended much worse for both the surfer and the otter. Otters can be aggressive and their bites carry a lot of bacteria. Although this individual behaved in a fairly docile way, this may not be the case next time and we always want to ensure that both people and otters are safe. In this instance, the surfer couldn't have done anything about it but we always urge you to respect otters and wildlife and maintain a safe distance.



Photo: Loraine Mitchell

The otter is known in the area and if it continues to act like this intervention may be necessary. We cannot be certain why it is doing this but it could be that the otter has been fed by people while in the wild - creating a positive, 'safe' perception of people for the otter.

We always, always urge you not to feed otters. They are beautiful, charismatic and a joy to watch - but equally, they are wild and can be aggressive. If an otter becomes too accustomed to people then it can get itself into harm's way by approaching individuals, entering areas where there is high activity, which could, in turn, lead to the otter, or

people, being harmed.

Whenever you are watching animals, please ensure that you maintain a safe distance for both you and the otter and do not attempt to feed them! Hopefully this individual will keep its distance from people, and likewise, people from it - and they can both live in the wild, side-by-side.

Sea Otter Savvy has some useful advice on their website <https://www.seaottersavvy.org/>  
<https://baynature.org/2022/11/03/the-sea-otter-that-stole-a-surfboard-in-santa-cruz-remains-free-for-now/>

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<https://giveacar.co.uk/charities/international-otter-survival-fund/>

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