

The role of non-governmental organisations in natural disasters



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About International Fund for Animal Welfare

- Founded in 1969
- Global non-profit organisation that protects animals and the places they call home.
- Offices in 18 countries and projects in over 40
- Mission: rescue, rehabilitate and release animals into secure landscapes around the world.
- We work with governments and local communities
- Science-based approach (veterinarians, scientists, conservationists and other experts), legal and political experts, → lasting solutions to animal welfare and wildlife conservation issues of our time.



IFAW's vision for disaster response

- Context: Number of disasters increasing, hence a stronger involvement over the past decade
- Improving the welfare and survival of animals rescued in the context of natural disasters
- Helping communities to recover and reach resilience
- Providing disaster relief for all types of animals: companion animals, farm animals and wildlife (Wildlife Rescue Program)



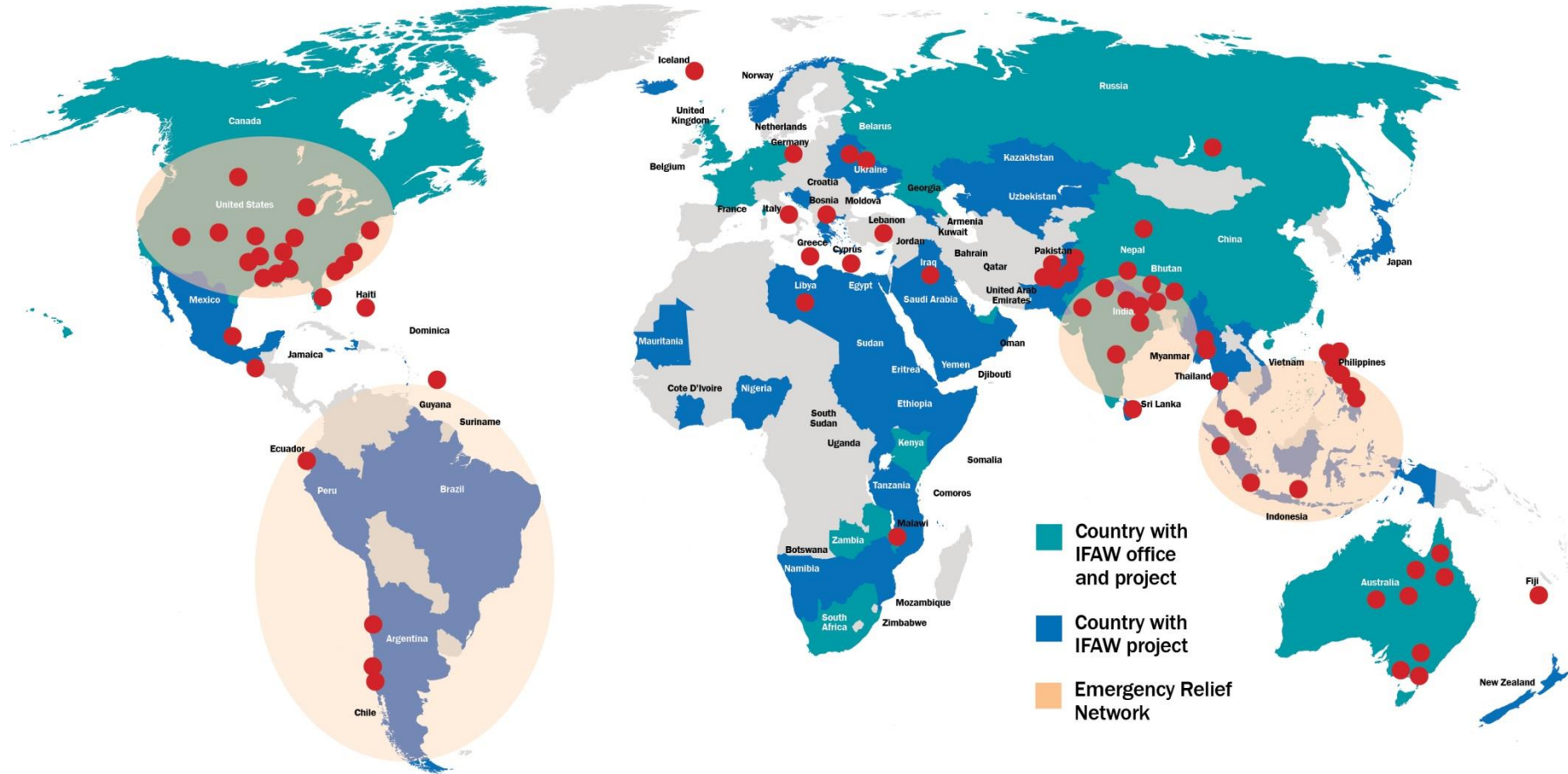
Our experience in responding to major disasters

- **Volcanic Eruption (Mont Agung), Bali (2017)**
- Hurricanes Irma, Maria and José (2017)
- Hurricane Harvey, USA (2017)
- Floods, Bosnia and Herzegovina (2014)
- Erupting volcanoes, Indonesia (2014)
- Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines (2013)
- Financial crisis, Cyprus (2013)
- Cyclone Phailin, Pacific (2013)
- Colorado floods, USA (2013)
- Floods, Germany (2013)
- Moore tornado, USA (2013)
- Typhoon Bopha, Philippines (2012)
- Hurricane Isaac, USA (2012)
- Hurricane Sandy, USA (2012)
- Floods, Thailand (2011)
- Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster, Japan (2011)
- Earthquake, Haiti (2010)
- Floods, Pakistan (2010)
- Black Saturday bushfires, Australia (2009)
- Oil spill, Madagascar (2009)
- Sichuan earthquake, China (2008)
- Hurricane Katrina, USA (2005)
- Tsunamis, Southern Asia (2004)
- MV Treasure oil spill, South Africa (2000)



DISASTER RESPONSE

Founded in 1969, IFAW runs animal welfare, wildlife conservation and education programs with partners in more than 40 countries.



CYCLONE

Australia
India

DROUGHT

Pakistan

DZUD

Mongolia

EARTHQUAKE

Ecuador
Haiti
Italy
Nepal

FLOODS/MUDSLIDE

Australia
India
Indonesia
Thailand

US & Caribbean

Asia Regional
Fiji
Germany
Malawi
Mexico

HURRICANES

Nicaragua
US & Caribbean

RELIEF

Indonesia
Australia
Chile
Cyprus
India
Iraq
Lebanon
Libya

Pakistan

Sri Lanka
Ukraine
US & Caribbean

TORNADO

US & Caribbean

TYPHOON

Philippines
Taiwan

VOLCANO

Chile
Iceland
Indonesia
Philippines

WILDFIRES

Australia
Chile
Greece
Indonesia

Emergency Relief Networks

- Emergency Relief Network (ERN) model to expand our capacity through relationships with response partners (groups, networks, agencies, organisations, and contractors)
- Purpose: improving standards for emergency relief (best practices) and promoting disaster risk reduction planning
- ERN members: trained on disaster management/technical rescue and equipped to respond to animals impacted by disasters (workshops for team leaders and/or responders)



Implementation of the OIE Guidelines

- Facilitating the implementation of the OIE Guidelines on disaster management and risk reduction in relation to animal health and welfare and veterinary public health in EU Member States or European countries
 - Legislative Framework
 - Communications between stakeholders
 - Training and Education
 - Integration and Coordination of plans into frameworks
 - Post-disaster evaluations



OIE Animal Welfare Platform for Europe

- Disaster management: priority in the 2nd Action Plan of the OIE Animal Welfare Platform for Europe for 2017-2019
- 3 Year plan (2017-2019)
 - Year 1: Elaboration of the contingency plan (1st Disaster Risk Management Workshop)
 - Year 2: Adoption of the contingency plans
 - Year 3: Field simulation exercises to test out the plans in real conditions
- Stakeholders:
 - OIE Animal Welfare Platform
 - Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise G. Caporale
 - NGOs (including IFAW)

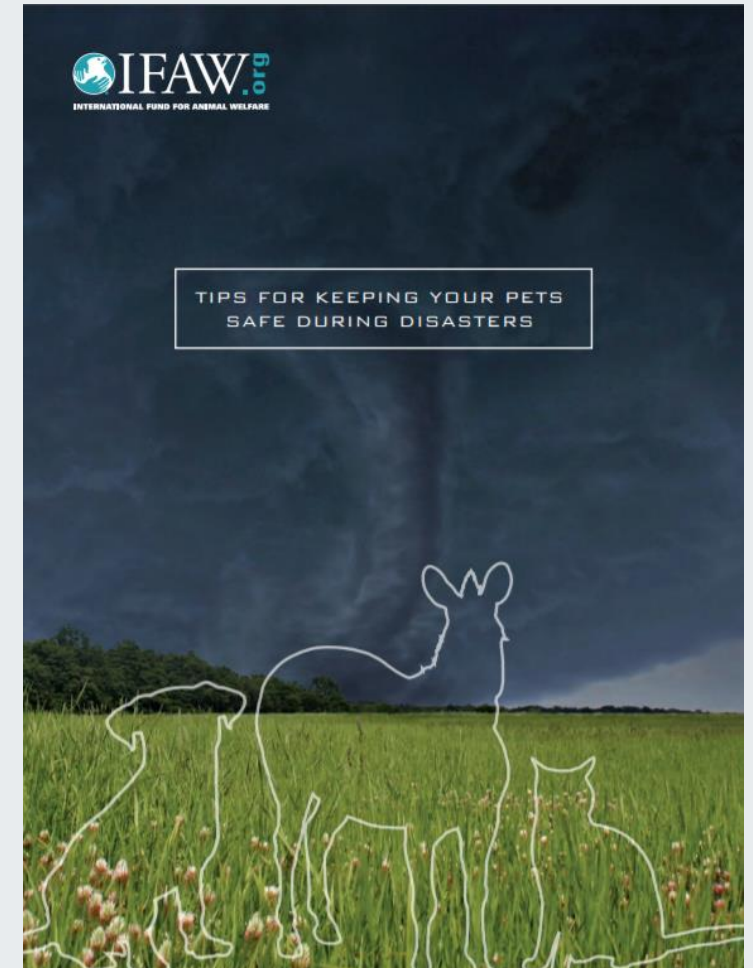


Disaster Preparedness

Brochure on *Tips for keeping your pets safe during disasters*:

<https://g.ifaw.org/2ztHOYi>  

- Advanced planning
 - evacuation plan, stickers, neighbours
- Specific advice for other animals (horses, rabbits, fish, reptiles)
- Proper identification
- Preparing a pet survival kit in advance
- Transport equipment and cage furnishing
- If you can evacuate with your pets, do it!



IFAW Disaster Response Grant Project

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Situations eligible

Any man-made or natural disaster impacting animals where physical or financial assistance is needed to support local response and recovery.

e.g. of man-made disasters: political conflict, financial crisis, large scale cruelty case.

e.g. of natural disasters: extreme weather event, earthquake, wildfire, flood.

Criteria used to evaluate proposals

- For registered non-profit organisations or verified agencies
- Description of how animals are impacted by the disaster
- Clear description of how the organisation's capacity and capabilities to support a response
- Proposal of a clear and efficient response plan and budget.
- Monitoring and Evaluation of the response plan

Thank you!

