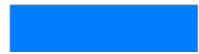


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The role of the NGOs in disaster management

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agenda

- ▶ Introduction to IFAW and DR Teams
- ▶ Objectives in Europe
- ▶ Disaster Management cycle
 - Prevention/Preparedness
 - Response
 - Resilience
- ▶ IFAW Operations from 2021-2023

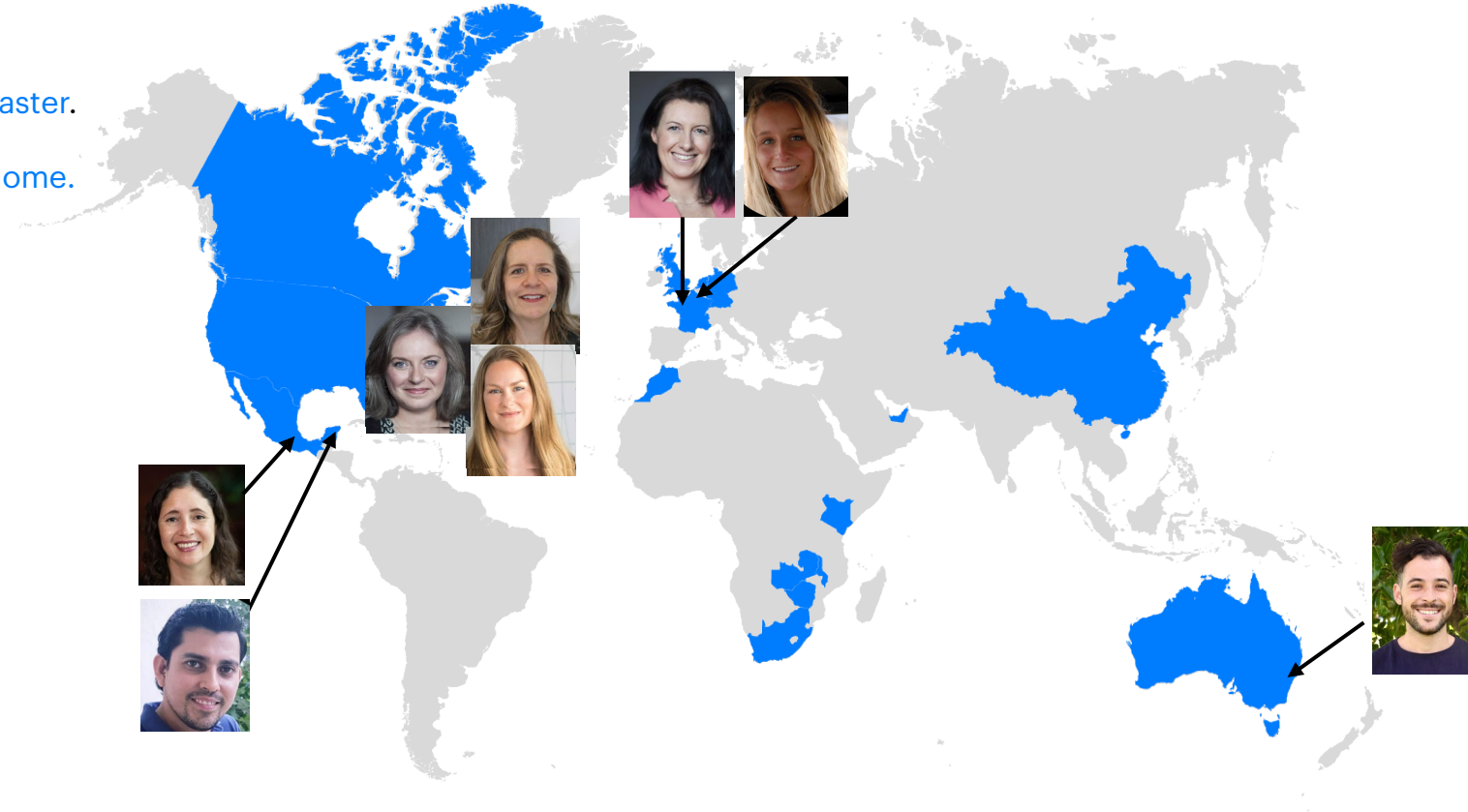
global presence—local response

▶ Our Disaster Response programme goals:

- ▶ **Lessen animal suffering** before, during and after a **disaster**.
- ▶ **Rescue** more animals during a **crisis** and return them **home**.

IFAW offices

- ▶ **Australia**
- ▶ **Belgium**
- ▶ **Canada**
- ▶ **China**
- ▶ **France**
- ▶ **Germany**
- ▶ **Kenya**
- ▶ **Malawi**
- ▶ **Mexico**
- ▶ **Netherlands**
- ▶ **South Africa**
- ▶ **United Arab Emirates**
- ▶ **United Kingdom**
- ▶ **United States**
- ▶ **Zambia**
- ▶ **Zimbabwe**



+ 50 external volunteering responders

* DR teams in **European countries** & **beyond**

disaster management cycle



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Objectives in Europe

- ▶ **Raise awareness about animals and their needs in disasters**
- ▶ **Strengthen operational and technical capabilities in the field of disaster response & risk reduction for animals, considering:**
 - ▶ **Preparedness** : training early responders in best practices.
 - ▶ **Technical rescue** : during disasters, IFAW responders deploy to help wildlife, domestic animals and people.
 - ▶ **Community resilience**: after the initial crisis, IFAW provides expertise to governments, emergency responders and volunteers to ensure that disaster response plans include animals.
 - ▶ **Recovery and reconstruction** : IFAW works with local agencies to restore the community and natural environment to minimise the impact on animals in future disasters
- ▶ **Advocate for public financial support to handle all animal categories in disasters in an integrated manner within humanitarian emergencies**



rescuing
animals



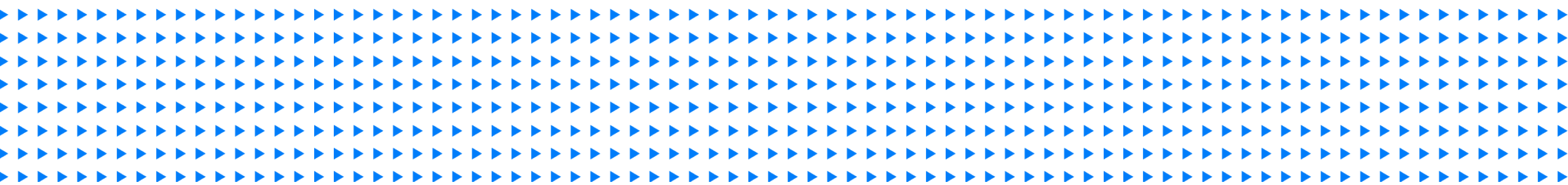
animal disaster
planning



local capacity
building



community
resilience



Prevention/preparedness phase

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Help protect animals in disasters - sign today!



Advocacy

Include animals in disaster management plans and policies.



Build strategic partnerships

Public: civil security (working with AR brigade), WOA (Co-funding WOA workshops on the role of VS in animal welfare during disasters), wildlife management authorities, etc.

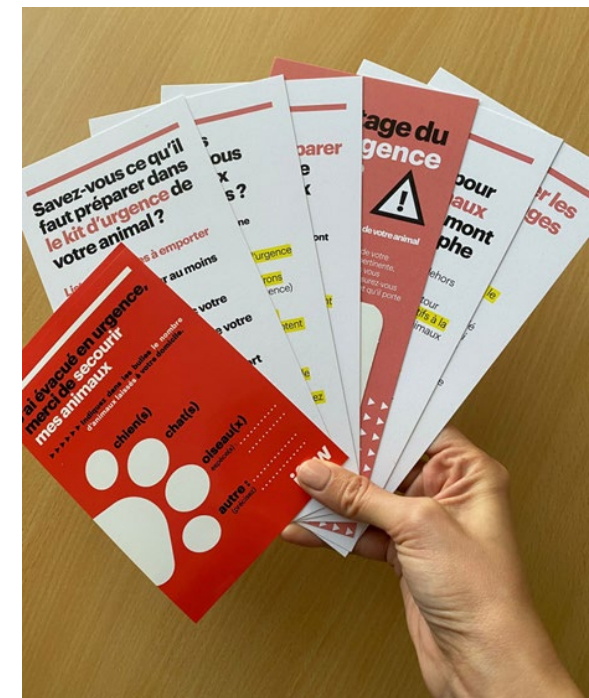
Private:
 *animal care facilities: wildlife rescue centres, vet clinics (Evidensia)
 *animal health companies: CEVA
 *financial: Rescue & Recover Fund (BNP-Paribas Foundation)



Animal Rescue Networks

We amplify our expertise and effectiveness by forming and establishing partnerships with local groups to create **ARNs: Animal Rescue Networks**.

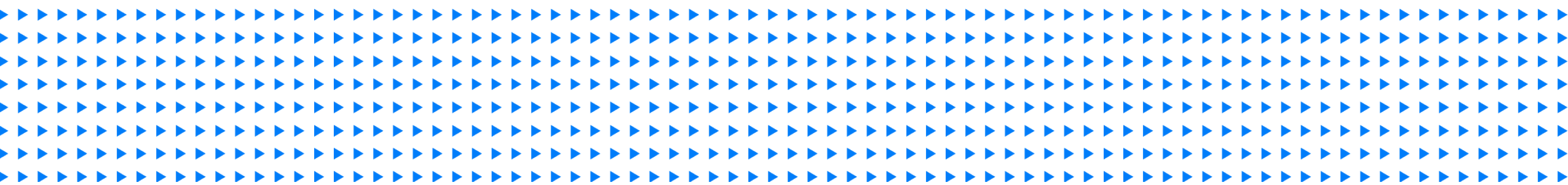
Who: Animal rescue groups, Veterinary associations, Government agencies, Civil service organisations, Learning institutions, etc.



Resources

Create animal preparedness resources

e.g. : evacuation stickers, prepare a pet emergency kit, how to help wild animals in crisis, etc.



Response phase



Emergency grants

In-kind or financial

e.g. Storms & Floods in Northern France – 6 animal care facilities helped (farm animals & wildlife)



Expertise

Providing expertise and experts (*remotely or on the ground*)

e.g. Greece : assisting a partner in tortoise rehabilitation & release following wildfires.

- ▶ 2 people deployed including tortoise expert
- ▶ 148 tortoises released back in the wild



Team deployment

Providing on the ground support.

- ▶ Emergency Support Function (ESF)
- ▶ AHJ Supporting Function
- ▶ NGO to NGO



IFAW's expertise



Service
Disaster management support
Rapid or thorough field assessment
Emergency veterinary care
Evacuation
Field rescue and care of injured/abandoned/lost companion animals
Field rescue and care of injured/orphaned/escaped wildlife
Rehabilitation of wildlife
Field rescue supplies
Temporary animal shelter set up, management, supplies
Co-located or cohabitation shelter set up, management, supplies
Provision of care in situ (veterinary, feeding, shelter)
Purchase/distribution of animal food
Purchase/distribution of water for animals
Animal carcass disposal
Animal facility repair
Human health necessities (for animal owners and carers)
None identified at this time



Poland

A two side intervention

▶ **meeting** with deputy CVO and **partnering** with Polish vet authorities at the animal vet posts set at Przemyzl train station

▶ **operating** animal service station tent at Medyka's border crossing



3,355

Pets chipped, vaccinated and documented at the Przemyzl train station

2 vets

27th of March to the 30th of June 2022 on a 24h shift

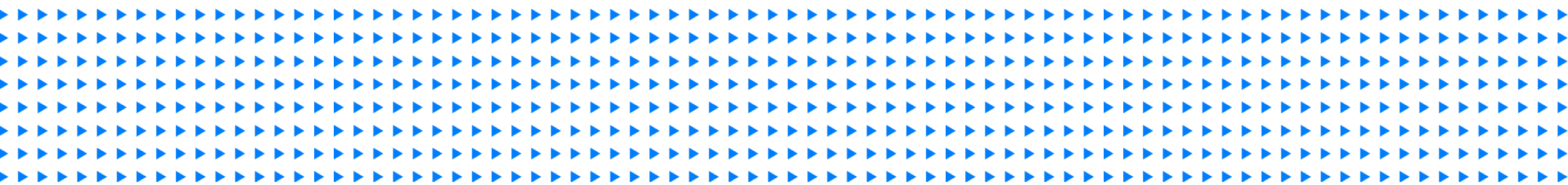
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IFAW responders deployed over 2 month- including 7 vets

2,425

Animals helped at IFAW's 'blue tent' during 2 months





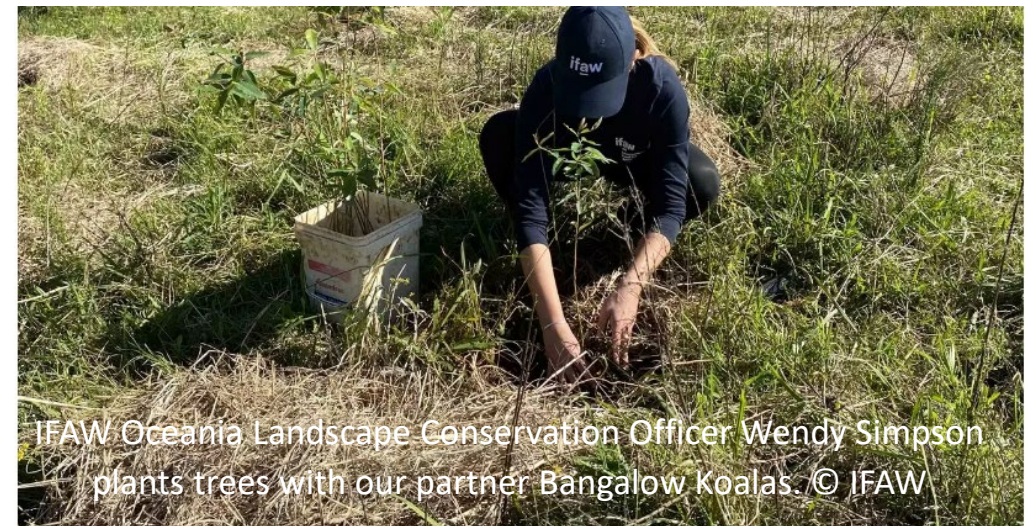
Recovery phase

▶ **Building or reinforcing local capacity to prepare for, respond to and recover from crisis (trainings).**

▶ **Restoring crucial wildlife habitats:**
e.g. Black summer- restoring habitat for Australian wildlife: 20,000 trees



▶ **Developing or improving disaster management plans**





IFAW operations in Europe 2021-2023

July 2021
floods
(Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France)



August 2021
wildfires
(South of France)



October 2021
floods
(Sicily)



February 2022
ongoing war
(Ukraine)



May 2023
floods
(Italy)



July & August 2023
wildfires
(Greece)



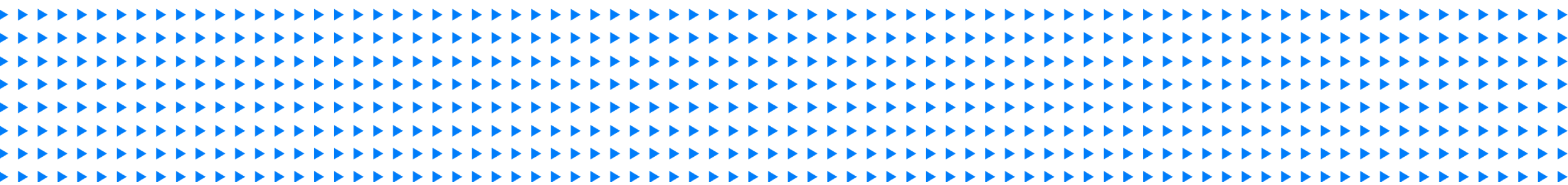
November 2023
storms & floods
(West & North of France)



Total animals helped : 151,500
~ 148,000 (Ukraine)
3,500 (EU)

Thank you

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