The role of the NGOs in disaster management
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

* DR teams in European countries & beyond

+ 50 external volunteering responders
disaster management cycle

Disaster Management

- Response Phase
- Recovery Phase
- Preparedness Phase
- Mitigation Phase

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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**
Prevention/preparedness phase
**Advocacy**

Include animals in disaster management plans and policies.

**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.

**Build strategic partnerships**

**Public:**
- civil security (working with AR brigade), WOAH (Co-funding WOAH 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)*

**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**

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[Images of rescue and management activities]
Poland

A two side intervention

- meeting with deputy CVO and partnering with Polish vet authorities at the animal vet posts set at Przemyśl train station

- operating animal service station tent at Medyka’s border crossing

- Pets chipped, vaccinated and documented at the Przemyśl train station

- 2 vets

- 3,355

- 2,425

- 43

- IFAW responders deployed over 2 month— including 7 vets

- Animals helped at IFAW’s ‘blue tent’ during 2 months

- 27th of March to the 30th of June 2022 on a 24h shift
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 & August 2023 wildfires (Greece)

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

February 2022 ongoing war (Ukraine)

August 2021 wildfires (South of France)

October 2021 floods (Sicily)

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

May 2023 floods (Italy)

July & August 2023 wildfires (Greece)

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

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Thank you
questions?