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Federal Court and Flying Foxes - A Win

On February 12th, the Federal Court declared that the Commonwealth's Guidelines relating to the management of Grey-headed and Spectacled Flying Foxes, made under the Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999 (EPBCA), which purported to give exemptions under that law, were not authorised by law.

This had been the main thrust of HSI's case, successfully prosecuted by the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) Queensland (Jo Bragg and Larissa Waters) and Barristers Chris McGrath and Stephen Keim. Congratulations to this marvellous legal team and also to Carol Booth who provided key evidence.

In other words, the Minister should not have told farmers that they need not seek his permission before starting to kill thousands of threatened flying foxes, and the Commonwealth was told by the court to re-issue those guidelines.

May we take this opportunity to heartily thank all those HSI supporters who gave so

generously to our appeal, and for having faith in our legal plans. This case is not only important for the protection of flying foxes, but also for the future conservation of all species listed under Federal law.

The Commonwealth must now correct the Guidelines to ensure that fruit growers are well aware of their ongoing obligations under the EPBCA. Growers must now make up their own minds on whether or not they should refer plans to kill vulnerable flying fox species for assessment under Federal law.

At the costs hearing in the Federal Court on February 14th, HSI's council argued that the Commonwealth should pay HSI's full costs. However, the court made an order that



Image courtesy of Vivien Jones

each party in this case bear their own (and in our case not insignificant) costs.

HSI will be continuing its varied activities in an attempt to see an end to the unnecessary killing of listed threatened species. Thank you again for your tremendous support. ■

**URGENT
APPEAL**

The court has now ruled that although we won the case we must pay our own costs. The generosity of our supporters was overwhelming but we are still about \$20,000 short of our legal fees. Any further financial help would be greatly appreciated.

Image courtesy of Frantz Dantzer

Dear HSI Friends and Supporters,

Since talking to you last, we owe you all a big THANK YOU, as we celebrate our successes at the CITES endangered species conference in Santiago at the end of last year, and the big flying fox court win at the beginning of this year. They were indeed two very important animal protection events and your letter writing and financial support saved the day on both occasions.

The CITES story on page 6 leaves us of course with lots of follow-up jobs to do, but we do so from a position of strength, as we continue to work for better protection for elephants, turtles, sharks, whales and many other species.

The Federal court result (page 1) was a win not only for the future management and protection of the Grey-headed and Spectacled Flying Foxes, but for all threatened species listed under Commonwealth law, of which there are many thousands. It was a very important point of law that has been established, and we shall continue to seek a final solution to this ever-controversial issue of killing flying foxes by commercial fruit growers.

On the topic of legal wins on behalf of threatened wildlife, we would point you to the brief stories on pages 4, 8 & 9 which highlight some of the other legal cases, brought by governments and our Washington office. Bringing successful prosecutions or winning important court cases, all send critical signals to those people who still have no care for what happens to animals and wildlife or their environment. It reminds them that the public will not tolerate behaviour which treats the natural world with such disdain, and that when they do there will always be people willing and able to take them to account.

I am also very pleased to bring you news of wildlife protection programs supported by HSI in SE Asia (page 5), programs only made possible once again by your ongoing and generous financial support. Wildlife and domestic animals in countries in SE Asia are under far greater pressure and suffer far more than many of their Australian counterparts. The pressures of poverty and hunger on the poor, and the ravages resulting from unthinking development, all take an appalling toll on our non-human companions in this region of the world.

It is essential therefore that organisations

like HSI, when working in Asia and other developing countries, show compassion not only for the animals we are trying to protect, but also for the people of these nations in their own struggle for survival. It is an accepted wisdom that if we want to protect wildlife and habitats and domestic animals in any developing nation, this must be done with the full cooperation and help of local communities, and must also benefit their own undeniable aspirations. Animals need people and people need animals, and unless we work together, only disaster can ensue.

HSI maintains support for freshwater turtle rehabilitation, bear education programs and primate rehabilitation in Vietnam, Orangutan and bear protection activities in Indonesia, marine turtle protection programs in Bali, anti-poaching patrols in Tanzania, and a range of animal welfare programs around the world. These are all tremendous programs that involve local peoples, good solutions, and represent the most prudent use of scarce

but valuable funds – your funds. Well done! We will bring more news of these programs in the next newsletter, including animal welfare work in Thailand.

Finally, HSI's second art show took place late last year in Sydney, which many of our supporters attended. It was a great night, packed to the gills, with many art pieces being sold for the benefit of our regional wildlife programs. You'll see a report on the event on page 10. Don't forget that our annual Faux Fur Show is taking place again this year on May 4th at Fox Studios in Sydney. Grab your tickets (see page 12), as it would be our absolute pleasure to see you there and thank you personally for your invaluable support.

With appreciation,

Michael Kennedy & Verna Simpson
Directors



Image courtesy of Catherine Bone

List of Conservation & Animal Welfare Ministers

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c/- Parliament House,
in your capital city



Wildlife & Land Clearing

**NEW SOUTH WALES ELECTION –
Even if you don't live in NSW!!**

Your urgent letters needed

1. Please write to Premier Bob Carr and Environment Minister Bob Debus, both c/o Parliament House, Macquarie Street Sydney, NSW 2001, urging the full and immediate implementation of the proposals by the "Wentworth Group" of scientists, which outlines a final solution to the terrible problem of land clearing in New South Wales. Remind them that the continuing loss of essential wildlife habitats due to land clearing by farmers is killing millions upon millions of wild animals every year, and that such a practice is unacceptable. It is the single most important thing that the Premier and the Minister can do for the long-term survival of all wildlife in this State.

2. Even if you do not live in NSW, your letter will be very important in putting pressure on the Premier to act. If you do live in NSW, remind the Premier and the Minister that you are a voting member of the public who cares deeply about wildlife and the environment, and urge them to tackle this crisis now.

3. Also ask them to commit before the election, to the absolute protection of all endangered and vulnerable ecological communities (essential wildlife habitats) listed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act, including the implementation of recovery plans. Ask them what has been done so far to protect these important places.

4. Ask them to reply to you before the election date, and please send copies of their response to us.

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP
AGAIN!**

Bears and Freshwater Turtles in Vietnam

In Vietnam HSI has supported the development of an education program prepared by Education for Nature - Vietnam, implementing a sophisticated project aimed at improving public understanding and need for the protection for Asiatic Black Bears and Sun Bears. This work has included the holding of a special wildlife trade workshop for key Vietnamese media professionals (followed by a journalistic investigation and report), the proposed development of a national television advert, and the publication of a school/childrens magazine dedicated to bear conservation. This work was funded thanks to the generous response of HSI supporters to our appeal last year. The next newsletter will bring news of our work with Sun Bears in Indonesia.

Also in Vietnam we have continued to help the Cuc Phong Conservation Project, in Cuc Phong National Park (Vietnam's first National Park), south of Hanoi, in cooperation with Fauna and Flora International. The program aims to quarantine and screen fresh water turtles confiscated from traders, to ensure adequate animal health and to return the animals to suitable habitats within their natural range. Many successful releases have occurred, and the Vietnam Government's Park Authorities have now adopted the program. Resources provided by HSI were also used to implement conservation education programs for the media. ■



An Asiatic Black Bear awaits its fate in Vietnam

Defence Sonar and Whale Strandings

A judge in the US has handed down a preliminary injunction after a legal team from The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS, our parent organisation) proved substantial links exist between the US navy's use of Low Frequency Active Sonar and the beaching of whales. HSI is concerned that the beaching of eight rare gray beaked whales near Busselton, Western Australia, may be the result of long range sonar from naval submarines. ■

Action:

Write to **Dr David Kemp**, Federal Minister for the Environment, Parliament

House Canberra ACT 2600 insisting that any naval activity involving sonar be referred for assessment and approval under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. The Minister is currently taking positive steps to initiate an agreement to protect whales, dolphin and dugong in the South Pacific. Seek his reassurance that the agreement will deal with threats such as sonar and seismic noise pollution, ship strike and interactions with fishing operations.

Send any replies to us.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rhonda Saunders and her team at Design4Results who have donated their time and resources to create a series of eye-catching advertisements for HSI. The advertisements will be run in print media around Australia this year, and will promote the work that we do. Rhonda has offered to donate graphic design on an "as needs" basis to HSI, and is now working on a new HSI brochure. ■

Marine turtles in Indian Ocean & SE Asia soon to be better off

Marine turtles in the Indian Ocean and South East Asia can look forward to better protection in the future as the countries of the region cooperate to protect them through a Memorandum of Understanding under the Convention for Migratory Species. HSI's Nicola Beynon attended the first meeting of the signatory states to the MOU as a member of the Australian government delegation. The Australian Government has played a

leadership role in bringing turtle range states together through this MOU. HSI now hopes that all participating countries will act fast to better protect these highly threatened species.

HSI has also signed on to a petition spearheaded by some of the world's most eminent wildlife scientists calling for a ban on long line fishing in the Pacific to help avert the extinction of species such as the leatherback turtle. ■



Image courtesy of Jeff Canin

Action:

Please write to one or all of the the following Ministers and ask that their governments sign the Indian Ocean and South East Asian MOU for Marine Turtles, and take firm steps to protect these species from threatening processes operating in their waters. Please send any replies you receive to us.

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Government of Indonesia

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Thailand

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Thailand

HSI's New Community Service Announcement

We would like to express, once again, our heartfelt thanks to Greg Grainger and the wonderful team at Grainger TV for this year's Humane Society International Community Service Announcement. The beautiful CSA, which

has been shown widely by TV stations around Australia and promotes the work that we do at HSI, was shot, edited and coordinated by Greg and Jefferson Grainger.

A huge thanks also to the band My Friend Benny, who donated their song

"Rescue Me" as backing to the CSA. The band is a local Sydney outfit who have not released a CD yet, however based on the many calls we are receiving from people who love the track, we believe they are planning to very shortly. ■

Keiko Update



In 2002 the HSUS and HSI took charge of caring for Keiko. Image courtesy of Frank Loftus, HSUS

After leaving his pen in Iceland, Keiko, liberated star of the Hollywood blockbuster *Free Willy*, started the new year in Taknes Bay in Norway where HSUS field research staff, including Director Colin Baird, associate Tobba Kristansdottir and assistant Frank Havak, monitor this charismatic whale on a daily basis.

The researchers list their current priorities as conducting activities to get

ready for the arrival of wild orcas. Wild orcas in Norway follow schools of herring into the fjords, and are expected to begin arriving in February. Keiko's satellite tags are being reprogrammed and replaced so that his travels can be accurately monitored, and local fishermen and ferry boat operators are keeping an eye out for the first signs of wild orca pods.

If Keiko chooses to follow wild whales, he can leave as he pleases, and researchers

will continue to monitor his condition and activities. HSI is particularly pleased Keiko has taken the fight for whale conservation directly to Iceland and Norway, two of the world's most pro-whaling nations.

For more updates on Keiko's activities click through to <http://www.hsus.org> or <http://www.aquarium.org/keiko/> ■

Major Successes for Animals at CITES

HSI was overjoyed with outcomes at the CITES meeting late last year. We had major conservation wins with CITES Appendix II listings for the Whale Shark, Basking Shark, Seahorses, Freshwater Turtles and Big Leaf Mahogany. Welcome resolutions were passed for CITES to take a stronger role in international trade in conservation of all sharks and the Patagonian toothfish. Complete bans on trade were put into effect for the Black Sea

Bottle Nose Dolphin which will put a stop to the aquarium trade taking this species from the wild. Attempts by Japan to down list Minke and Bryde's whales were once again successfully fended off. Sadly listings were not achieved for the Humphead (Maori) Wrasse and Patagonian toothfish, but HSI is confident that a few more years' campaigning will lead to listings in 2005. The meeting voted against 2 out of 5

proposals from countries to trade in elephant ivory stockpiles. We do not think the three countries that were given permission can ever meet the strict conditions that were put on them to allow the trade to take place. HSI thanks all our members who sent postcards to Environment Minister Dr David Kemp which helped ensure Australia took a firm stance for species conservation at the meeting. ■

Anti-Poaching Patrols



Image courtesy of Frantz Dantzer

HSI, in partnership with the Born Free Foundation in the UK, has funded an anti-poaching patrol in Tanzania called the West Kilimanjaro Fieldmen. Fieldmen are recruited from three local villages on the Tanzanian side of the border with Kenya.

They carry out frequent localised patrols, monitoring and recording human activity in their area. Over the past few years, it has had a dramatic affect on reported illegal wildlife use, including elephant poaching, reducing it significantly. ■



Primate Rescue Centre



Sitting outside a “Snake Wine” restaurant in Vietnam this primate also awaits an uncertain fate.

HSI has given financial support to the Endangered Primate Rescue Centre in Cuc Phong National Park in Vietnam. Vietnam has some of the most endangered primates in the world, and this centre cares for primates that have been confiscated from traders, illegally kept as pets or bought by tourists. It has also been successful in breeding many highly endangered primates. Primates at the centre include Delacour’s Langur, Hatinh Langur, Black Langur, Laos Langur, Phayre’s Langur, Cat Ba Langur, Tonkin snub-nosed langur, Red-shanked Langur, Grey-shanked Douc Langur, Black-shanked Langur, White-cheeked Gibbon, Southern White-cheeked Gibbon, Gabriella’s Crested Gibbon, Slow Loris, and Pygmy Loris. ■

HSI calls for Fishery Closure



Image courtesy of Catherine Bone

In Australia HSI has called for the East Coast Tuna Longline Fishery to be closed due to the impact it is having on turtles, albatross and sharks. Despite HSI's constructive lobbying for eight years on this issue, industry and Government are

allowing this extremely serious problem to continue. ■

 **Action:**

Write to Federal Minister for Environment **Dr David Kemp** and Fisheries Minister

Senator Ian Macdonald, Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600, and ask that the East Coast Tuna Fishery be closed due to the impact on endangered albatross, turtles and sharks caught as bycatch. Send any replies you receive to us.

Reprieve for Dolphins with Tuna Labelling Turnaround

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has been successful in securing an injunction to prevent dolphin-deadly tuna from Mexico being sold under the dolphin-safe label in the US. The injunction reversed the Bush administration's decision that a controversial fishing method involving encircling pods of dolphins with mile long nets to catch tuna has "no significant adverse impact" on the dolphins. This form of 'purse seine' netting has killed approximately six million dolphins in the eastern Pacific since the 1950s. Thanks to HSUS the original dolphin-safe labelling standards will remain in place until a further hearing, which is set to take place in two months. ■

For more information see

HSUS Dolphin-SafeTuna <http://www.hsus.org/ace/16052>

Prosecution on Dolphin Kills Welcomed

Humane Society International welcomes the first custodial sentence issued under the Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999 for the killing of protected wildlife. Senator Ian Macdonald, Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation secured the conviction in the case of an illegal fishing vessel master caught using dolphin meat as bait to attract sharks for finning. Dolphins are protected under the EPBC Act and HSI is delighted to see the strong penalties available under this legislation being exercised. ■

Shark Finning Ban Hits Home in Western Australian Waters



Critically endangered Grey Nurse Shark, a known victim of finning. Image courtesy of David Harasti

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority has convicted the skipper of a longline vessel caught landing shark fins illegally at a West Australian port. The skipper of the FV Genesis was found to have landed 91 shark fins in breach of permit conditions for the Southern and Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery and the skipper was fined \$1694 as a result. HSI is

pleased that our lobbying work towards a national ban on shark finning is impacting on those fishermen who continue this wasteful, unsustainable and incredibly cruel (if carried out live) practice. Following a long HSI campaign, shark finning bans are now in place in almost all state and territory longline fisheries, with the exception of the Northern Territory. ■

Action:

Write to **Senator Ian MacDonald**, Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, and ask that he ensure the wasteful, unsustainable and often cruel practice of finning sharks and discarding their bodies is banned throughout all Australian waters. Encourage him to work with other countries to secure an international ban on the practice through the United Nations. Send any replies you receive to us.

Big Win for Whales in Washington State

On 20th December 2002, the US Court of Appeals reversed a previous trial court decision and halted, for a second time, the killing of gray whales off the coast of Washington by

the Makah community. The court ruled in favour of plaintiffs (Humane Society of the United States and others) who argued that in allowing the hunt, the government had not only failed to

comply with the US National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) but had also violated the US Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). ■

Icelanders Threaten to go Whaling

Meanwhile the Australian Government has strongly objected to the Government of Iceland's decision to rejoin the International Whaling Commission with a reservation to the moratorium on commercial whaling. Australia has asserted that the Iceland reservation is illegal. ■

Action:

Write to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, **The Hon Alexander Downer**, c/- Parliament House Canberra ACT 2601 to congratulate him on the Australian Government's strong opposition to Iceland joining the International

Whaling Commission with a reservation against the moratorium on commercial whaling.

Copy your letters to **Dr David Kemp** Federal Minister for Environment and Heritage and send your replies to us.

HSI's 2002 "Extinction Denied" Art Show a Great Success



Linda Stoner and artist Stuart Rex in front of Stuart's piece 'Herbie's Big Night'. Image courtesy of Sean Pilkington



Artist Xavier Ghazi in front of his piece "In Your Eyes", with Kerrie Friend and Bianca Dye. Image courtesy of Sean Pilkington

Many thanks to all who attended our Art Exhibition "Extinction Denied" in October 2002, which has raised over \$20,000 towards animal protection programs so far with sales continuing.

The opening night at the stunning ArtHouse Hotel in Sydney was attended by an eclectic mix of celebrities, MPs, artists and passionate animal lovers – including Bianca Dye of Nova 96.9, Kerrie Friend, Senator Andrew Bartlett, the former Environment Minister, Senator Robert Hill, and Linda Stoner to name but a few.

The event was made possible by a wonderful group of award winning and talented artists who donated their pieces for sale - Adam Cullen, Nicolas Harding, Nigel Noyes, Stuart Rex, Gav Barbey, Michael McIntyre, Bronia Iwanczak, Darren Pryce, Dhuwarrwarr Marika, Graeme McKim, Marguerite Derricourt, Mary Shackman, Michael Herford, Xavier Ghazi, Diablo, Giles Alexander, Catherine Bone, David

Egan, R S Levy, Jo Mulcahy, Shaun Clark, Brian Che, Bruce Goold, Peter Griffen, Mike Golding, Hugh Whittaker, and Margaret Woodward. Thanks to each one of you for your generosity.

If you didn't have an opportunity to attend, there are still a variety of beautiful pieces, which are just waiting to be purchased. To view them please visit our website www.hsi.org.au.

Thank you also to our generous sponsors of the event, the ArtHouse Hotel who provided the wonderful venue, and Grolsch and Cockatoo Ridge, who provided alcohol for our opening night. We also cannot overstate the value of the many volunteers who assisted but would like to make special mention of Robbi Newman who photographed each donated piece and designed the website for Extinction Denied; Sean Pilkington who was our photographer at the opening night; Magnum Opus Advertising who designed our beautiful invitation; and Lana Mossel and

Marie Meriesk who came along and assisted with art sales. We could not have put on such a successful event without you all. ■



Margaret's Woodward's "Swingtime". Image courtesy of Robbi Newman

Canadian Government Approves Kill of 975,000 Harp Seals

Even after decades of public condemnation the Canadian seal hunt, the largest mass killing of marine mammals in the world, has once again been expanded. Naomi Rose from the HSUS reports that Canadian Fisheries Minister Robert Thibault has set a total allowable catch of 975,000 harp seals over the next three years. Seals are killed for their pelts, their penises (which are used to make aphrodisiacs in Asian markets), oil (which Canada promotes as a health supplement), and meat. Global markets for seal products remain weak and marginal, making the treatment of seal

populations as a 'resource' seem even more ludicrous.

HSI is particularly concerned that the young seals, which are beaten to death on the ice, are subjected to unwarranted cruelty, and that such a high quota is in no way responsible management of the Canadian seal population. There is demonstrable history that the set quotas are exceeded by hunters, as a matter of course, with no penalties for those who exceed their annual allocated kills. ■

For more information on this matter see <http://www.hsus.org/ace/15954>

Action:

Write to **Prime Minister Jean Chrétien** requesting that he end this massive cruel hunt permanently, and request the scientific evidence on which the government has based the expansion of quotas. Send your replies to us.

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien

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Leuser Ecosystem Remains Under Threat in Sumatra

Some of the world's most critically endangered species, including Sumatran orangutan, elephant, tiger, and rhinoceros are facing a serious new threat to their survival from a government plan to build several major new roads. The proposed roads will divide up what is known as the Leuser Ecosystem, a unique conservation area that is the only place in the world where these species can still be found living side by side and the only area where the critically endangered Sumatran orangutan still occurs in anything even approaching viable numbers. The proposed roads are located so that they will cut in half orangutan habitat and therefore be directly responsible for its ultimate demise. They will also impact the catchment areas of several extremely important rivers in the region, resulting in further depletion of natural water supplies to villages and towns as well as increased erosion, flooding and other natural disasters.

The plan will violate several Indonesian regulations such as Act No 5/1994, ratifying the International Convention on Biodiversity, and Act No 5/1990 on the Conservation of Natural Resources and their Ecosystem. ■

Action:

Write or fax the following people requesting that the current plan be halted immediately. Point out the regulations the plans violate, and point out that the intact Leuser Ecosystem currently provides clean drinking water for between two and six million people. Please send us your replies.

Mr Abdullah Puteh
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Orangutans under threat.
Photo courtesy of Michael Kennedy

Reserve Your Seat at the 2003 HSI Faux Fur Fashion Parade

HSI's 2003 Faux Fur Fashion Parade will be held at the beginning of Mercedes Fashion Week on Sunday 4th May. The parade will be staged at the wonderful City Live venue at Fox Studios, Sydney, and provides us with a fantastic platform to raise awareness of the cruelty of the fur industry around the world, and raise funds towards HSI's campaigns.

As tickets are extremely popular and usually fly out the door, we would like to extend the first invitation to you – our dedicated supporters. If you would like to attend, please telephone our office to reserve your place. ■

Tickets are \$50 per person with all proceeds going towards HSI's campaigns.



Annalise Braekensiek and Nathan Harvey promote HSI's anti fur campaign. Photo courtesy of Scott Cameron



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