

INTERNATIONAL OTTER SURVIVAL FUND

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Conservation

Working worldwide to safeguard areas of good habitat and reduce threats from pollution, roads, human encroachment, hunting and fisheries.

The Fur Trade

The IOSF Furget-Me-Not campaign was set up to combat the illegal fur trade, which is the biggest threat to Asian otters – for every tiger skin found there are at least 10 otter skins.

Otter Rescue

Our Rescue Centre on Skye is renowned worldwide and we provide advice and help for those working in countries like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Philippines and Canada. Our sanctuary on the Isle of Skye provides specialist care for otters from all over Scotland and northern England.

Education

The importance of otters and their role as an ambassador for a healthy environment is spread through education projects in this country and abroad.

Research

Scientific data is vital if we are to direct funding and expertise to where it really matters and make a major contribution to sound conservation strategies.

IOSF exists to conserve all of the world's otters

We share our planet with 13 species of otter and they are all at risk. For some species, such as this Congo clawless (main picture below), there simply isn't enough information on their status. The Hairy-nosed otter (back page) was thought to be extinct in 1998 but a few isolated populations have now been found. Help us to make sure these animals don't disappear for ever.

What you can do to help

- Make a donation – no amount is too small, every penny works hard to help otters
- Adopt one of the otters at our sanctuary at www.otter.org
- Make a purchase from the Ottershop (www.ottershop.co.uk) – you can even book a day with us on Skye otter watching!
- Help raise funds for the otters – there are plenty of ideas on our website
- Contact us immediately if you see an injured or orphaned otter at **+44 (0)1471 822 487**
- Tell us of any threats to otters in your area

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