



WINTER 2023

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We Couldn't Have Done It Without You!

Supporters like you are the reason we were able to do so much for imperiled species and their habitats in 2022. Here is a look at just some of what we were able to accomplish throughout 2022.

Northern Long-Eared Bat Listed at Long Last

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) listing of the northern long-eared bat as an endangered species this year was a hard-won reclassification from its threatened status.

The listing decision, which follows a successful lawsuit filed by Defenders and the Center for Biological Diversity against FWS for failing to protect this imperiled bat, legally recognizes what the science has been telling us for years: White-nose syndrome, the fungal disease killing bats throughout North America, has caused catastrophic northern long-eared bat population declines, but human activities such as habitat destruction and improperly sited wind energy projects are also playing a role we can't ignore.

Electric Fencing Incentive Program Nearing 600th Project

Our highly effective coexistence program celebrated another successful year working with landowners to install electric fencing to prevent conflicts with grizzly bears and other predators. We continued to expand this program, which has supported nearly 600 fencing projects to date. We partnered with the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho to provide training and resources for electric fencing projects to protect grizzly bears in the northern part of the state. In southeast Alaska, we teamed up with the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes to add the electric fencing incentive to our brown bear coexistence efforts there.

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28 More Swift Foxes Released

Defenders celebrated the third year of a collaborative program with the Aaniiih and Nakoda Tribes, the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and others to restore the swift fox to Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in Montana. Through this program a total of 103 foxes have been released on tribal lands, ending an absence of more than 50 years. Monitoring shows that these foxes are reproducing in the wild—a critical measure of success for a self-sustaining population.

Prepared for the Reintroduction of Wolves to Colorado

As an official partner in the effort to reintroduce wolves to Colorado in 2023, Defenders spent the past year rapidly expanding our coexistence work in the state. We initiated wolf-livestock conflict reduction projects with multiple ranchers in Colorado's North Park region, home to the state's only known wolf pack. We hired range riders, organized volunteers to watch livestock overnight, provided turbo-fladry and hosted five successful "Ranching with Predators on the Landscape" workshops to prevent conflicts with the newly established wolf pack and alleviate concerns over the reintroduction and restoration of wolves in Colorado.

In addition, the Colorado Conflict Reduction Group that Defenders created now includes influential ranchers, university staff, state and federal agencies and others—all working together to promote coexistence with wolves in Colorado and prepare for their reintroduction in 2023.



CARIBBEAN REEF SHARK | © ED GULLEKSON

Spanish Website Launched

Defenders launched a new website offering translated content to Spanish-speaking audiences. Spanish is the second-most spoken language in the U.S., but second-language access to conservation content is limited or unavailable. Sharing our knowledge of wildlife and the issues it faces with this new audience honors our commitment to providing more accessible content to keep more people informed and build a broader and more inclusive conservation constituency.

International Protections for Overexploited Species Secured

The overexploitation and illegal trade of species is one of the leading causes of the biodiversity crisis and a major driver of extinction. This year, Defenders attended the 19th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES COP19) and presented proposals to help protect threatened species from overexploitation by international trade.

Defenders staff worked on these proposals for months—years in some cases—leading up to the meeting, and our hard work paid off. In a landmark victory for marine biodiversity and regulation of the shark fin trade, more than 100

species of sharks and rays, including requiem and bonnethead sharks, guitarfish and freshwater rays endemic to Brazil, were listed on Appendix II, controlling and limiting their trade and providing desperately needed protection for these dwindling species. Despite early opposition from the European Union, the proposal to protect 158 species of glass frogs also passed with majority support.

It's been a challenging year, but thanks to you we've been able to achieve these and other incredible victories for wildlife. As our nation and planet face a dire extinction crisis, the stakes are as high as ever. With your ongoing support we'll persevere and face whatever the coming year brings. Together we'll continue to make a difference for the wildlife that needs us most. 🐾

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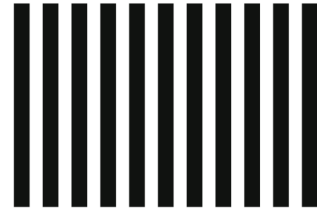
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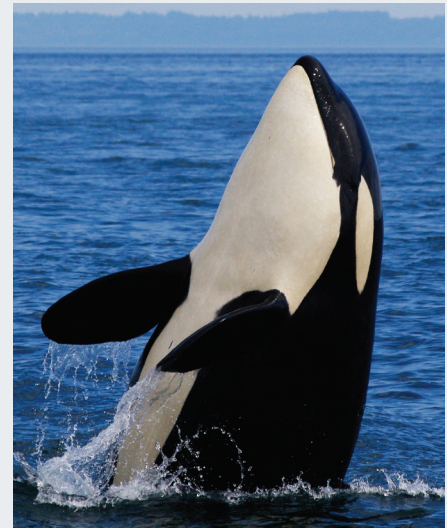
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