Sharing Our World with Wildlife

We’re fighting against indiscriminate, inhumane and unscientific lethal “management” practices and advocating for humane ways to resolve conflicts with our wild neighbors.

• In Michigan, we and our coalition partners won two ballot measures to stop a wolf hunt and stop an unelected, politically appointed commission from opening new hunting and trapping seasons on protected species. And we helped win two court rulings reinstating federal protections for gray wolves in Wyoming and the Great Lakes states.

• We supported a law in West Virginia prohibiting private ownership of dangerous wild animals, and a Virginia law to phase out fox pens. And we stopped the expansion of a spring bear hunt in southeast Oregon.

• The World Trade Organization upheld the European Union’s right to ban trade in commercial seal products for animal welfare reasons, and the International Court of Justice ruled that Japan’s Southern Ocean whaling activities were in breach of the International Convention on the Regulation of Whaling.

• In Vietnam, the world’s largest market for rhino horns, our public education campaign led to a 38 percent drop in demand.

• We shut down the largest ivory markets on the East Coast with trade bans in New York and New Jersey and worked with Chinese activists to reduce demand for ivory and shark fins.

Protecting wildlife often requires a multinational response. This South African elephant is part of a fertility control program. In other countries, we’re reducing demand for ivory to combat poaching.