



IN DEFENSE OF WILD ANIMALS

WORLDWIDE, 2015 SAW MOVEMENT TOWARD CELEBRATING AND HELPING WILD ANIMALS RATHER THAN EXPLOITING THEM—THE ESSENCE OF A HUMANE ECONOMY.

- We battled trafficking: California banned commercial trade in ivory and rhino horns and Washington restricted trade in parts of rhinos, elephants and eight other species. The United States and China committed to ending ivory trade.
- We fought expanding mountain lion trophy hunts in Colorado, Washington, Nebraska and South Dakota; worked in California to ban bobcat trapping; retained Endangered Species Act protections for gray wolves in the Great Lakes region and Wyoming; and helped gain protections for African lions.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service banned trade in four constricting snake species. We supported a Clark County, Nevada, ordinance banning dangerous wild animals as pets, protected California's trade ban on kangaroo parts and helped prohibit shark fin sale, trade, purchase and transportation in Texas.
- The Canadian commercial seal hunt declined to its lowest kill level in a generation, and Europe strengthened its seal trade ban. We filed an *amicus curiae* brief in a case that prevented the Georgia Aquarium from importing 18 beluga whales.
- **HUMANE HERO:** Bullhook bans such as those National Council Member Cheri Shankar helped pass in Los Angeles and Oakland convinced Ringling Bros. to phase out elephant acts.

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After Cecil the lion was killed, we asked airlines to stop shipping hunting trophies: 45 now ban African lion, elephant, rhino, leopard and Cape buffalo trophies.