



## AN UPDATE FROM OPCA

As our world leaders met in Cornwall for the **G7 Summit** the OPCA team have been up to some exciting things.

We were thrilled to launch our latest campaign **Save The Sloths**. We are raising money to support the awesome work of our latest network member, the **Sloth Conservation Foundation** based in Costa Rica. This amazing project uses research and community outreach to protect the sloths of beautiful Costa Rica.

OPCA want to raise enough funds to sponsor a **sloth bridge**, which will enable sloths and other arboreal animals to safely cross roads without having to come down to the floor, as well as vital sloth research equipment.

You can help support this amazing project by watching and sharing **our short film on our social media channels** and by donating to our fundraiser on our GoFundMe page. Every little helps and brings us closer to the life-saving equipment the sloths so desperately need.



Tropical Rainforest



It wasn't just sloths that we focused on this month, we also celebrated **World Ocean and World Rainforest Day**. Two vital ecosystems regulating our climate and supporting all life on earth. Check out our social media pages if you missed our graphics and videos for these days that are well worth celebrating.

As we are sure many people are, we are looking forward to the summer holidays which we will use to continue filming for some of our exciting upcoming projects, as we continue to support and work with the inspiring projects in our network.

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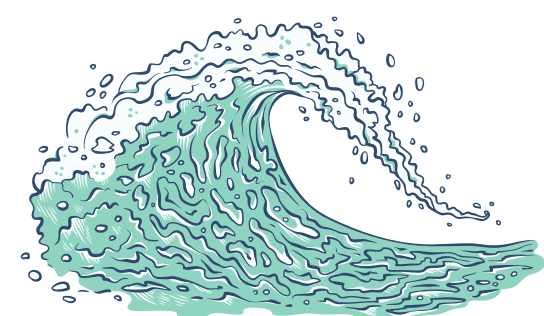
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Camera trap photograph of a three-fingered sloth using a sloth bridge



Poster from OPCA short film 'Save the Sloths'





## NETWORK NEWS ROUND-UP

Firstly, we would like to give a huge congratulations to all of our network and say a **massive thank you** as they have all been working tirelessly this year through the struggles of COVID-19. It has been tough but these projects are still striving to better our planet.

Over in Kenya, the Conservation Education Society have had an exciting month celebrating the annual **Diani Sea Turtle Festival** which was held on the 13th of June. A day full of activities and education was enjoyed by **over 200 students** along with community groups, conservation organisations and Kwale residents. It sure looks like they had a great time.

That's not all from Kenya, a huge well done to the founder of CES Kelly Martin who was gazetted as a **Kenya Wildlife Service Honorary Warden**. Kelly and the CES will work closely with the Kenya Wildlife Service on conservation education, focusing on the surrounding ecosystems.



Students at the Diani Sea Turtle Festival in Kenya



CES Founder, Kelly Martin, with students at the Marine Education Centre



BDN Rabbit Project, a free range farming project to help protect endangered mountain gorillas

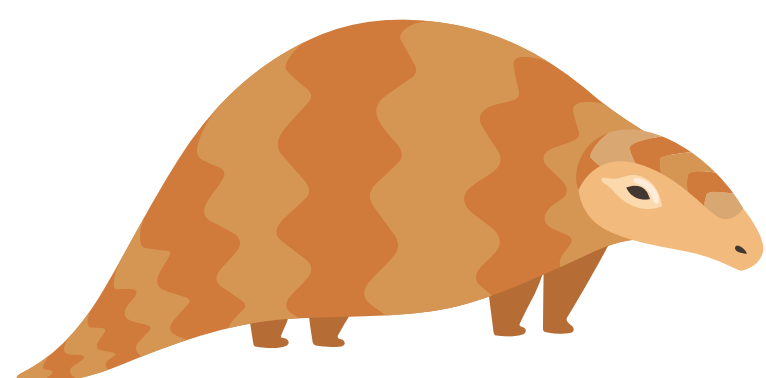


A pangolin rescued and released by the 1StopBorneo team

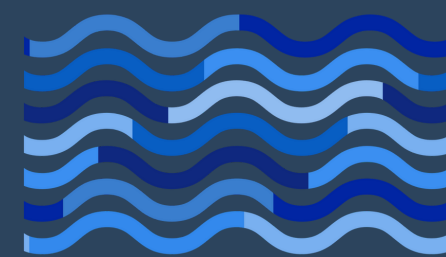
Over in Mozambique, the Love the Oceans team are currently looking for any sponsors who can donate their action cameras to the team. Any **GoPros or similar underwater cameras** would help hugely in their quest to research and protect the coral reefs they work on.

Moving away from the coast, the Bwindi Development Network team have been busy visiting local communities and checking up on the **rabbit project that was funded by OPCA**, which saw the local communities through difficult times over the first lockdowns. Unfortunately, communities in Uganda are still struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic which in turn puts the endangered mountain gorillas at risk from poaching. If you can spare any money at all for their community **food relief fundraiser**, then this really does go a long way. You can find more information about this on the Bwindi Development Network facebook page.

Finally, over in Borneo, the team at 1StopBorneo have definitely had a great month with **five successful pangolin rescues and releases** in Brunei and Sabah. Working with the Wildlife Rescue Unit and Sabah Parks, the team continue to protect the incredible wildlife of this magical island.





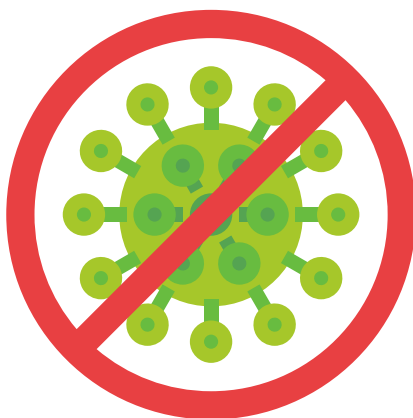


# G7 SUMMIT REVIEW: WILL THEY LIVE UP TO THEIR PROMISES?

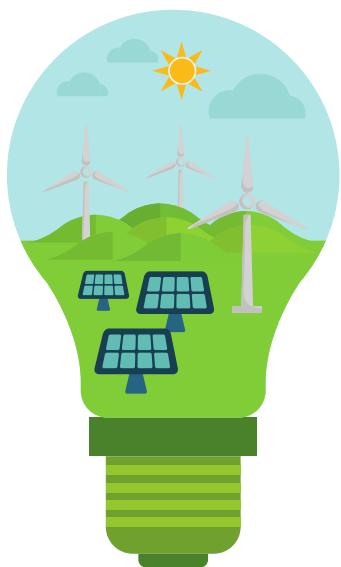
Earlier this month St Ives, a coastal surfers' town in the South West of the UK hosted the G7 Summit. The group of seven 'advanced' economies met to discuss the state of our planet. From climate change to the pandemic, and of course, the global economic recovery.



It was the first in-person meeting of the group since the pandemic began last year, and the first visit of US president Joe Biden to Europe. Although many agree the outcomes of the summit do not go far enough, there are a few things that did come out of it. Let's have a look at some of the major takeaway points.



The G7 leaders pledged to deliver an additional **870 million vaccine** doses for the developing world on top of the 250 million already promised by the US and 100 million from the UK.



In a huge step the summit decided that measures would be put in place to dissuade multinational companies from shifting profits to low tax havens. This will mean that the countries where the corporations work will not be stripped of their hard-earned cash, making for **a fairer economy**, reducing stress on the environment.



The group also pledged to phase out coal-fired power generation at home and to **end funding for new coal-burning** power plants in the developing world. The leaders committed to offering developing nations \$2.8 billion to help them switch to cleaner fuels. A move away from coal would certainly ease the pressure we are putting on the natural world.



Finally, and perhaps most excitingly, America is back in. We saw lots of hope and promise from Barack Obama, which was then sadly washed away from the loud-mouthed clown that was Donald Trump. Thankfully Joe Biden has declared that the US is not only back but will help to **lead a positive change** that will see the state of our natural world improve.



As ever, we have heard lots of promises, it is now time to see if they will be delivered. Let's hope that our leaders will start to act on their words, stop smiling for selfies and go out and lead the fight to save our planet.