



SAVING INDIA'S WILDLIFE

**WILDLIFE SOS (USA)
Annual Report
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A MESSAGE FROM WILDLIFE SOS

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Dear Friends of Wildlife SOS,

India is home to more wild elephants and tigers than any country in the world, and has completely intact natural ecosystems dispersed through the subcontinent – a claim very few countries can make. This is due to the Indian culture’s strong preservation ethic, which has resulted in some of the strongest wildlife laws in the world. Even so, wildlife and the natural environment are under incredible pressure from the human population explosion in India. And loss of habitat is not the only threat; illegal poaching and retribution killings for human-wildlife conflicts are on the rise too. Additionally, many inhumane practices involving animals continue to thrive in India despite being illegal.

Wildlife SOS (WSOS) is committed to saving wildlife and wild places as well as providing sanctuaries for animals that cannot be released back into nature. We also recognize that saving wildlife can mean helping people who once relied on exploiting it for their livelihood. Just one example of our commitment to these communities is our ongoing work with the Kalandar tribe, who for centuries “danced” sloth bears, a practice that is both deeply inhumane *and* threatens wild bear populations. Because of our work, there have been no “dancing bears” in India for 8 years now. Our next goal is to go one full generation of Kalandars who do not feel the need to exploit wildlife for sustenance.

WSOS is also working to help elephants trapped in India’s elephant industry. We are using a multifaceted approach to address the problem: 1) Running an elephant sanctuary for elephants rescued from the trade, 2) working with the Forest Department to teach elephant owners and mahouts how to treat elephants in a humane fashion, and 3) educating the public about the evils of riding elephants. Though there is still a long way to go, we’re seeing progress: our rescues are setting precedents that illegal ownership and/or abuse of elephants will not be tolerated. Every rescue is an opportunity to not only save an elephant but to educate the public and elephant owners about the need for serious change.

We also continue to run several programs that help all animals, large and small, throughout India. It’s not just about the “charismatic” ones like leopards, bears, and elephants; our 24-hour animal rescue hotline regularly leads us to injured or stranded monkeys, turtles, birds, lizards, hyenas, antelope, and more. And our anti-poaching program Forest Watch not only curtails poaching within India, but works to halt the illegal transport of animals and animal parts across international borders.

Our goal is protect all of India’s wildlife, whether it’s an elephant being exploited for labor, a group of leopard cubs separated from their mother, or a tiny bird injured in the monsoon. This is and will always be the mission of Wildlife SOS.

You make it possible. We cannot thank you enough for supporting our work!

Sincerely,

Kartick Satyanarayan and Nikki Sharp

OUR IMPACT IN 2017



Rescued three elephants: **Gajraj** (a temple elephant), **Sanjay**, and **Priyanka** (both work elephants) are free from their chains and getting much-needed medical care at the Elephant Conservation and Care Center in Mathura.



Began innovative use of Sole Guard treatments on Gajraj's feet.



Purchased 50 acres of land to expand our elephant sanctuary in Mathura.



Obtained GPS collars and funding to help track a wild elephant herd in Chhattisgarh as part of a long-term project to prevent or minimize human-elephant conflicts in the region.



Celebrated 8 years with no “dancing bears” in India. We wish to go a full generation in the Kalandar community who never danced bears. To this end, we are retraining the Kalandar men and empowering the women for better jobs, as well as providing educational opportunities for their children.



Added a new mobile veterinary unit to assist our 24-hour wildlife rescue operations.



Continued training Forest Department officials in methods of combating poaching in the field.



Employed informants to gather information on the illegal trafficking of elephants. Significant focus was placed on gathering information on **Suman**, **Chanda**, and **Bijli**, who we hope to rescue and reunite with **Peanut**.



Improved our ability to treat chronic wounds and reduce pain through the addition of new ultrasound and laser machines.



Launched public awareness campaigns about our work via six free public webinars; ongoing lectures in North America, Europe, and Asia; guest blogs on several notable sites; and consistent social media messaging.



Helped India's wild leopard population by saving leopards from wells, reuniting lost cubs with their mothers, and trying to reduce human-leopard Conflicts.

Note: Highlights and programs, and impact areas reflect activities of Wildlife SOS in India and Wildlife SOS in the United States.

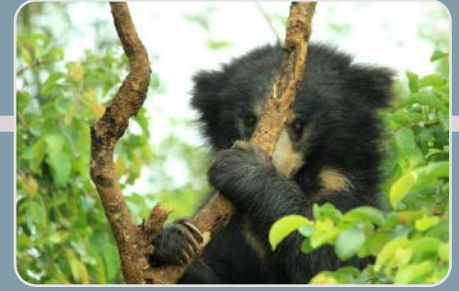




Gajraj rescue

WILDLIFE SOS PROGRAMS

Sanctuaries



Conservation



Wildlife Rehab



Research & Education



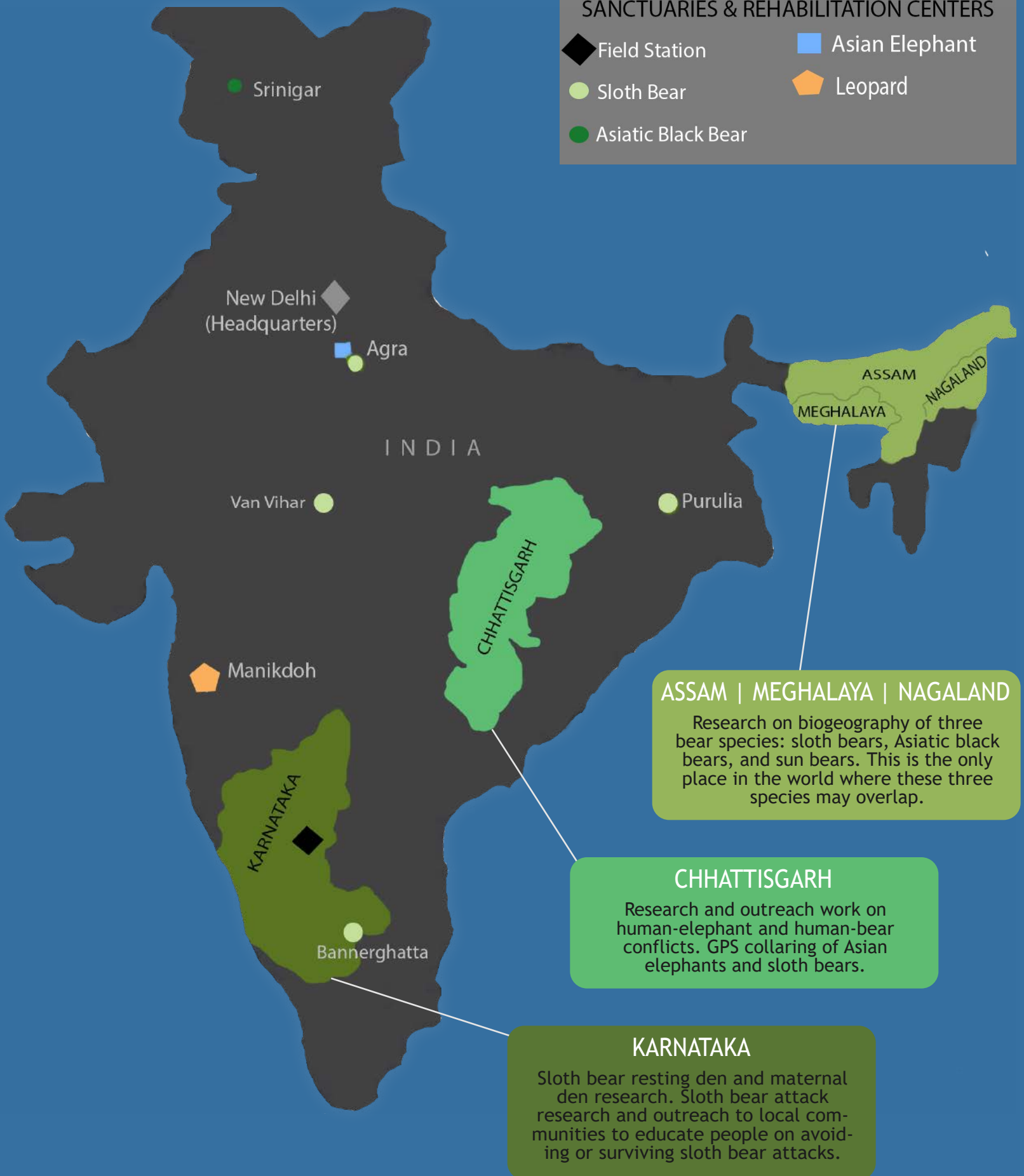
Rescue



KEY WILDLIFE SOS LOCATIONS

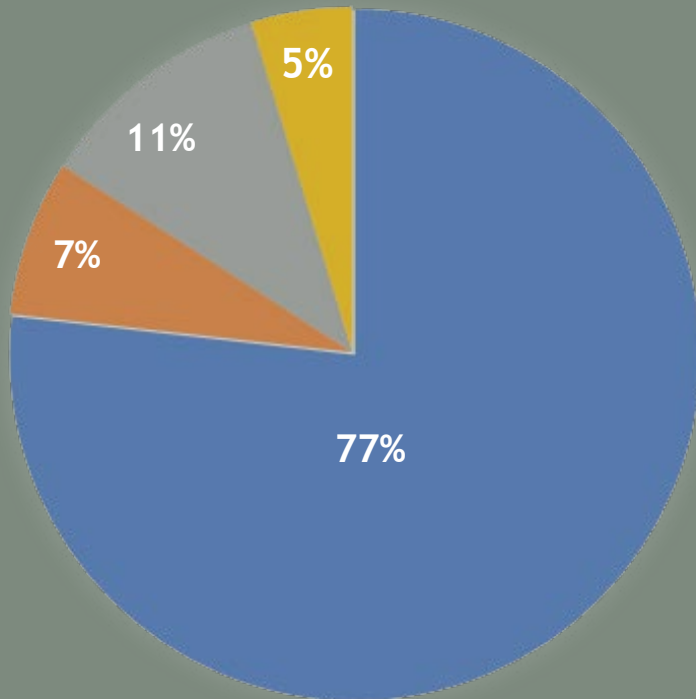
SANCTUARIES & REHABILITATION CENTERS

- ◆ Field Station
- Asian Elephant
- Sloth Bear
- ◆ Leopard
- Asiatic Black Bear

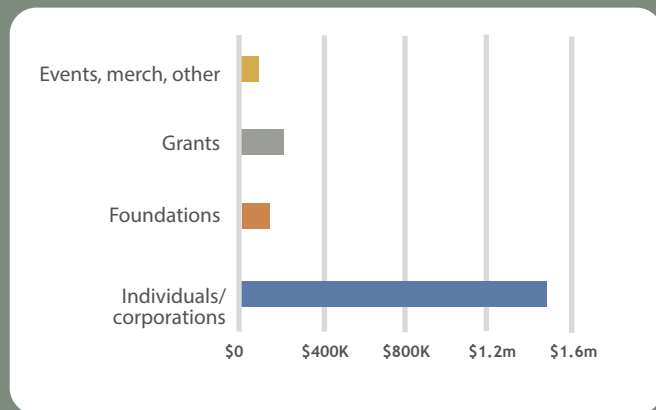


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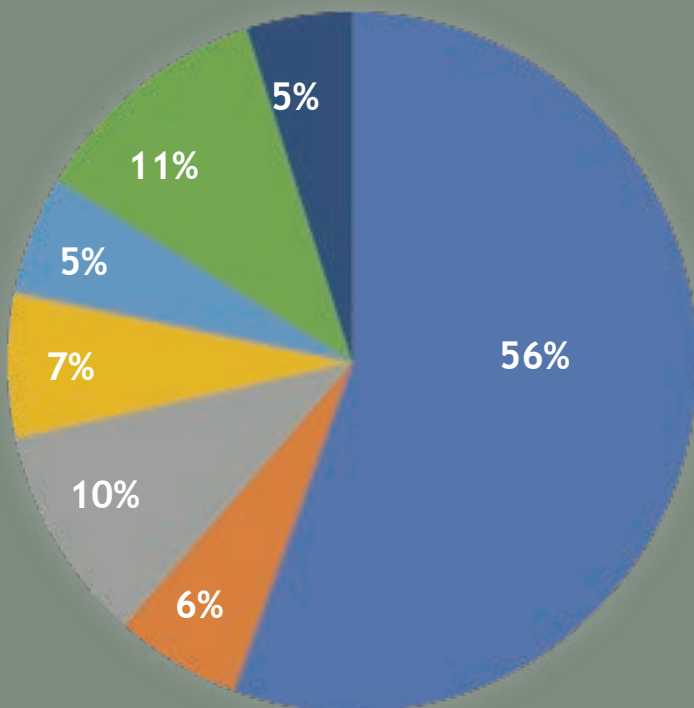
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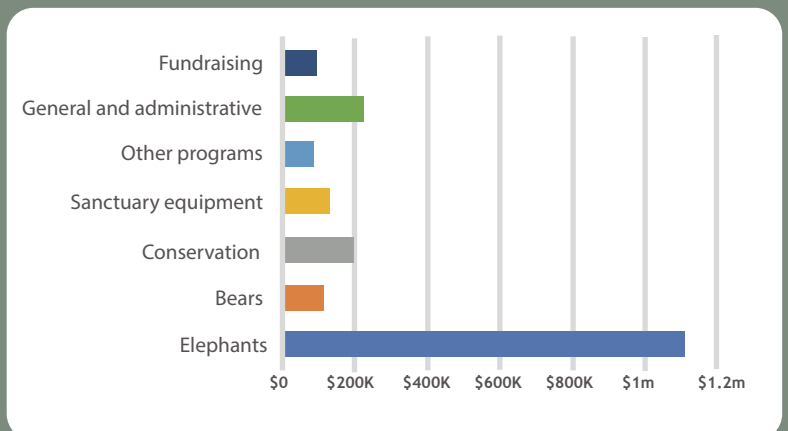
- Individuals/corporations
- Grants
- Foundations
- Special events, merchandise, other



Expenditures 2017



- Elephants
- Conservation
- Other programs
- General and administrative
- Bears
- Sanctuary equipment
- Fundraising



Note: Financial information reflects the activities of Wildlife SOS in the United States only.



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