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What WWF don't tell you:

Experiments On Animals

- **WWF (US)** called for the retesting of 87,000 thousand chemicals as part of the US Environmental Protection Agency's Endocrine Disruptor Screening and Testing Advisory programme, which will ultimately involve the **slow, extremely painful and unnecessary death of millions of animals** in experiments.

Environmental Vandalism

- **WWF's US** president, Katheryn Fuller is also board member of **Alcoa**, which plans to build a dam complex that will flood 22 sq miles near Karahnjukar, Iceland, **submerging nesting and feeding areas for barnacle and greylag geese** who migrate from Greenland to Britain. **Fuller joined the Alcoa board after Alcoa donated \$US1M to WWF US**, wrote Severin Carrell of the London *Independent*.
- **WWF International** were meanwhile ripped open in an letter from Kevin Dunion, former director of the Friends of the Earth chapter in Scotland, for failing to oppose a plan by the French mining, quarrying, and cement making firm Lafarge to open a **"super quarry" on Harris Island** in the Hebrides. Lafarge and WWF also have a "very close" relationship, Dunion said.
- **WWF-Britain** came under criticism at the same time for its ties to the HSBC banking empire, **a major financier of rainforest logging** in Indonesia and **dam-building in fragile areas** including the Three Gorges region of China.

Sealing

- **WWF-Sweden** and the Swedish government culled up to 30 Baltic grey seals in order to determine whether or not the killing of these seals near fishing gear would minimise seal damage to gear and catches. The plan is proceeded in spite of evidence from the United Kingdom which showed that such killing only has a short-term effect on the level of seal-fisheries interaction. **Grey seal numbers in Swedish waters are still in the single thousands**, having been as high as 100,000 at the turn of the century before exploitation and pollution decimated their populations. (30 July 1997)
- **WWF Canada** support the **vicious clubbing of seals** off the coast of Canada and raise funds with fur auctions.

Whaling

- **WWF** states that it opposes "commercial whaling," it does **support the slaughter of whales by native tribes and under some other conditions**. When asked directly about its policy, WWF is vague, stating, "WWF's views on whether sustainable whaling should be permitted derive from its mission 'to conserve nature and ecological processes and to help build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.'" In the past, WWF officials have stated clearly that "WWF International has the national WWF organisations behind it in the view that as soon as one can ensure a sustainable commercial harvest of the great whales under secure international control, then whaling will no longer be a WWF concern."

Hunting

- **WWF International** does not oppose the slaughter of animals with guns and other weapons for sport. Rather than work to stop the killing, the WWF believes instead that hunting should be regulated, arguing that wealthy trophy hunters can bring income to poorer nations. The WWF claims that it has no power to stop hunting, stating, “The decision to allow trophy hunting is a sovereign one made entirely by the governments concerned. ... We will continue to monitor governments’ enforcement of important trade laws to ensure that trophy hunting is done within the legal standards of that area.”
- **Past WWF chapter presidents** include C.R. “Pink” Gutermuth, who also served as president of the **National Rifle Association**, and **trophy hunter Francis L. Kellogg**, who is legendary for his massive kills.

Elephants

- The **WWF** believes that culling—another way of saying “killing”—elephants is acceptable, as is the **trade in ivory**, because the profits that it brings spur governments to keep elephants from going extinct. In 2000, U.S. News & World Report reported that the WWF travelled to Nairobi to ask for a **lifting of the United Nations ban on the ivory trade** in order to allow a “sustainable harvest of ivory for horns and hunting trophies.”
- The **WWF’s** bizarre view—that **we must kill some animals now in order to save animals** simply so that they can be killed later—has proved false time and again. The trade in ivory has only encouraged rampant poaching, meaning the senseless slaughter of elephants. The WWF tries to duck the issue by stating falsely, “The decision to cull, or to select animals from the herd for removal or death, is indeed an agonizing choice, but it is one made entirely by the governments concerned and there is no international involvement in those decisions.”

Trapping

- As with hunting and whaling, the **WWF** refuses to condemn the massive killing of animal with **steel-jaw leghold traps**. While calling itself a “preservationist” organization that “seek[s] to be the voice for those creatures who have no voice,” the WWF stands back from the issue, stating that “the trade in furs, skins, and other products of animals that are not endangered isn’t the focus of our campaign.”

What you can do:

No matter how hard the **WWF** tries to “**greenwash**” its support of animal slaughter, its real message rings out loud and clear - animals are ours to hunt, trap, kill, poison, and use as we see fit. And although appeals to preserve genetic diversity, ecosystems, and the planet sound good on paper, they mean little if what the **WWF is really advocating is more efficient killing fields**.

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