

Illegal trade in Barbary macaques

And what the EU can do to put an end to it

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Started in the sixties, NGO since 1972
Primates and other exotic mammals (400+)
Halfway house principle

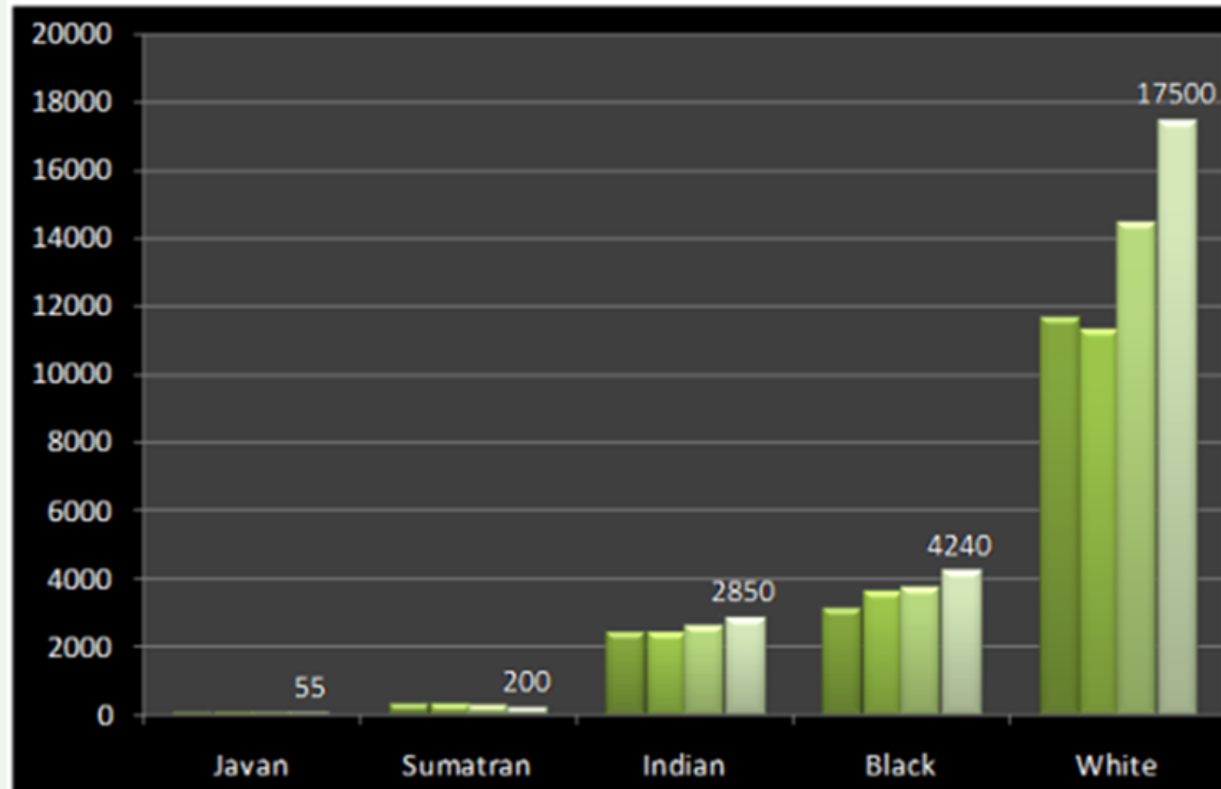
Two locations (NL and ES)
European Projects
Few projects outside Europe

Employees	102
Volunteers per year	150+
Trainees/interns	50+

Privately-funded organization	
Private donors (money)	61.000
Donors (other than money)	100.000
Ann. budget (inc. Spain)	7,5 mio.

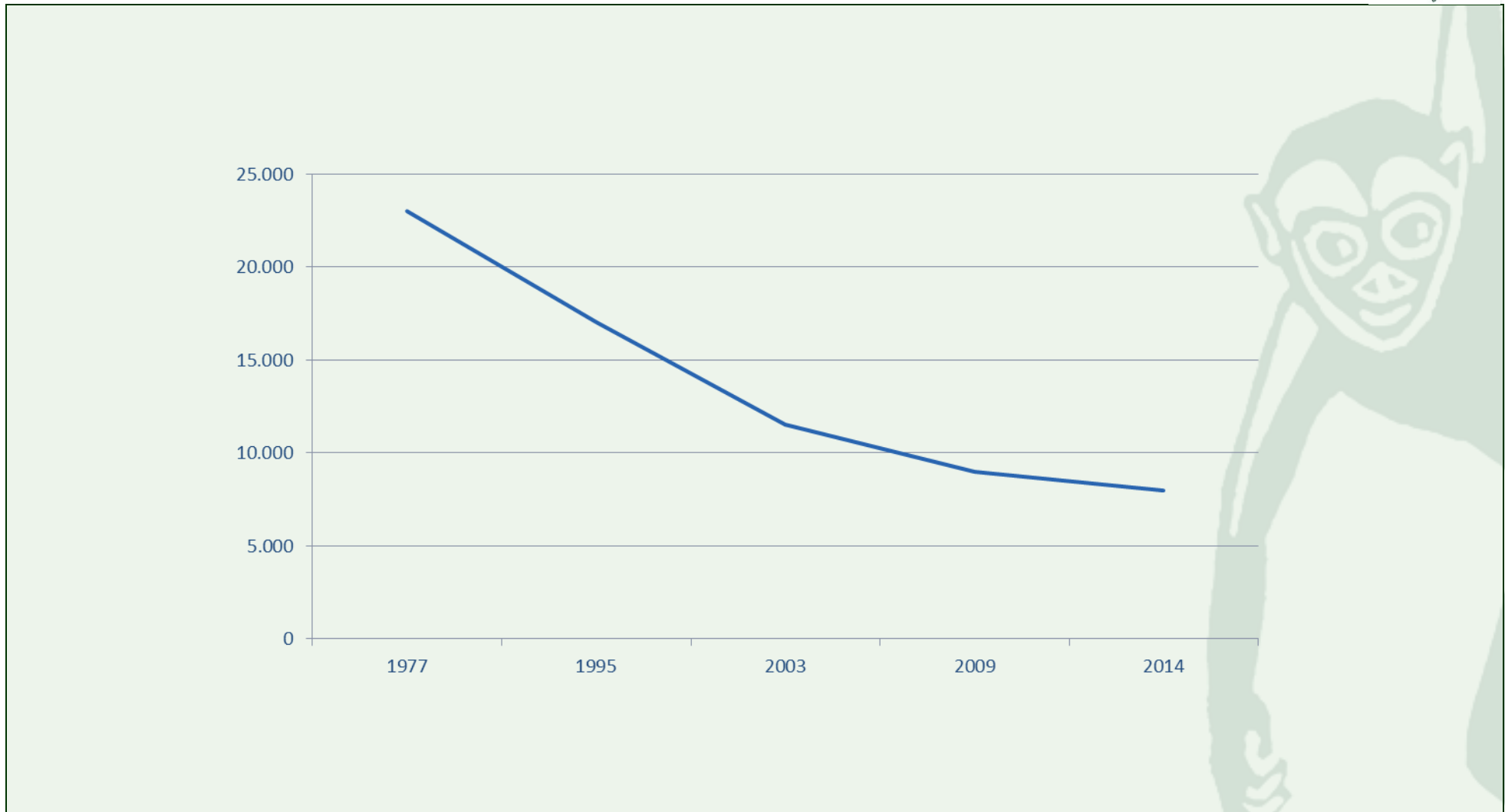


Wild rhino population estimates (2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009)



Source: The Rhino Foundation

Wild Barbary macaque population estimates (1974 – 2014)



	RHINO	BARBARY MACAQUE
Total population	22,000	8,000
Largest subpopulation	Kruger National Park (South Africa): 40% of remaining rhinos (8,000)	Ifrane National Park, Azrou area: 62% of remaining Barbary macaques (5,000)
CITES listing	Appendix I	Appendix II
Penalties for infringement	77 years in prison for killing 3 rhino calves in Kruger National Park (South Africa)	Largest fine ever recorded: 7,000 euros (Spain). No record of prosecutions in Morocco.
Main destination	Asia	Europe
Financial support	2013: 17 million-euro fund set up by Warren Buffet's son	Nihil

Why Barbary macaques matter



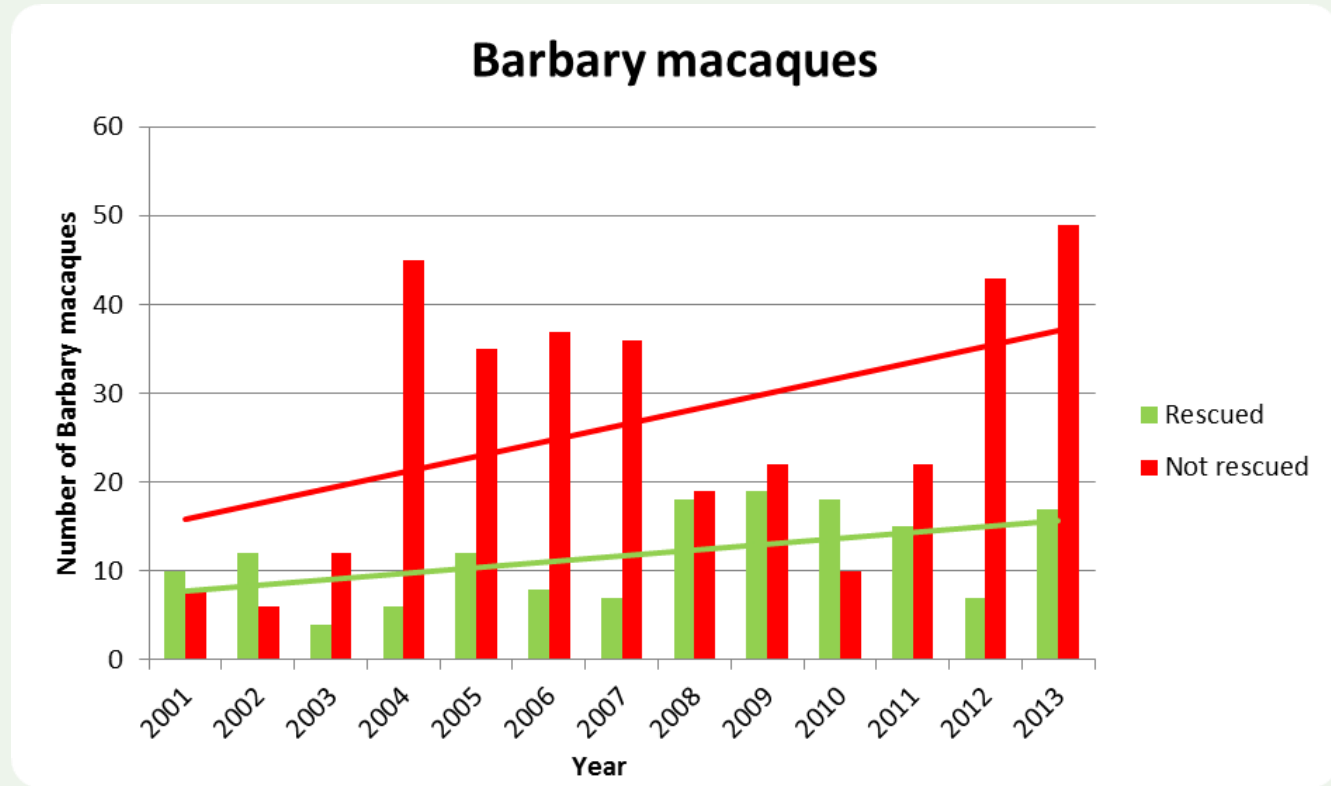
Enforcement shortcomings...

- BM protected by
 - CITES
 - EU import ban (Regulations 338/97, 605/2006)
 - National laws in Morocco and Algeria
- BUT: Enforcement is lacking
 - **Europe:** insufficient border controls (priority), lack of unified protocol, shortage of rescue capacity, low penalties
 - **Morocco:** poaching controls non-existent, barely any border controls, corruption among park guards and customs officials, lack of rescue facilities

... which translate into ...



... and lead to...



Number of Barbary macaques that were reported for rescue and that were rescued by AAP.

As a result...

An estimated **3,000 macaques** are being kept in Europe as pets



200 infant macaques still captured in the wild in Morocco every year to feed **European pet market**

(plus the infants that feed internal demand)



Captures **surpass population replacement rate**, contribute to the **genetic decline** of the species and worsen **habitat destruction**



Illegal trade alone could lead Barbary macaques to **extinction in 15-20 years**

Roadmap for action - EU

- **Propose upgrade of *Macaca sylvanus* to Appendix I of CITES** in the next CITES CoP17 .
- Co-sign the **question to the Commission** of Ms. Anja Hazekamp.
- Allocate **specific funds for conservation and enforcement** efforts of Barbary macaques in the context of the **EU Communication on Wildlife Trafficking** and Mr. Gerbrandy's proposal for an **EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking**.
- **Improve the recording of seizures and sharing of information** across Member States.
- Support and enhance the enforcement efforts of national authorities, in particular Spain's, including backing for **higher fines and penalties** upon confiscation of specimens and stricter and **more regular border controls**.
- Include conservation of Barbary macaques, in the context of the EU Biodiversity Strategy, in the **negotiations of the EU-Morocco FTA**.

**Thank you for your
attention!**