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**April 03rd 2015: Special Encore Presentation: Wildlife Advocates Seek Endangered Listing for African Elephants**

The African elephant was originally listed as "threatened" by the U.S. Government in 1978. Since then, the species' population has declined by about 60 percent, primarily due to poaching for the ivory trade. Habitat destruction and unsustainable trophy hunting also contributed to the decline. Today we're joined by Peter LaFontaine, Campaign Officer, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) and Masha Kalinina, International Trade Policy Specialist, Humane Society International, who will discuss a recent petition filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to uplist African elephants from

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**Masha Kalinina**

Masha Kalinina is an International Trade Policy Specialist with. She develops and advocates for United States government trade policy positions that favor animal welfare and wildlife conservation. Masha regularly meets with representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Trade Representative's office, as well as members of Congress and their staff to provide input on issues related to wildlife trafficking as well as illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the context of free trade agreements. She also reviews and provides comments on national draft wildlife regulations. In 2015, Masha co-authored a US Endangered Species Act (ESA) petition to list the African e

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**Peter LaFontaine**

Mr. LaFontaine helps to lead IFAW's state and federal efforts to safeguard elephants, rhinoceros and other species threatened by illegal wildlife trafficking, and is also engaged in developing the organization's approach to climate change advocacy. Prior to joining IFAW, Mr. LaFontaine was the Energy Policy Advocate for the National Wildlife Federation and a staff naturalist at the Cottonwood Gulch Foundation. He is a recent graduate of the Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders program. Mr. LaFontaine holds a B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis.

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