



# *Under the Skin*

## The global trade in donkey skins

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# DEMAND AND SUPPLY



# UN Environment:

**‘The unsustainable extraction of a resource, whether it’s donkeys, plants, trees or minerals, can have adverse effects on the environment and communities in distant lands.**

**In the case of donkeys, a valuable mode of all-weather, carbon neutral transport is removed from those most in need of transport in remote rural settings.’**



# **ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES**



Photo courtesy of NSPCA, South Africa



Photo from Egypt Independent



Photo from Nairobiwire.com

Photo courtesy of BSPCA







**Sourcing**

# Transport





**Handling**



# HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ISSUES



# Annual net economic value of working donkeys:

In Kenya: 🐴 = USD \$2,272

x 20 year working life

= ± USD \$40,000



# Effect on Kenyan economy:

1,000 donkeys slaughtered daily

= 350,000 annually

x USD \$2,272

=

**USD \$795 million**

**gross annual loss to rural economy**



# Sustainability?

Nigeria's Donkey population:  
**1,313,018**

Gross value per skin: **USD \$150**

Aimed annual income: **\$2 Bn**

This means **13,300,000** skins would  
need to be produced annually



# An employment opportunity?

Daily slaughter: 2,500\*

x 250 days/year = **625,000**

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Number of employees: ± **5000**  
Nigeria's Rural Human Population –  
**95 Million+**



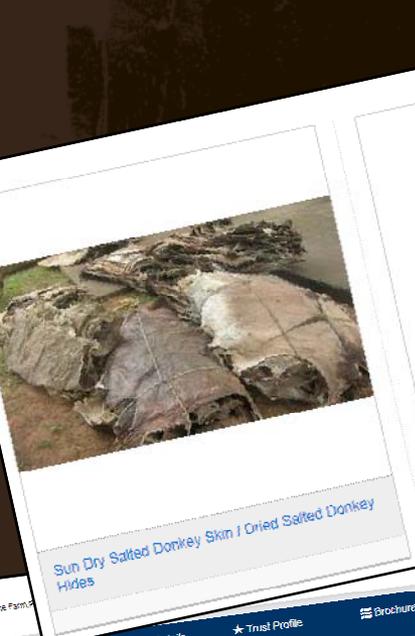
## Dodoma 'farming' plan:

- **US\$3.2m** investment over **four years**
- Acquire and breed from 900 donkeys to produce 1719 donkeys
- Increase of **819** animals in 4 years at cost of nearly **US\$4,000 per donkey**

## Shinyanga 'farming' plan:

- **US\$3.7m** investment over **four years**
- Acquire and breed from 296 donkeys to produce 683 donkeys
- Increase of **387** donkeys over four years at **US\$9,650 per donkey**





Sun Dry Salted Donkey Skin / Dried Salted Donkey Hides



Skinless Pangolin Bodies / Pangolin Scales for Sale

animal skins / Products

4 Products

Zebra Skins, African Rugs, Real Hides and Authentic Pelts for sale

We have legal access to de-haired rawhide's of all the animal Hides/skins. All of our Hides have been tanned in South Africa

Contact Now

Partial extract Zebra Skins, Real Hides and Authentic Pelts for sale

Donkey Hides

We are suppliers of hides and skins such as donkey skins, wet salted cow skin, wet blue cow skin, dry salted cow skin, wet salted cow head skin, wet s...

black pepper

100% DRY SALTED DONKEY

Donkey Hides

100% natur

SISAL FIBER GRADES

Oclassify -

Pangolin Scale

Cashew Nuts

Donkey Skin

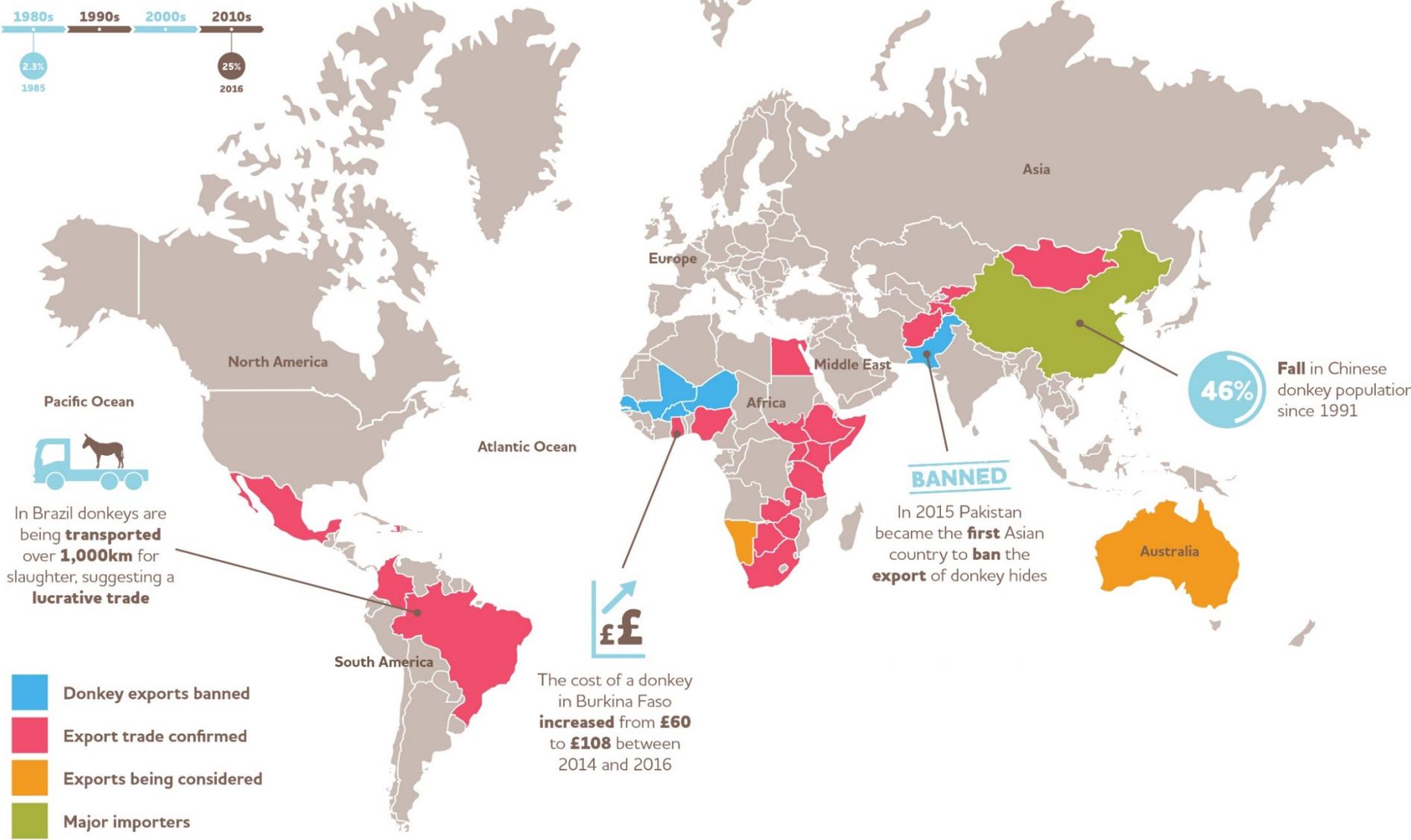
Tiger, Lion teeth, Salted Donkey Hides Dry Salted Wet

# CONCLUSION AND OUR RECOMMENDATIONS



# OVERVIEW OF THE SKIN TRADE: A GLOBAL THREAT TO DONKEY WELFARE

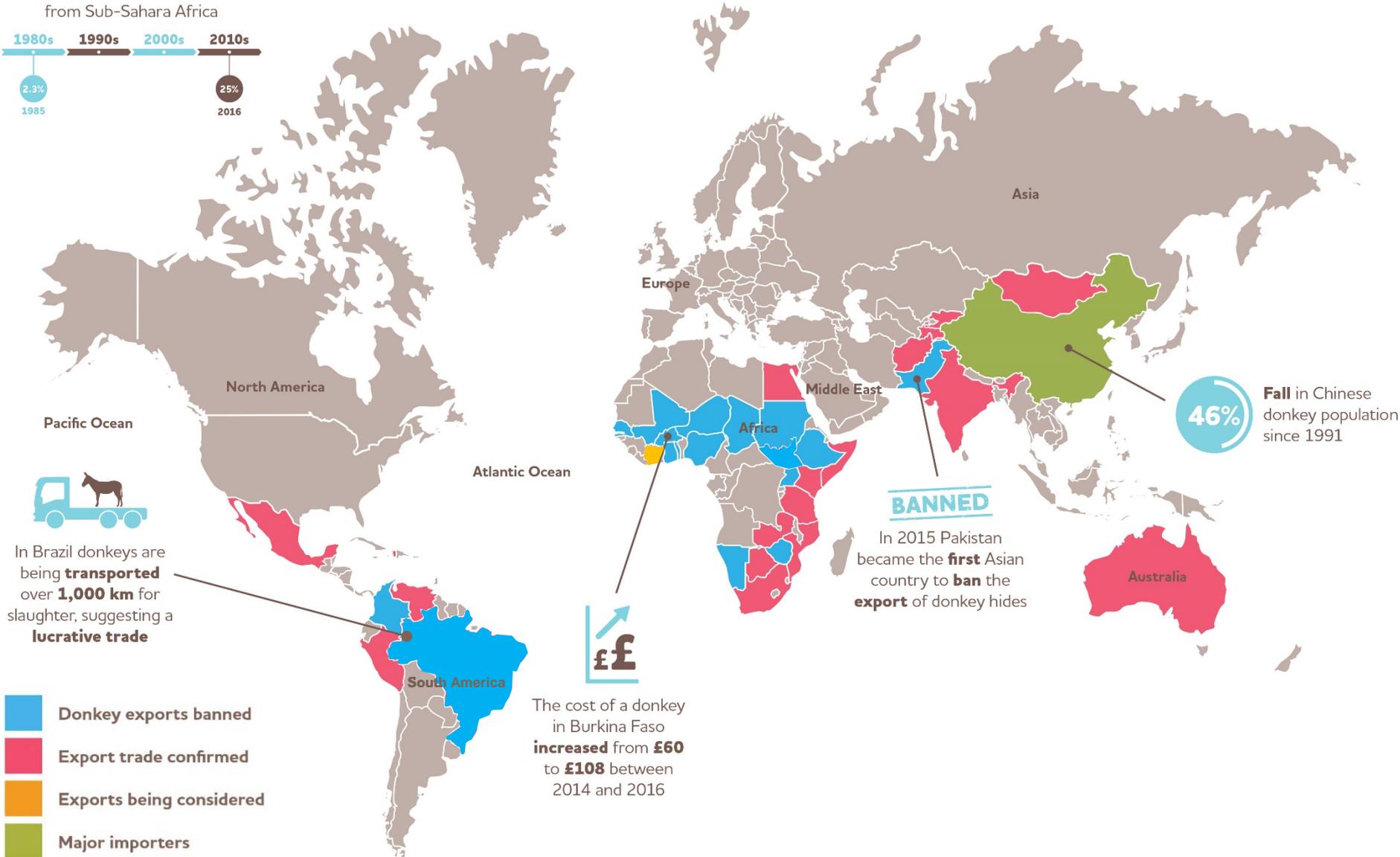
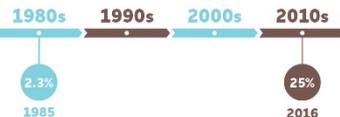
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- Donkey exports banned
- Export trade confirmed
- Exports being considered
- Major importers

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from Sub-Saharan Africa



The Donkey Sanctuary calls for a halt to the trade in donkey skins to produce ejiao until the impact of the trade can be assessed and shown to be both humane for donkeys and sustainable for the communities that depend on them.



The Donkey Sanctuary calls on governments and local authorities to join efforts to support affected communities, protecting them from the illegal trade and preventing the decimation of donkeys through the legal trade.





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