

Delivering the Sustainable Development Goals

The role of working equids and the threat of the donkey skin trade



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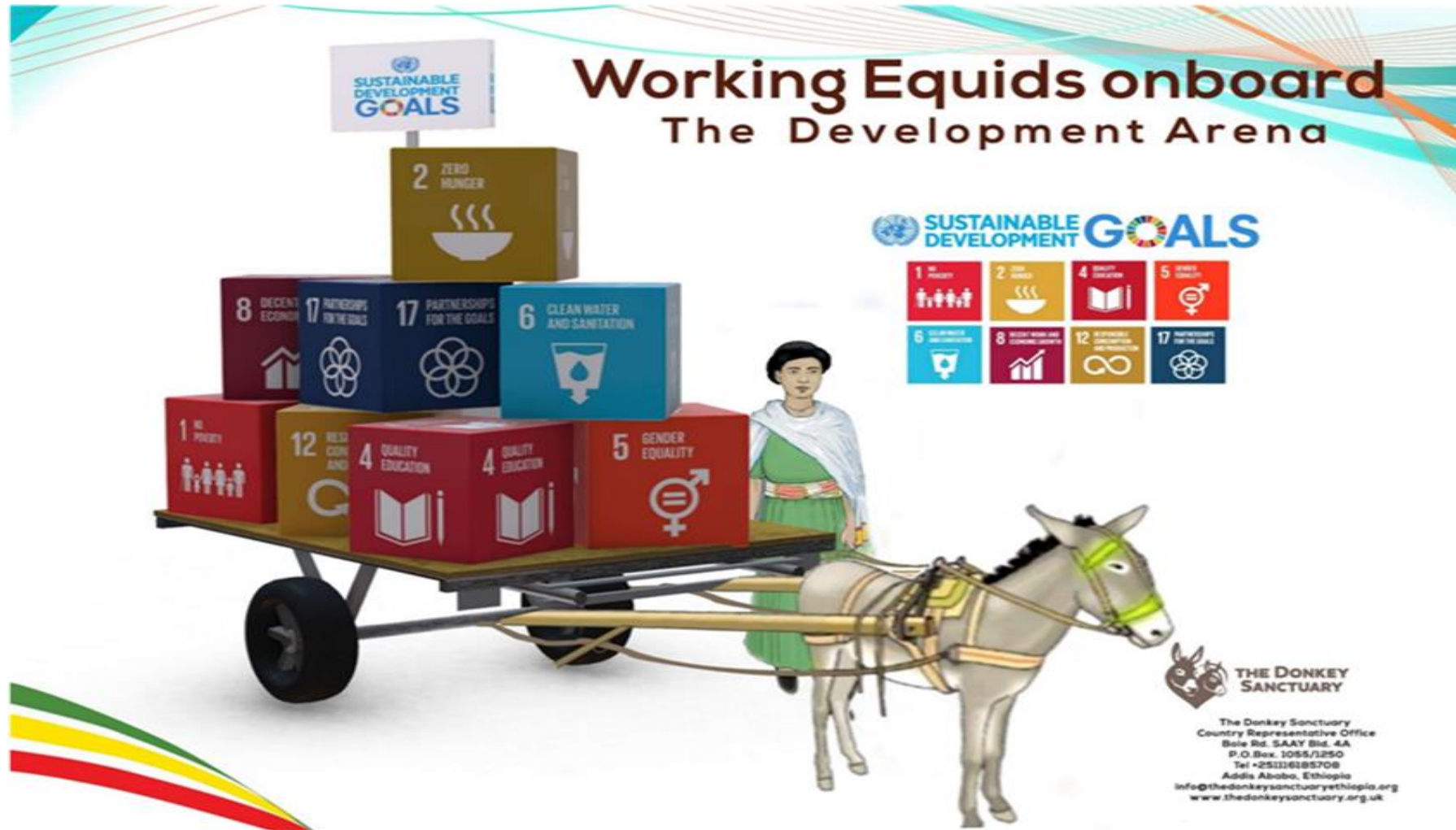
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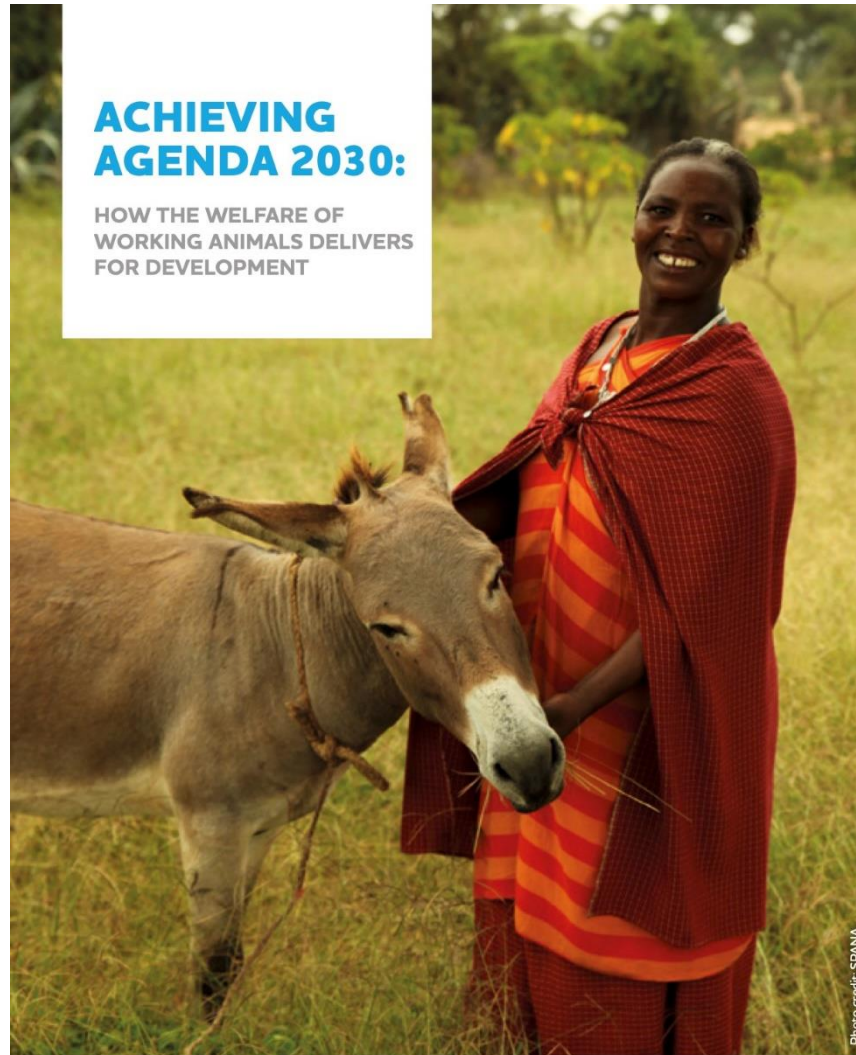




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UNEP – The true value of donkeys?



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Where we work ▾

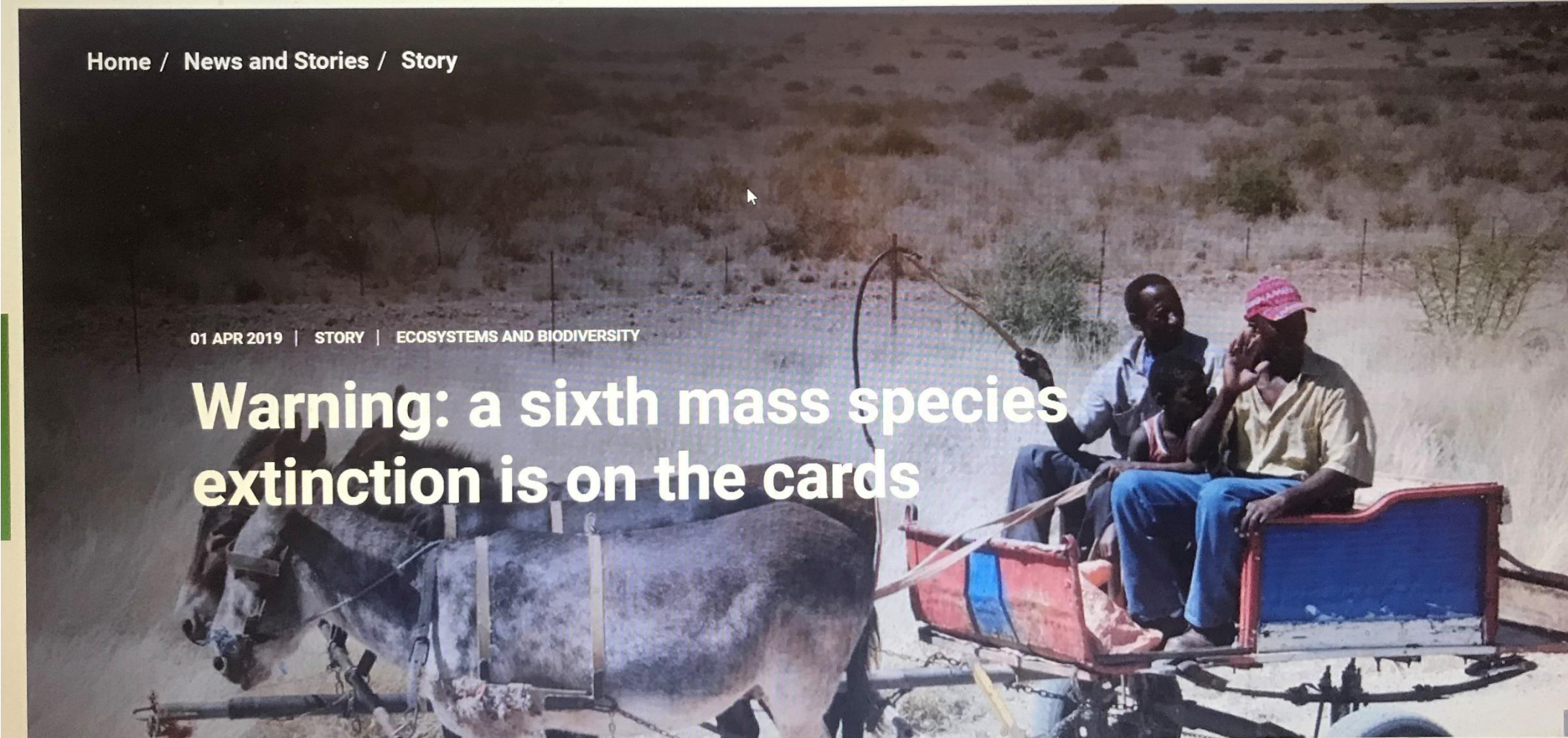
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Warning: a sixth mass species extinction is on the cards



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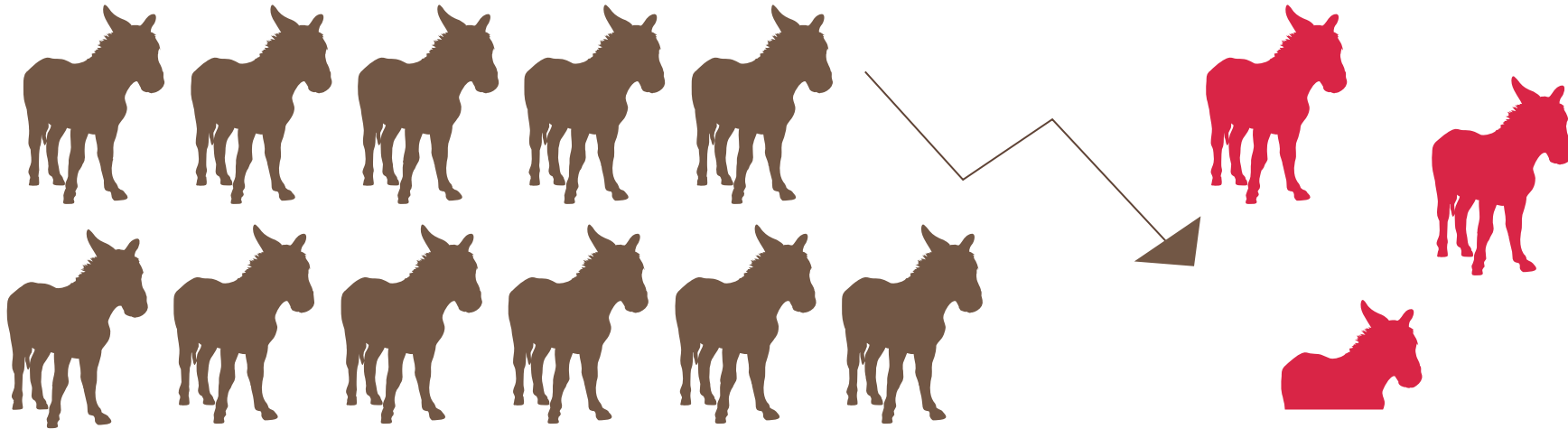
‘But if the donkey leather is sourced from developing countries with weak environmental laws, what is the socio-economic and environmental impact?’

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’.





CHINESE DONKEY POPULATION

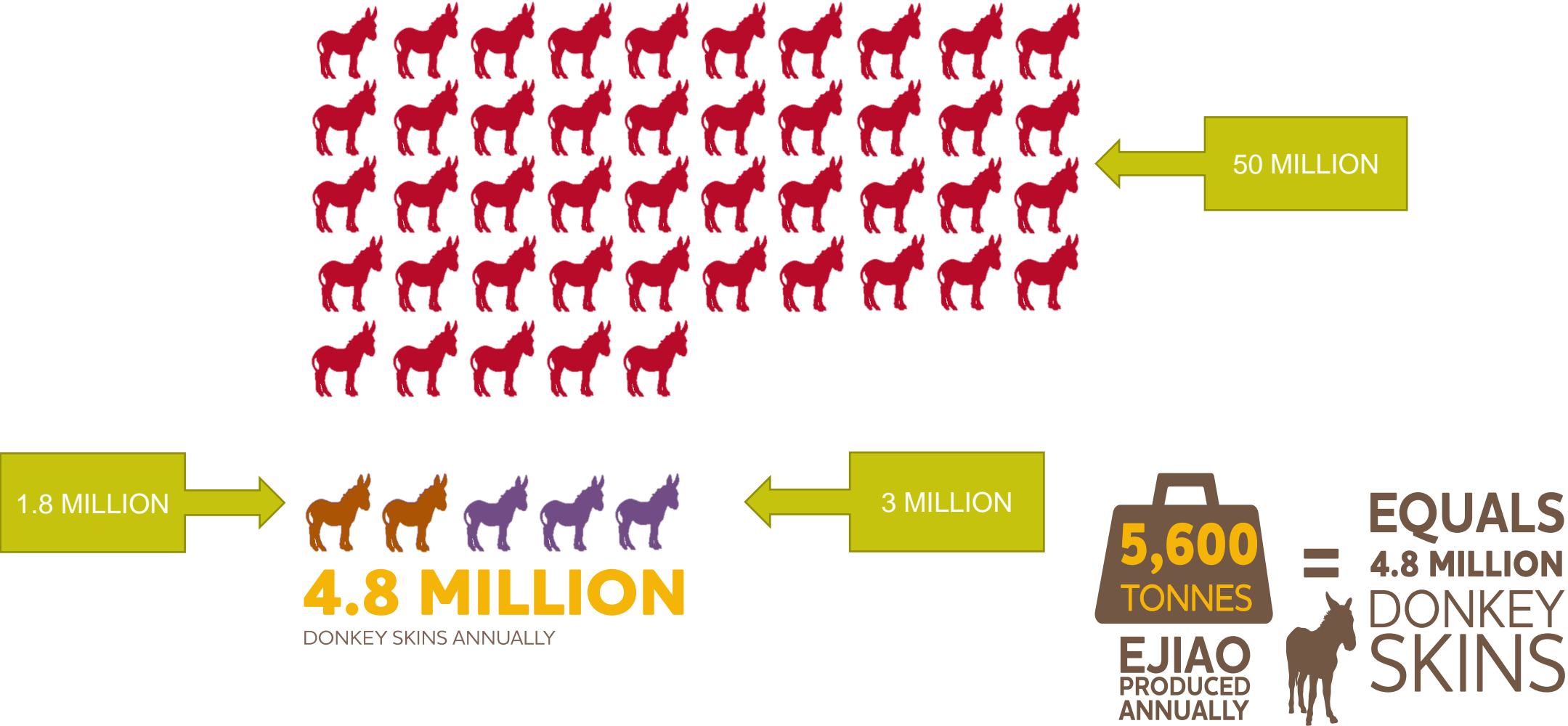


1992=11M

2017=2.6M



A Crisis Facing the Global Donkey Herd



Sourcing Donkey Skins for China



Welfare Compromises

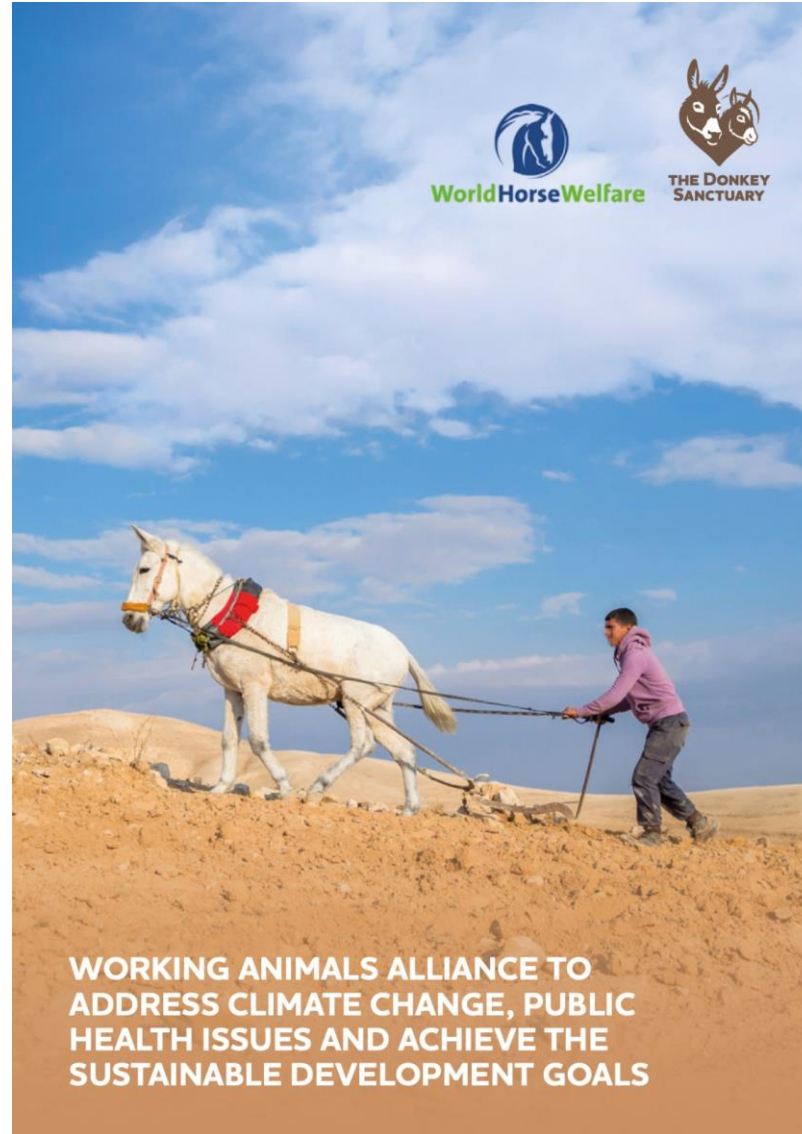
- Poor transport over long distances
- Money driving numbers – indiscriminate use of donkeys
- Unskilled labour – poor handling and bad slaughter
- Inhumane practices – slaughtered carcasses piled up next to donkeys penned next to slaughterhouses





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