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We're celebrating another major victory in our campaign for cage-free coffee. The Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN) has banned coffee production from caged civets on its Indonesian farms. SAN is responsible for the standards used by both Rainforest Alliance and partners all over the world. Significant improvements have been made to the 'wildlife protection' section of the SAN standards, and caged civet coffee production has been banned altogether. These changes apply to all certified farms in Indonesia, which is the country that produces the most civet coffee. We championed these changes through SAN's consultation process and we will push for the same changes to the overarching global SAN Standard when it is discussed in 2015. This news follows the decision by UTZ Certified, the world's leading label for sustainable coffee production, that they will no longer certify producers using caged civets and other animals to produce coffee. This decision came after discussions between UTZ and ourselves. Now that neither Rainforest Alliance nor UTZ farms can carry out caged civet coffee production, the cruel practice will become increasingly marginalized and coffee producers will have the incentive to conduct their business in a more humane and ethical way. Our Wildlife Campaign Manager, Joanna Toole, said: "SAN's ban means people can now buy both Rainforest Alliance and UTZ certified coffees in the confidence that these brands are not profiting from trapping, caging and mistreating wild animals. This latest move is a sign that the coffee industry is taking this problem seriously and taking steps to eliminate unacceptable animal cruelty. We'll now continue to work with other certification bodies, companies, and the Indonesian government to promote industry-wide commitment to only source and sell cage free civet coffee." SAN Standards and Policy Director, Oliver Bach, said: "Following the recent changes made to SAN's Indonesian Coffee and Cocoa standard, which have strengthened wildlife protection on SAN certified farms, the capturing and captivity of civets for animal coffee production is now clearly prohibited. SAN certified farms serve as a refuge for wildlife and as such the issue of caged civet coffee production was recognised as a concerning animal welfare issue which needed to be specifically addressed. SAN hopes that this will help keep these animals in the wild where they belong." Learn more about our campaign for cage-free coffee. World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) 222 Grays Inn Road WC1X 8HB London Great Britain Telefon: +44 (0)20 7239 0500 Telefax: +44 (0)20 7239 0653 Mail: wspa@wspa-international.org URL: www.wspa-international.org 

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Our vision: a world where animal welfare matters and animal cruelty has ended. The World Society for the Protection of Animals exists to tackle animal cruelty across the globe. We work directly with animals and with the people and organisations that can ensure animals are treated with respect and compassion. With your support, we campaign effectively to combat the world's most intense and large-scale animal welfare issues. We bring about lasting change by helping people understand the critical importance of good animal welfare, encouraging nations to commit to animal-friendly practices, building the scientific case for the better treatment of animals. We are local. We improve animals' lives and prevent animal cruelty by working directly with communities and owners. Working on the ground with local partners for greatest effect, we are active in more than 50 countries. We are global. We have consultative status at the Council of Europe and collaborate with national governments, the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Organisation for Animal Health. Influencers with the power to improve the lives of millions of animals. We are uniquely placed to bring animals into the heart of the most pressing global debates and prove the links between good animal welfare and successful sustainable development. We are there in emergencies. When disaster strikes, we make sure that animals so vital for community recovery are not forgotten. Working with partner organisations, governments, humanitarian groups and international agencies, WSPA is the world leader in animal-focused disaster response and risk reduction. With 30 years of experience, sometimes we are the only animal organisation able to access disaster-struck regions and make a very real, immediate difference to suffering animals.