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Would your party support global initiatives to ban wildlife markets and curb the global and domestic commercial trade in wild animals, products and derivatives that could contribute to the spread of zoonotic diseases, biodiversity loss and/or animal suffering?

Yes

No

Additional comments:

At CITES 2019, our Government supported several proposals for the protection of certain species of wild fauna and/or flora against over-exploitation through international trade. Canada voted in support of a proposal to add Shortfin Mako to Appendix II of CITES, which was adopted by a vote of 102 support, 40 oppose and 5 abstain.

Canada supported a proposal to transfer the Zambian population of African elephant to Appendix II of CITES. Canada also participated in a consensus-based determination amending an existing CITES Resolution that encourages the closure of all domestic elephant ivory markets. Canada opposed a proposal that would have removed elephant populations from Appendix I, thereby maintaining their protections under CITES.

Would your party support establishing, and adequately funding, a comprehensive and transparent system for monitoring the import, export and sales of live wild animals and their parts and derivatives in Canada?

Yes

No

Additional comments:

Canada already has a robust permitting system that regulates the import, export, or re-export of species listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The Liberal Party of Canada is open to consulting with stakeholders to determine the need for additional mechanisms to monitor the import, export, and sales of wildlife in Canada to build on the existing framework.

Would your party support working with provinces and territories to mitigate inherent risks to public health, animal welfare and our natural environment by harmonizing and strengthening regulations to significantly reduce captive breeding, transport, and the physical and online trade in wild animals?

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Yes

No

Additional comments:

The Liberal Party of Canada values intergovernmental cooperation on shared objectives, including supporting public health, advancing animal welfare, and protecting the national environment. In the Minister of Environment's 2019 mandate letter, our government committed to engaging with provinces, territories, Indigenous communities, and other partners to protect biodiversity and species at risk in Canada. Our Party is open to consulting stakeholders, in partnership with the provinces and territories, to consider regulatory changes on captive breeding, transport, and the trade of wild animals.

Would your party support strengthened enforcement of both the legal and illegal wildlife trade, through better coordination across agencies and federal/provincial/territorial jurisdictions and increased funding and resources?

Yes

No

Additional comments:

The Liberal Party of Canada is open to working with provincial and territorial partners, as well as interested stakeholders, to determine ways to improve intergovernmental coordination with regards to enforcing the legal and illegal wildlife trade, including potential investments.

Does your party support further regulations to restrict or end the use of wild animals for human entertainment in Canada (activities where wild animals are forced to perform circus-like tricks in shows, give people rides or be handled for photos)?

Yes

No

Additional comments:

The Liberal Party of Canada supports, in principle, policies that will promote animal welfare and reduce animal cruelty and suffering. To that end, the Liberal Party of Canada has passed several important pieces of legislation to meaningfully improve animal welfare, including Bill S-203, *Ending the Captivity of Whales and Dolphins Act*, Bill C-84, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (bestiality and*



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animal fighting), and Bill C-68, *An Act to amend the Fisheries Act and other Acts in consequence*. The Party would consider additional regulatory changes to build on this progress and would work with stakeholders to determine potential regulatory amendments, including regulations regarding the use of wild animals for human entertainment.

Would your party support phasing-out the prophylactic use of antibiotics in animal farming?

Yes

No

Additional comments:

The Liberal Party of Canada is committed to policies that protect the health of Canadians and animals. The Federal Action Plan on Antimicrobial resistance was launched in 2015 and multiple federal departments and agencies have since been undertaking significant work to develop a strong national response to antimicrobial resistance. Since then, 'Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance and Antimicrobial Use: A Pan-Canadian Framework for Action' was jointly released by our Party in 2017, through consultation with cross-cutting public and private sector stakeholders. We are also committed to continuing our leadership nationally through collaboration with provinces and territories, farmers, and other stakeholders to increase surveillance, stewardship, and innovation- and also in international efforts to address AMR, including at the WHO, UN, G7 and G20.

Source:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/drugs-health-products/progress-report-2015-federal-action-plan-antimicrobial-resistance-use.html>

Would your party support initiatives to increase consumption of plant-based foods, as recommended by Canada's Food Guide and other experts?

Yes

No

Additional comments:

The Liberal Party of Canada supports both plant and animal agriculture, and strongly supports all of our farmers and ranchers across the country. We also recognize the growing demand for plant-based protein, both nationally and internationally, and that Canada has an opportunity to become a world leader in its production. The Party has made significant investments in Canada's plant-based agriculture sector to enhance and expand Canada's plant-based food supply. The Liberal Party of Canada has invested over \$150M in the Protein Industries Supercluster to



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increase the value of key Canadian crops and serve growing overseas markets for plant-based meat alternatives and new food products. Investments like these will support the growth of the plant-based food industry in Canada and provide Canadians with greater choice and access to plant-based foods.

To learn more about the Protein Industries Supercluster, click [here](#).

Would your party support initiatives to reduce animal protein consumption, for the benefit of human and planetary health?

Yes

No

Additional comments:

The Party is committed to listening to public health experts' recommendations on promoting healthy and nutritious food choices to Canadians, including both animal and plant-based protein.

Please see the link for Canada's new Food Guide for further information
<https://food-guide.canada.ca/en/>

Would your party support instituting financial incentives to promote plant-based farming and plant-based business initiatives?

Yes

No

Additional comments:

The Liberal Party of Canada recognizes the importance of plant-based agriculture to the Canadian economy. The Liberal Party of Canada has invested over \$150M in the Protein Industries Supercluster to increase the value of key Canadian crops and serve growing overseas markets for plant-based meat alternatives and new food products. We are open to considering additional future investments in innovative, plant-based farming initiatives to further generate growth in this sector and support Canada's plant-based farming economy.

Our government has also supported many initiatives for plant-based production and processing through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership



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<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/about-our-department/key-departmental-initiatives/canadian-agricultural-partnership>

To learn more about the Protein Industries Supercluster, click [here](#).

Would your party support instituting financial incentives to support farmers to transition to higher-welfare, more sustainable animal agriculture systems?

Yes

No

Additional comments:

The Liberal Party of Canada is committed to supporting Canada's agricultural industry and providing our farmers with the support they need to transition to more sustainable agriculture systems, particularly with implementing climate-smart agriculture initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Party's *A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy* climate plan included several investments to advance sustainable agriculture in Canada, including the \$165.7M Agricultural Clean Technology Program (ACTP) to support Canadian farmers with the research and adoption of clean technologies. The Living Labs initiative is a \$185 million, 10-year program which brings together farmers, scientists, and other partners to develop new beneficial management practices directly on farms in order to increase sustainability and enhance climate resilience. And, the Party's Budget 2021 announced the Agricultural Climate Solutions fund of \$200 million over 3 years to directly support farmers in adopting beneficial management practices (BMPs) that store carbon and reduce greenhouse gases in three areas: nitrogen management, cover cropping and rotational grazing practices. The Liberal Party of Canada is open to considering further investments to help farmers transition to support higher-welfare and more sustainable agriculture systems.