

# PARTNERING WITH DOD TO COMBAT WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

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Few of today's poachers hunt elephants for subsistence; most are commercially driven, heavily armed criminals. In fact, illegal poaching and wildlife trafficking is the fourth largest transnational crime. Ivory—sometimes called “the white gold of jihad”—helps fund the military operations of notorious terrorist groups. Smuggling gangs move tons of tusks to markets thousands of miles away.

NINETY-SIX



ELEPHANTS

# NDA 2015

**SEC. 1014. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR JOINT TASK FORCES SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CONDUCTING ACTIVITIES TO COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CONDUCTING COUNTER-TERRORISM ACTIVITIES.**

*Including the trafficking of money, human trafficking, illicit financial flows, illegal trade in natural resources and wildlife, trade in illegal drugs and weapons, and other forms of illegal means determined by the Secretary of Defense.*













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# TODAY'S TALK

- WCS and Conservation in Conflict Zones
- Wildlife Trade Projects to Date
  - Training Program
  - Mobile App
- Future Military Opportunities with NDAA 2015



# WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

**1895:** WCS founded as the New York Zoological Society

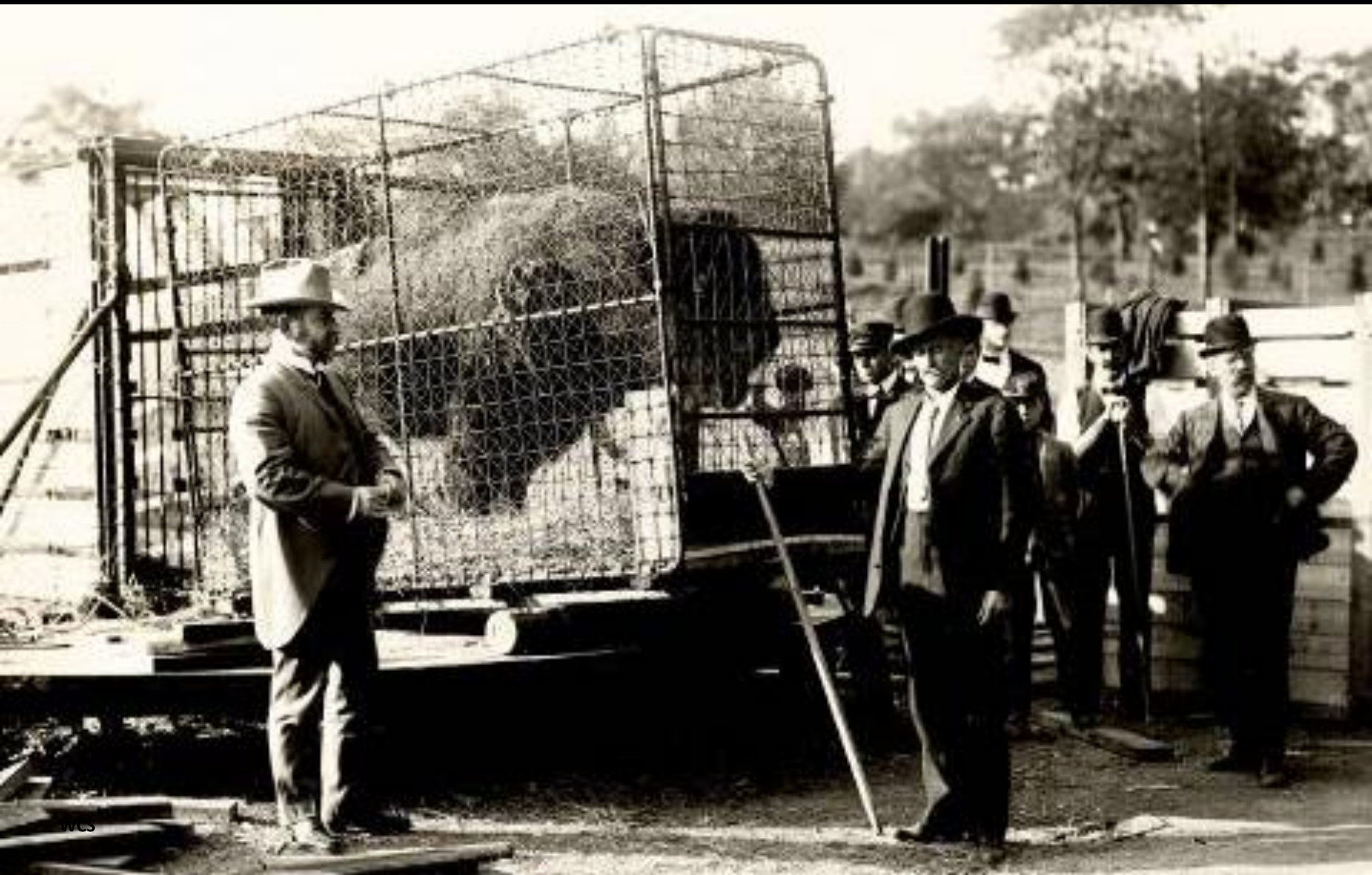
**1899:** Opening of the Bronx Zoo, headquarters for WCS



# WCS LIVING INSTITUTIONS



# PIONEERS IN CONSERVATION



# FIELD BIOLOGY



# PROTECTED AREAS

















# GLOBAL PRESENCE

65 countries

500+ projects

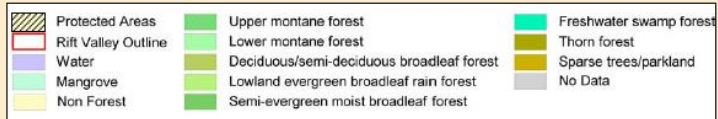
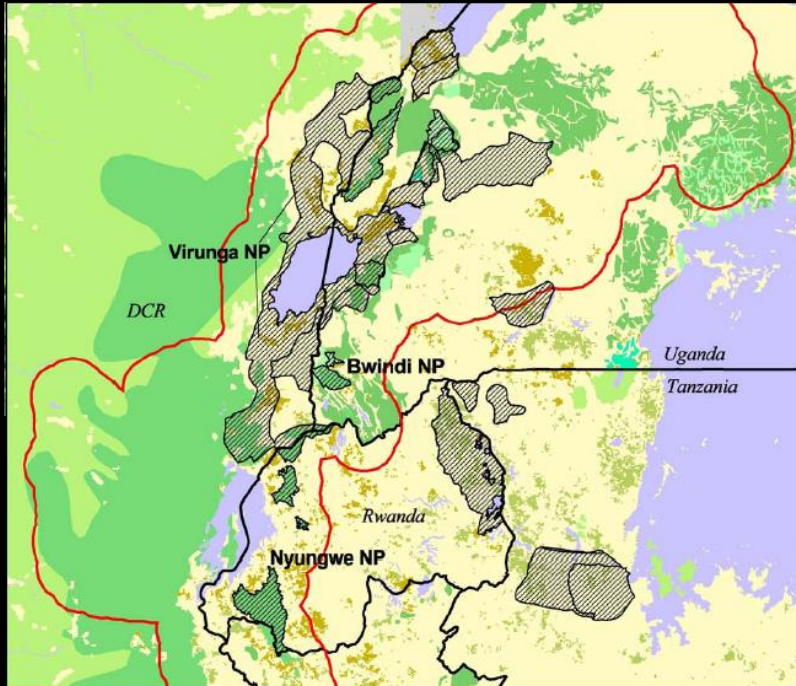
3,000+ field staff



# WILDLIFE KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES



# WCS IN THE ALBERTINE RIFT



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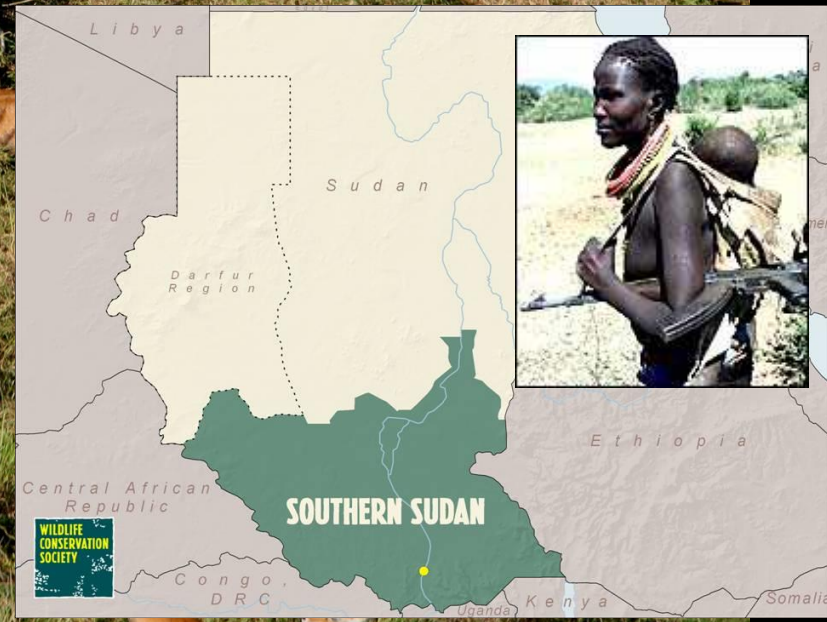
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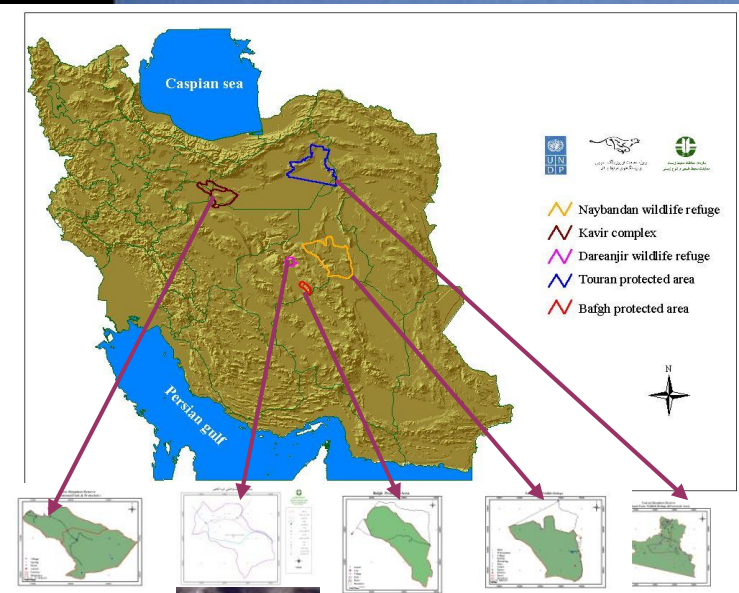
# WCS IN GUATEMALA



# WCS IN MYANMAR



# WCS IN IRAN



# WCS IN AFGHANISTAN





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Eastern Forest Survey Team © WCS Afghanistan



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Persian leopard



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Flamingo



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Snow leopard



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Blanford's fox



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Asiatic black bear

# DIVERSE ECOSYSTEMS

# BIODIVERSITY IN AFGHANISTAN





# UNKNOWN STATUS OF MOST SPECIES



Caracal



Ibex



Indian smooth-coated otter



Stone marten



Eurasian wolf



Honey badger



Asiatic black bear



Brown bear



Houbara bustard



Corsac fox

# THREATS TO BIODIVERSITY



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**OVERGRAZING**



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**HUNTING**



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**HABITAT LOSS**



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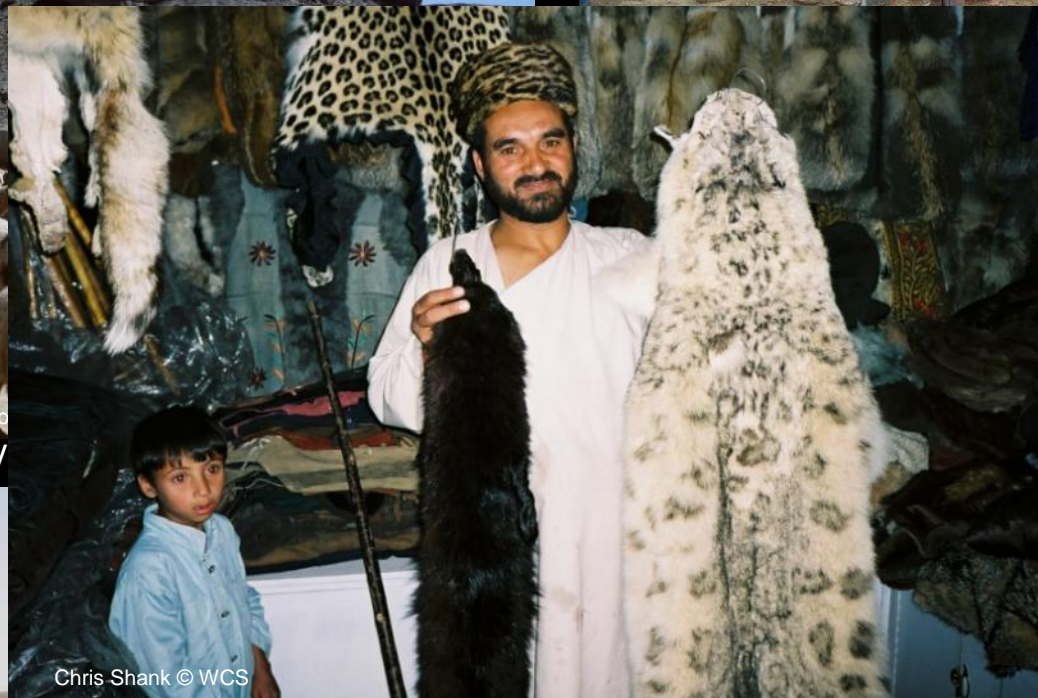
**WAR**

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## WILDLIFE TRADE



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## HABITAT LOSS



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## WAR

# WHAT ARE WILDLIFE TRADE PRODUCTS?



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# INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE TRADE

Sustainable use of flora and fauna is possible when it is subject to regulation and monitoring.

## Quotas



## Trophy Hunting



# UNREGULATED TRADE CAN HAVE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES...

## Invasive Species



## Unethical treatment



## Disease transmission



Ebola, SARS, Avian Flu, AIDS, Monkeypox

## Extinction Risk





# INTERNATIONAL TRADE = BIG BUSINESS

**Bill of sale**  
Legal global wildlife trade, 2005

Commodity	Estimated value (€m)
<b>Live animals</b>	
Primates	75
Cage birds	38
Birds of prey	5
Reptiles (inc. snakes and turtles)	31
Ornamental fish	257
<b>Animal products for clothing or ornaments</b>	
Mammal furs and fur products	4,000
Reptile skins	255
Ornamental corals and shells	85
Natural pearls	57
<b>Animal products for food (excl. fish)</b>	
Game meat	365
Frogs legs	40
Edible snails	60
<b>Plant products</b>	
Medicinal plants*	1,000
Ornamental plants	11,000
Fisheries food products (excl. aquaculture)	68,600
Timber	154,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>239,500</b>

Source: TRAFFIC \*2004 estimate

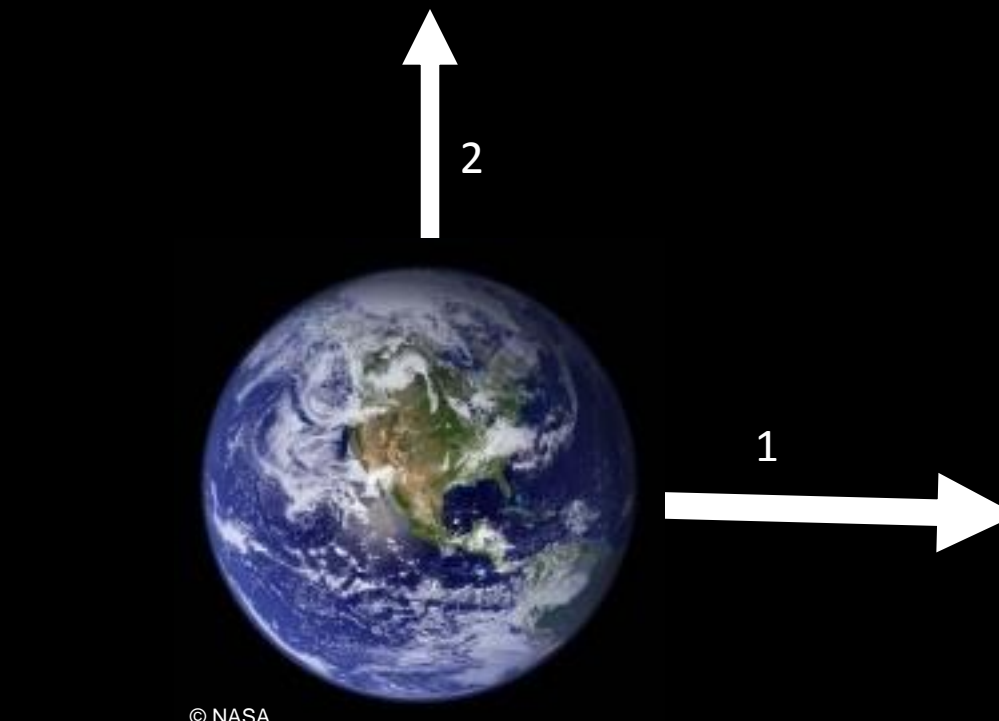
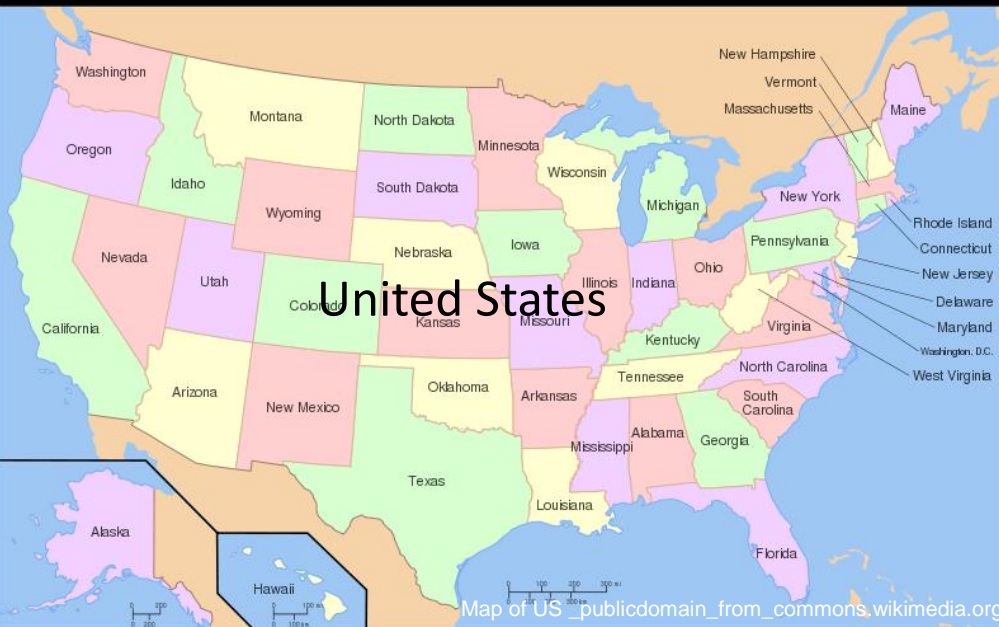
\$USD 18.25  
Billion  
Estimated  
Illegal Trade

\$USD 73 Billion  
Legal Animal  
Trade

\$USD 182  
Billion

Economist 2008

# LARGEST CONSUMERS IN THE WORLD



# INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Value provides Incentive to Overharvest



# SNOW LEOPARD

Endangered

150-200 in Afghanistan

Pelts fetch up to \$1,000

International commercial trade is  
**PROHIBITED**



# SAKER FALCON



**Endangered**

**Estimated 61% decline  
from 1990-2003**

**Females can sell for  
\$20,000**

# WHAT GOVERNS WILDLIFE TRADE?



- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

- ✓ Afghanistan is a signatory
  - Presidential decree
  - Environment Law 2006
- ✓ US is a signatory
  - Endangered Species Act, Lacey Act, USDA

U.S. Military wherever they are, also must abide

# WITH THREATENED SPECIES, WILDLIFE TRADE IS A CRIME



# A CRIME ANYONE CAN COMMIT

The New York Times

Africa

WORLD U.S. N.Y. / REGION BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE HEALTH SPORTS OPINION

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## Ivory Culprit in Kenya: Ex-Official From U.S.

By NICHOLAS KULISH  
Published: July 24, 2013

### Former U.S. Defense Attaché at the American Embassy

**The Price of Ivory**  
Articles in this series explore how the surge in poaching in Africa both feeds off and fuels instability on the continent.



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The traveler's identity was the surprising part: David McNevin, who served as a defense attaché at the American Embassy here. His arrest meant that a former official of a government dedicated to stopping the poaching that has threatened the very existence of Kenya's elephants was engaged in ivory trading himself.

The timing of the arrest was particularly incongruous. On the same day, July 1, that Mr. McNevin was arraigned, President Obama was in neighboring Tanzania [pledging an additional \\$10 million in aid](#) to help halt wildlife trafficking

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# TRADE IN AFGHANISTAN

Unable to control wildlife trade.

Military and foreign aid workers unknowingly contribute to the problem.



Bagram Bazaar

# WILDLIFE PRODUCTS WIDELY AVAILABLE



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# WCS-MILITARY ENGAGEMENT



# TRAINING IN THEATER



# MILITARY POLICE TRAINING



# PROTECT SOLDIERS BY LIMITING SUPPLY



Julie Larsen Maher © WCS

Illegal wildlife export may lead to fines of up to  
\$250,000 & imprisonment

# DEMAND STILL EXISTS

- Fort Drum Survey
  - > 40% had purchased wildlife products or knew someone who did
  - 12% had heard of CITES
  - Mostly furs
- (Kretser et al. 2012)

## U.S. Military Personnel's Experiences with Wildlife and Wildlife Products

This survey has been prepared by the Wildlife Conservation Society, a United States based international 501c3 non-profit organization operating from its flagship headquarters the Bronx Zoo.

This questionnaire explores the familiarity and encounters with the potential sale or consumption of wildlife products by United States military personnel who have been stationed overseas. If you have not been stationed overseas for the U.S. Military, you do not need to fill out this





# DOD INTEREST & SUPPORT

- 5 contracts since 2009
- \$400K investment
- Systematic approach to outreach and training



# ON THE ROAD



# TRAINING MATERIALS

- Smart Cards/Pocket Cards
- DA Form 4856
- Training Fact Sheet

DEVELOPMENTAL COUNSELING FORM			
For use of this form, see FM 22-100; the proponent agency is TRADOC.			
<b>AUTHORITY:</b>		<b>DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974</b>	
5 USC 301, Departmental Regulations; 10 USC 3013, Secretary of the Army and E.O. 9397 (SSN)		To assist leaders in conducting and recording counseling data pertaining to subordinates.	
<b>PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:</b>		<b>ROUTINE USES:</b>	
For subordinate leader development (AW FM 22-100). Leaders should use this form as necessary.		Disclosure is voluntary.	
<b>DISCLOSURE:</b>			
<b>PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE DATA</b>			
Name (Last, First, MI)	Rank/Grade	Social Security No.	Date of Counseling
Organization	Name and Title of Counselor		
<b>PART II - BACKGROUND INFORMATION</b>			
Purpose of Counseling: (Leader states the reason for the counseling, e.g., performance/professional growth or event-oriented counseling, and includes the leader's facts and observations prior to the counseling.)			
<b>PART III - SUMMARY OF COUNSELING</b>			
Complete this section during or immediately subsequent to counseling.			
<b>Key Points of Discussion:</b>			
Purchasing or attempting to import products made from many kinds of wildlife is illegal.			
Wildlife products include all items made from wild animals or parts of wild animals. This includes, but is not limited to: fur coats, hats, blankets, and rugs; pelts, skins, hides, and leathers; taxidermy or stuffed wildlife; antlers, horns, shells, ivory, bone, feathers, claws, or teeth; meat products or medicines derived from wildlife, and any other animal product trophy items.			
In Afghanistan these items, especially furs, are widely available for purchase as no management mechanisms exist to control the trade of threatened and endangered species. Once you purchase the item the damage is done, more animals will be killed to meet demand and the money may end up in the hands of those you are fighting against. Trade in illegal wildlife parts has been associated with trade in illegal arms and drugs. Increasing evidence suggests the profits of illegal wildlife trade support insurgencies and fuel corruption. Do not support the enemy!			
<b>LAW:</b>			
1. The Conservation on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES-pronounced like cities but with a long Y sound): Regulates international trade in animals and plants. As of 2009, 173 countries have ratified this including the United States and Afghanistan.			
2. U.S. Endangered Species Act: Forbids federal agencies from carrying out actions that "jeopardize the continued existence of" threatened and endangered species, including species not found in the U.S.			
3. Lacey Act: States all U.S. citizens must abide by all wildlife laws of the country they are in as well as U.S. laws when they are out of the country. Military personnel are NOT exempt from these laws and can face stiff penalties (up to \$250,000 and 20 years in prison) for violating these laws.			
Furthermore - Soldiers may be subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice for violating the following DoD rules:			
General Order 1-B: 2. Prohibited Activities, j. Adopting as pets or mascots, caring for, or feeding any type of domestic or wild animal.			
Defense Travel Regulation 4500.9-R: 3 Agricultural Restrictions and Prohibitions; a(1) Animal and Poultry Products. United States Department of Agricultural Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) restricts entry of animals, poultry, birds' eggs, wild bird feathers, poultry products and byproducts, and animal products and byproducts, to include meat extracts, secretions (including milk and cheese), untanned hides, untanned skins, wool, hair, bone, and horns. (There are no USDA APHIS restrictions on animal trophies that are fully finished for display. There are, however, US Fish and Wildlife Service restrictions and prohibitions on the importation of mounted birds and animals, including elephant ivory, elephant parts, and products thereof.)			
USCENTCOM REG 600-10: Appendix E: USCENTCOM PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED ITEMS LIST			
Prohibits the possession or shipment of Animals: Live, Dead or Parts. It also enforces restrictions inflicted by USDA, APHIS, and CITES			
<b>OTHER INSTRUCTIONS</b>			
This form will be destroyed upon: reassignment (other than rehabilitative transfers), separation at ETS, or upon retirement. For separation requirements and notification of loss of benefits/consequences see local directives and AR 635-200.			
<b>DA FORM 4856, JUN 1999</b>		<b>EDITION OF JUN 85 IS</b>	

**Important Laws Governing Wildlife Trade**

**International and US Laws:**

- The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- U.S. Endangered Species Act
- Lacey Act

**Military Regulations:**

- General Order 1-B2
- Defense Travel Regulation 4500.9-R:3

**You are not exempt!**

Military personnel are not exempt from these laws and can face fines for violating them: up to \$250,000, 20 years in prison, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.



**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

Advise Soldiers to avoid purchasing items from on-base or off-base vendors selling wildlife items.

Do not purchase any items containing wildlife. Local vendors are not monitored and proper identification of legal wildlife parts is difficult.

Even if the vendors say a product is ok, it might contain pieces of threatened or endangered wildlife. Purchasing such an item is breaking the law.

Live by the motto:  
**Leave Wildlife in the Wild** when you are shopping overseas.

Spread the word about this issue. Visit [www.wcswildlifetrade.org/military](http://www.wcswildlifetrade.org/military) to learn more about illegal wildlife trade.





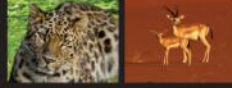
**LEAVE WILDLIFE IN THE WILD**

**Wildlife Diversity in Afghanistan and Iraq**

Leopards, wolves, owls, wild cats, bears, and snakes are some of the awe-inspiring creatures found in Afghanistan and Iraq. International laws protect these animals because they are threatened or endangered due to years of conflict, habitat loss, and hunting. Wildlife products made from these animals are illegal.

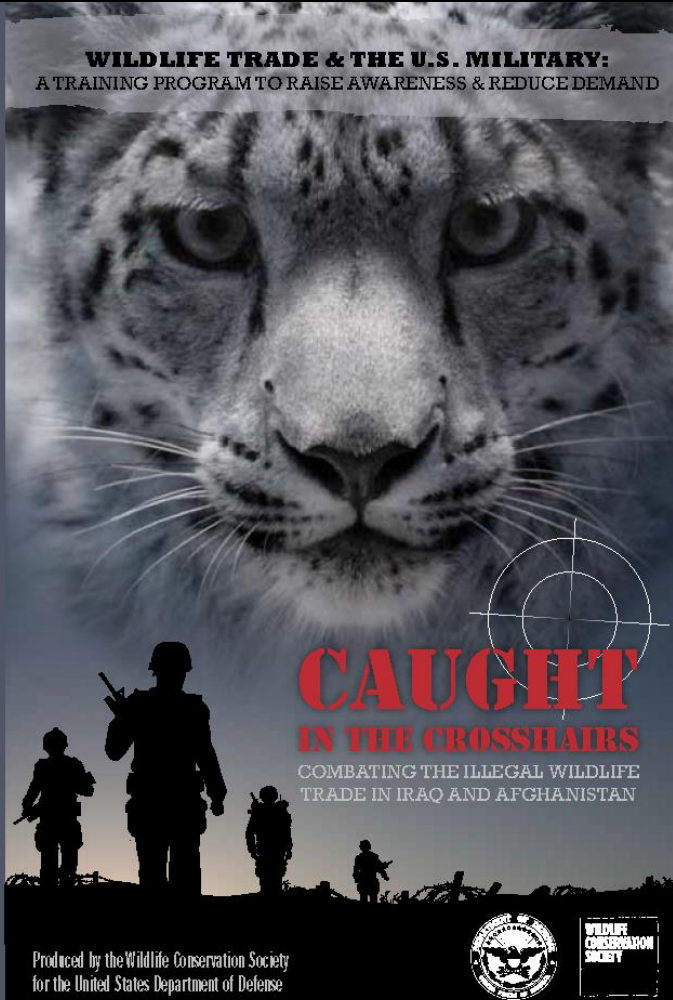
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# TRAINING MATERIALS



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# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 20,000 direct contacts – pre deployment
- 1,500 direct contacts – in theater
- 7,200+ views on YouTube
- Training packets to 130 installations
- AFRICOM, CENTCOM, PACCOM, SOUTHCOM
- US Army Africa
- Joint Environmental Considerations during Deployment Operations

# FIELD CHALLENGE



# ENFORCEMENT NEED

A tool to provide animal  
part recognition, species  
ID, and case reporting



# ENFORCEMENT TOOLS

## MOBILE APP TO COMBAT WILDLIFE CRIMES





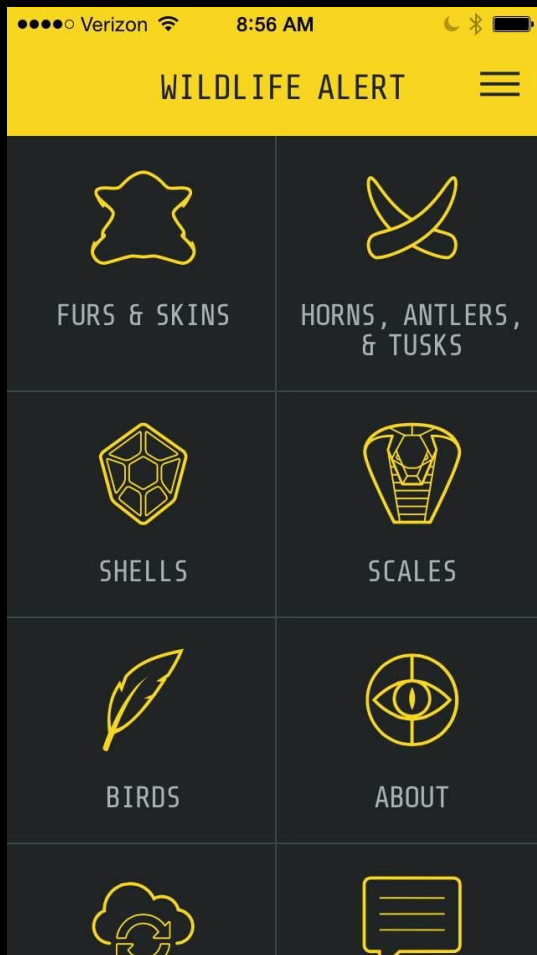
# APP OBJECTIVES

Phase I : Support military police to identify potentially illegal animal species parts in wildlife trade products

Phase II: Facilitate recognition of potentially illegal items by broader military community

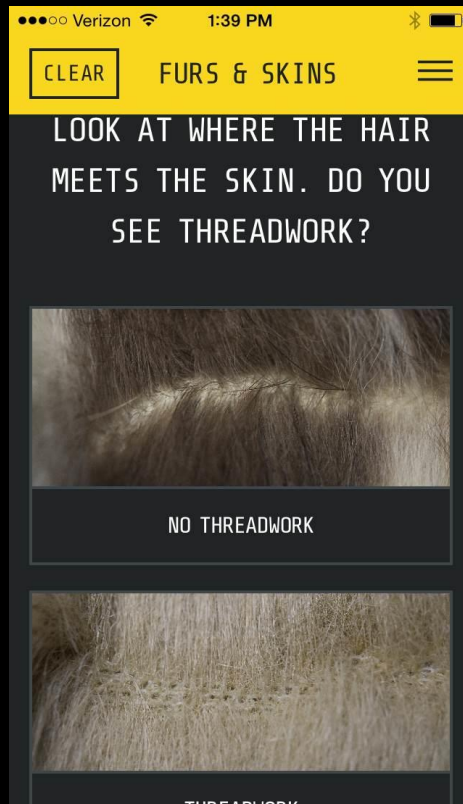
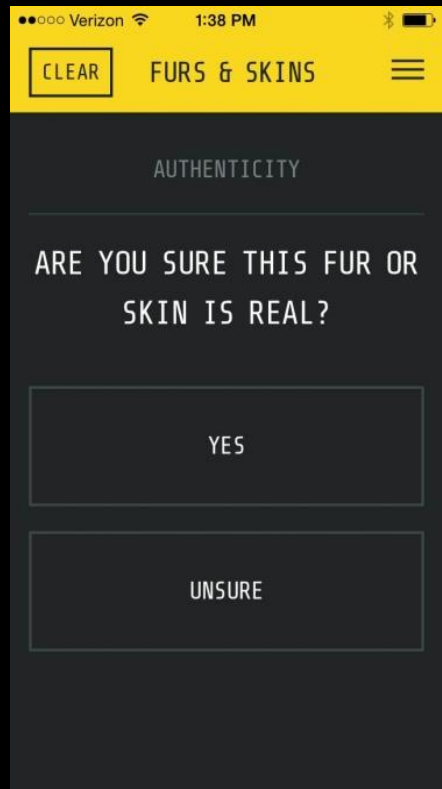
Phase III : Document the supply chain for broader action against illegal wildlife trade

# APP FUNCTIONS: OPTIONS

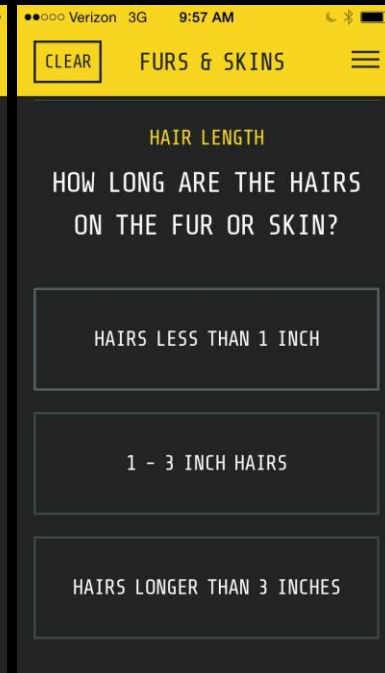
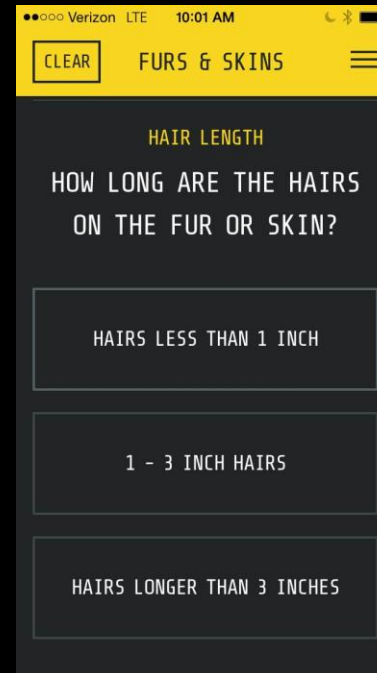
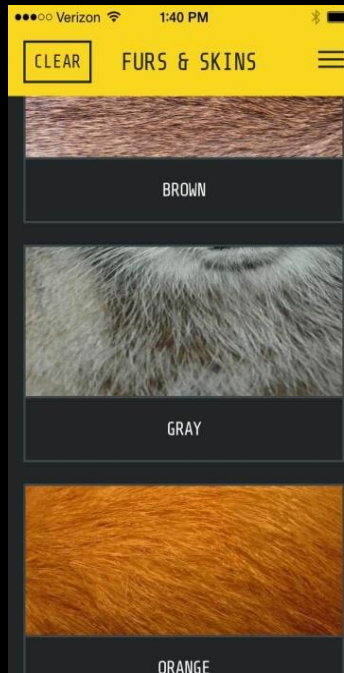
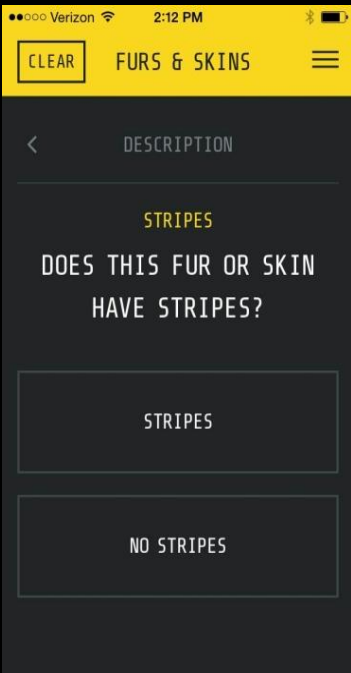


- Furs & Skins – real vs. fake and most comprehensive with species ID
- Horns, Antlers, Tusks – real vs. fake, some species ID
- Shells and Scales – real vs. fake
- Birds – commonly traded species
- Feedback

# APP FUNCTIONS: REAL OR FAKE?



# APP FUNCTIONS: FUR DIAGNOSTICS



# APP FUNCTIONS: HORNS, ANTLERS & TUSKS

Verizon 1:45 PM  
CLEAR HORNS, ANTLERS, & TUSKS

HOLLOWNESS

IS THE INSIDE OF THE HORN, TUSK, OR ANTLER HOLLOW?

YES

NO

IT'S ATTACHED TO THE SKULL

Verizon 1:46 PM  
CLEAR HORNS, ANTLERS, & TUSKS

RINGS ON ONE SIDE



RINGS ALL AROUND



SMOOTH, NO MARKINGS

Verizon 1:45 PM  
CLEAR HORNS, ANTLERS, & TUSKS



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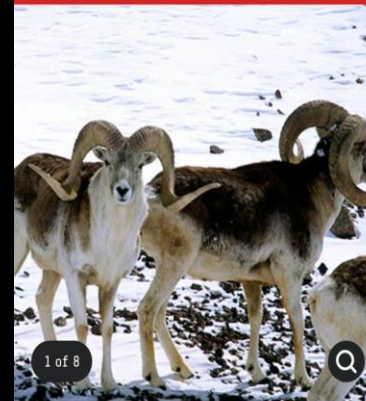


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Verizon 2:24 PM  
ARGALI

PROTECTED: DO NOT ALLOW



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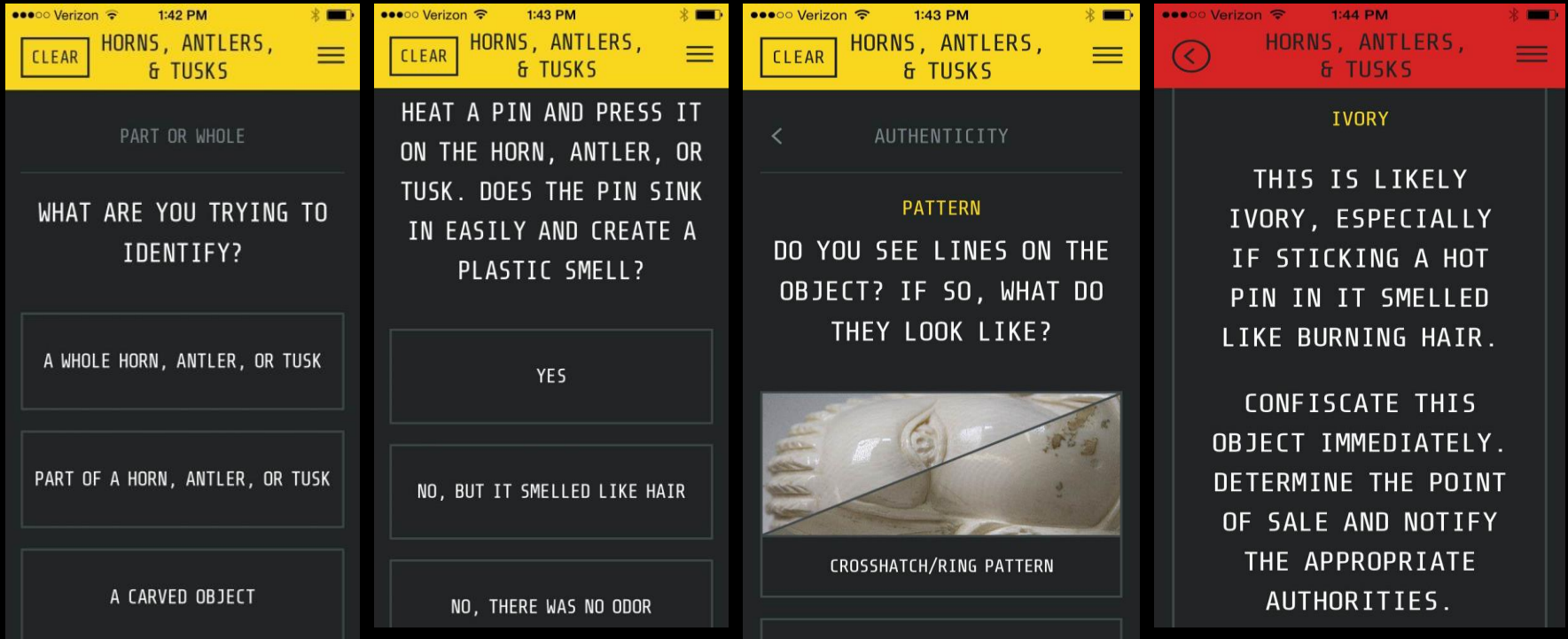


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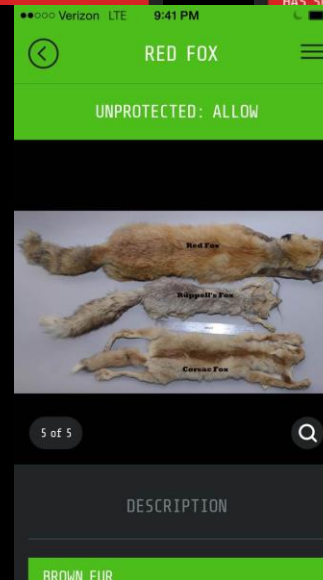
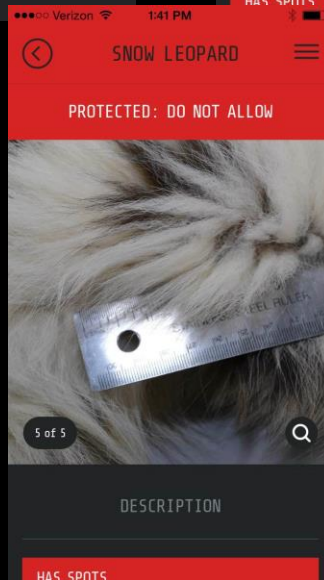
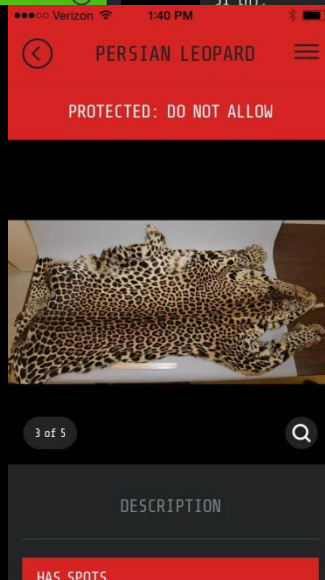
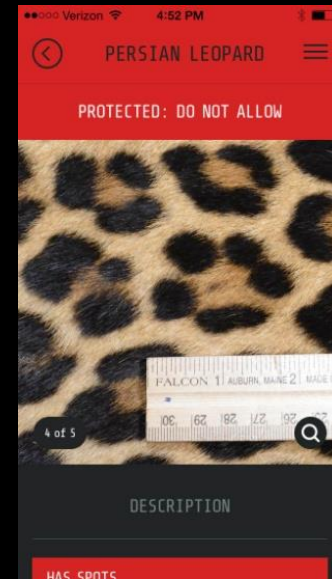
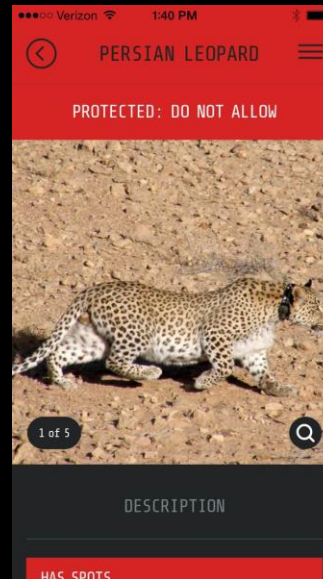
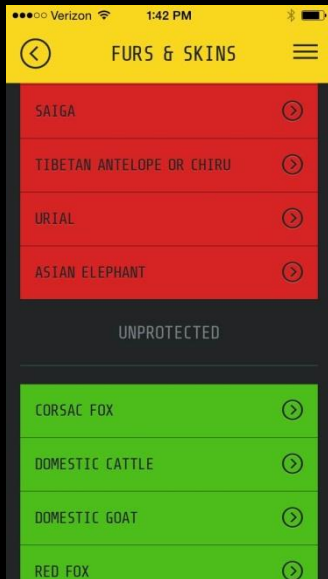
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# APP FUNCTIONS: REAL OR FAKE IVORY?

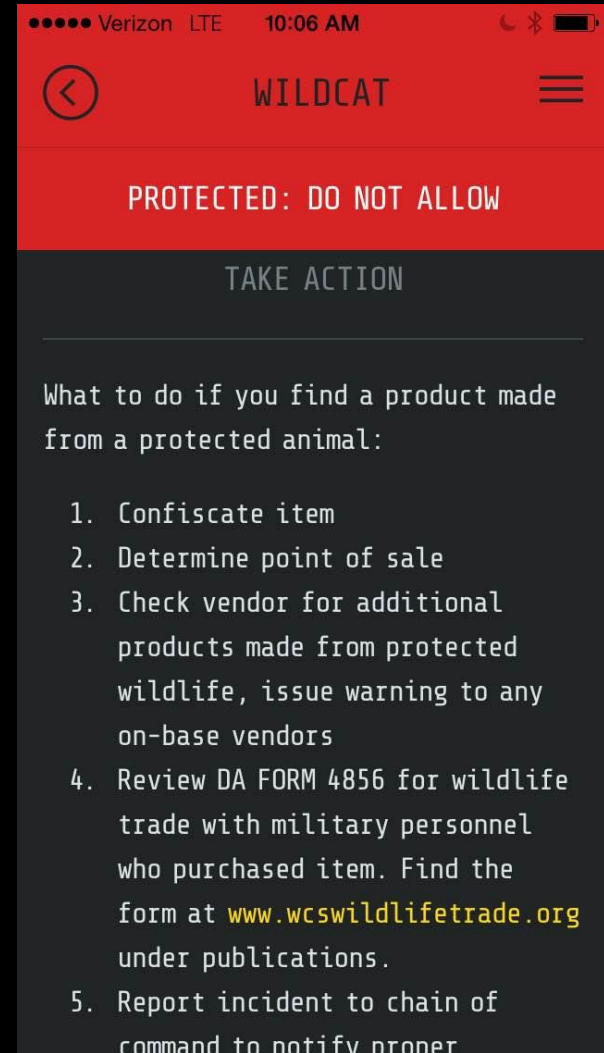


# APP FUNCTIONS – PICK A MATCH



# APP FUNCTIONS – TAKE ACTION

- Steps to follow within DoD
- Expansion needed to include Geolocation and Ask the Expert functions
- Eventually should link to a central database





# TRAINING PACKETS

## LEAVE WILDLIFE IN THE WILD

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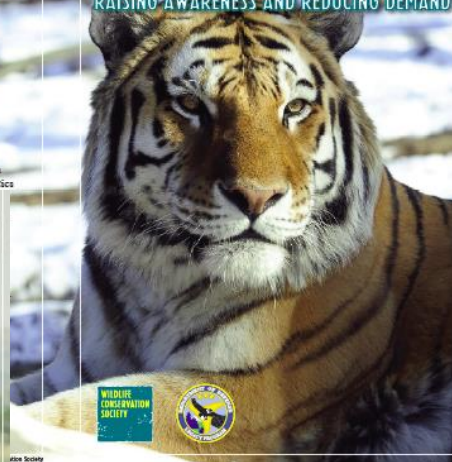
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Penalties are high for breaking wildlife trade laws, up to \$250,000 fine and prison time.

Avoid buying any product made from wildlife while overseas.

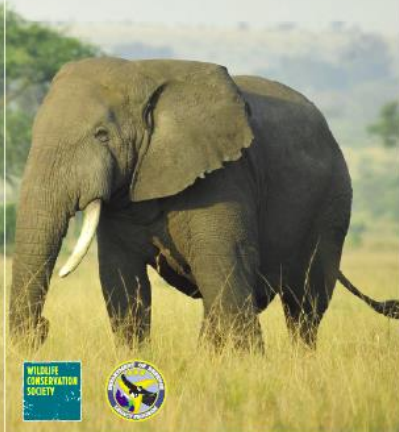
Purchase alternative items such as hand-crafted carpets, jewelry, or pottery.

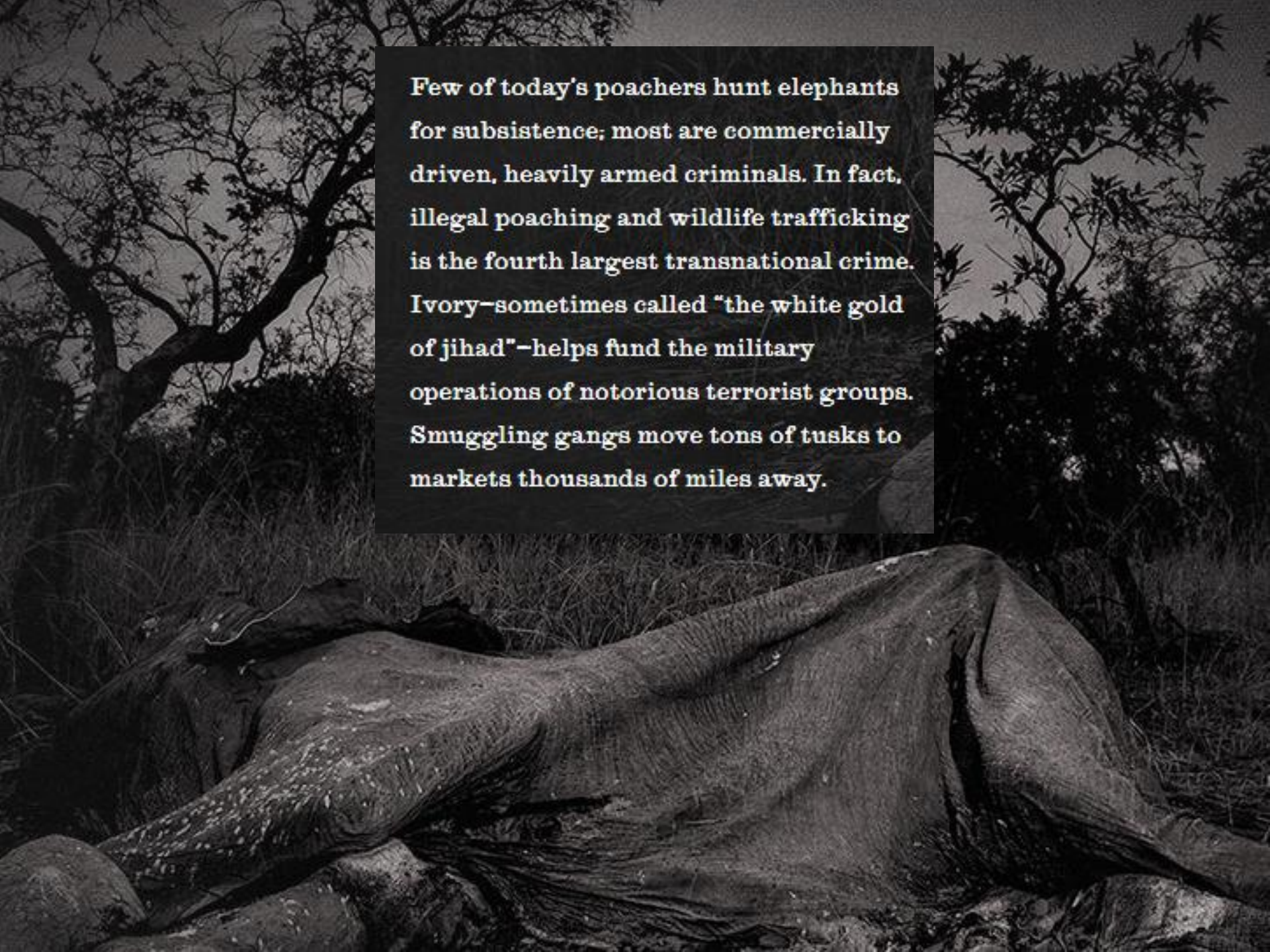
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 [www.dodlegacy.org](http://www.dodlegacy.org)  
 DoD Legacy Program Staff: [Legacy@osd.mil](mailto:Legacy@osd.mil)

## WILDLIFE TRADE AND THE U.S. MILITARY: RAISING AWARENESS AND REDUCING DEMAND



A black and white photograph showing the carcass of a large animal, likely an elephant, lying on the ground in a savanna or forest setting. The animal's body is the central focus, with its legs and trunk visible. The background consists of trees and dense vegetation. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid on the upper portion of the image, containing white text.

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# EXECUTIVE ORDER & NATIONAL STRATEGY

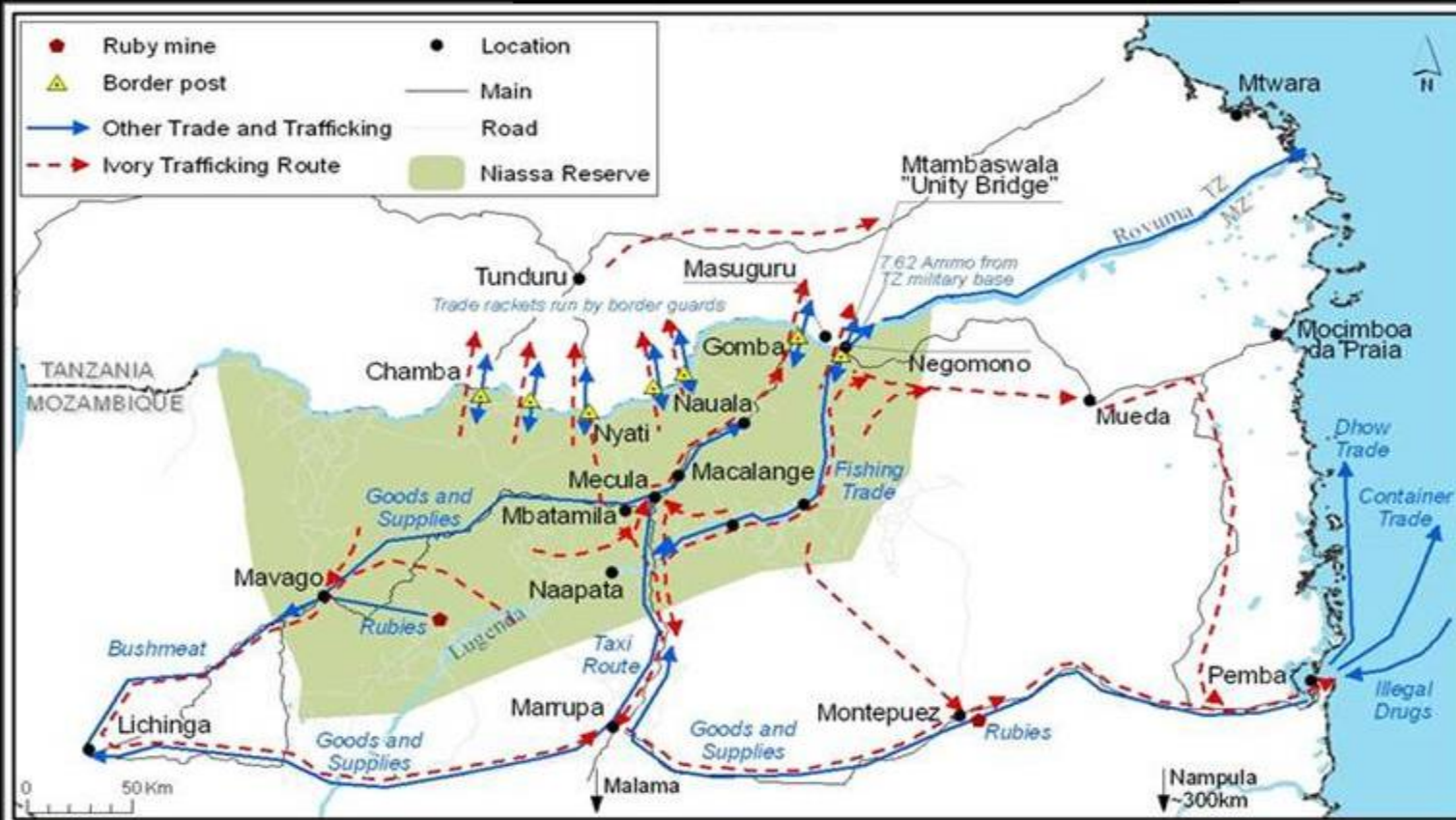


## NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR COMBATING WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

FEBRUARY 2014



# ORGANIZED CRIME



Handwritten immigration 'Tomi' stamped by Mozambique border guards, confiscated from poacher



Foot and motorcycle bush path to Tanzania, aerial view



Road to Mecula, the best quality road in Niassa Reserve



Stop and search of bush courier on road to Nyati



Entrance sign for Montepuez ruby mine



Pemba port

**Ivory trafficking networks in Northern Mozambique overlap with drug trafficking and other illicit networks, and exacerbate corruption, poor governance, and border insecurity.**

# REFURBISH MATERIALS

## Smart Cards/Pocket Cards

### Business Cards



IF YOU BUY PRODUCTS MADE OF SEA TURTLES OR OTHER WILDLIFE MATERIALS WHILE TRAVELING OVERSEAS, YOU ARE VIOLATING US, EU, AND INTERNATIONAL LAWS, AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES, INCLUDING JAIL TIME. STOP ILLEGAL TRADE IN WILDLIFE.

**QUICKLY AND RELIABLY IDENTIFY ILLEGAL WILDLIFE PRODUCTS WITH WILDLIFE ALERT**

FIND OUT MORE AT [WWW.WCSWILDLIFETRADE.ORG/MILITARY](http://WWW.WCSWILDLIFETRADE.ORG/MILITARY)



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#### IMPORTANT LAWS GOVERNING WILDLIFE TRADE

**International and US Laws:**  
-The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)  
-U.S. Endangered Species Act  
-Lacey Act

**MILITARY REGULATIONS:**  
-General Order 101  
-Defense Travel Regulation #500.9-R3

**YOU ARE NOT EXEMPT!**  
Military personnel are not exempt from these laws and can be prosecuted for violating them: up to \$250,000, 10 years in prison, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Advise Soldiers to avoid purchasing items from on-base or off-base vendors selling wildlife items.

Do not purchase any items containing wildlife. Local vendors are not monitored and proper identification of legal wildlife parts is difficult.

Even if the vendors say a product is ok, it might contain pieces of threatened or endangered wildlife. Purchasing such an item is breaking the law.

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#### LEAVE WILDLIFE IN THE WILD

**PURCHASING OR ATTEMPTING TO IMPORT PRODUCTS MADE FROM MANY KINDS OF WILDLIFE INTO THE UNITED STATES IS ILLEGAL.**

#### WILDLIFE DIVERSITY IN AFRICA

Elephants, lions, giraffes, rhinos, meerkats, and birds are some of the disappearing creatures found in Africa. US, UK, EU, and international laws protect these animals because they are threatened or endangered due to years of conflict, habitat loss, and hunting. Wildlife products made from most of these animals are illegal.

Trade in illegal wildlife products is linked to transnational organized crime and illegal trade in arms, drugs, humans, and may fuel corruption and support insurgencies. When you buy an item, more animals will be killed to meet demand and your money may end up in the hands of those you are fighting against.

**IVORY CARVINGS**

**MOUNTED BUTTERFLIES**

**SKINS AND PELTS**

**AVOID ALL PRODUCTS MADE FROM WILD ANIMALS OR PARTS OF WILD ANIMALS INCLUDING:**

- Fur coats, hats, blankets and rugs
- Pelts, skins, hides and leather items
- Taxidermy or stuffed wildlife
- Trophy items such as antlers, horns, shells, ivory, bone, leathers, claws or teeth
- Meat products or medicines made from wildlife parts

**THESE ITEMS SUPPORT LOCAL LIVELIHOODS, REPRESENT LOCAL CULTURE, AND ARE SAFE TO BRING INTO THE UNITED STATES.**

**SUPPORT THE LOCAL ECONOMY. PROTECT WILDLIFE. PROTECT YOURSELF.**

**PURCHASE HIGH QUALITY ALTERNATIVE ITEMS AS SOUVENIRS FOR YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

- Hand-woven carpets and rugs
- Jewelry and baskets
- Other handcrafted items

**METAL JEWELRY**

**WOVEN FABRIC SHAWL**

**BASKETS**

# EXPANDING TO AFRICA

**COMBAT WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING**



**WHAT CAN YOU DO?**



**DON'T BUY IVORY**



**DON'T BUY FURS OR SKINS**



**DON'T BUY SHELLS**



**WILDLIFE  
CONSERVATION  
SOCIETY**

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# FUTURE MILITARY ENGAGEMENT

## Internal

- New Website
- Deploy training materials more broadly (e.g., military police)
- Expand outreach materials (e.g., Africa and Asia Pacific)
- APO training
- App database

## External

- Wildlife crimes & insurgencies
- Poaching hotspots
- Surveillance in danger zones
- Mil to Mil training
- Support of Law Enforcement - NDAA

# BENEFITS TO MILITARY

- 1) Support the NDAA to counter transnational crime
- 2) Support the National Strategy
- 3) Reduce organized crime related to wildlife, cultural antiquities, drugs, humans
- 4) Support compliance with U.S. and international laws
- 5) Contribute to the 'Winning Hearts and Minds' mission



# SUMMARY

- WCS works in countries of conflict
- U.S. military presence can contribute to conservation problems
- Systematic approach to address issue of wildlife trade in the military
- Innovative training partnership with DoD
- Many options for DoD engagement in combating wildlife crimes; NDAA

# THANK YOU

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