

IVORY, HORN *and* BLOOD

Behind the Elephant and
Rhinoceros Poaching Crisis

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Acronyms

AEAP: African Elephant Action Plan	MIKE: Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants
AEC: African Elephant Coalition	NBI: Philippines National Bureau of Investigation
AEF: African Elephant Fund	NDF: Non-Detriment Finding (under CITES)
AfESG: African Elephant Specialist Group (under IUCN)	NGO: non-governmental organization
ASEAN-WEN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations Wildlife Enforcement Network	PAPECALF: Plan d'Action sous-régional 2012–2017 des pays de l'espace COMIFAC pour le renforcement de l'Application des Législations Nationales sur la Faune sauvage [Sub-regional Action Plan for the strengthening of the implementation of national laws on wildlife] (under COMIFAC)
CACA: China Arts and Crafts Association	PIKE: Proportion of Illegally Killed Elephants
CAMPFIRE: Communal Areas Management Programme for Indigenous Resources (Zimbabwe)	SACIM: Southern African Centre for Ivory Marketing
CAR: Central African Republic	SADC: Southern African Development Community
CARPE: Central African Regional Program for the Environment (under USAID)	SAHGCA: South African Hunters and Game Conservation Association
CITES: Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora	SCAT: smoothed continuous assignment technique
COMIFAC: Central African Forest Commission	SRT: Sumatran Rhino Trust
DEA: Department of Environmental Affairs (South Africa)	SSC: Species Survival Commission (under IUCN)
DENR: Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Philippines)	SSN: Species Survival Network
DRC: Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire)	TRAFFIC: Trade Records Analysis of Flora and Fauna in Commerce
EIA: Environmental Investigation Agency	UNEP: United Nations Environmental Programme
ETIS: Elephant Trade Information System	UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
GEF: Global Environment Facility	USAID: United States Agency for International Development
ICCWC: International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime	USFWS-FL: US Fish and Wildlife Service Forensic Laboratory
IFAW: International Fund for Animal Welfare	WCO: World Customs Organization
IUCN: International Union for Conservation of Nature	WWF: World Wildlife Fund / Worldwide Fund for Nature
KWS: Kenya Wildlife Service	ZAWA: Zambian Wildlife Authority
LAGA: Last Great Ape Organization	
LATF: Lusaka Agreement Task Force	
LRA: Lord's Resistance Army	
MEA: multilateral environmental agreement	

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FOREWORD

BY IAIN DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, OBE

As Ron Orenstein's book goes to press the killing of elephants in Africa for ivory has intensified to new heights. Elephants are fewer in number than they were in the previous ivory crisis of the 1970s and 1980s. I have never witnessed such a demand for ivory in the 48 years I have studied them. The prices for ivory to the poacher and, in ever increasing increments, to the final buyers in the Far East exceed all previous records. Demand for ivory is driving the illegal killing and exceeds all possible supply. If demand is not reduced the elephants will be largely eradicated.

Already populations have been exterminated in places like Comoe National Park in the Ivory Coast and in the Affole Mountains of Mauritania, both of which had thriving elephant populations when I started the first Pan-African Elephant Survey in 1975. There has been a horrific roll call of incidents in the last few years. Bouba N'Djida in Northern Cameroon was attacked by horsemen from Sudan allied to the notorious Janjaweed, and half the elephants were killed in a few days. Minkebe National Park in Gabon lost 11,000 elephants, Tsavo, Samburu and Mara are under attack in Kenya, and in East Africa nine out of ten populations are in decline. The Central African Forest Elephants have lost 62 percent of their numbers in one decade. All of this and far more is recorded in papers, reports and scientific publications.

The sheer weight of the destruction is overwhelming, but the statistics give no idea of the individual suffering, wounding and bereavement that accompany them. The rhino situation is even worse, with far higher prices for rhino horn and escalating killing in what formerly were the most secure havens. For these species to survive we need champions to tackle the poaching on

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