STATUS OF WILDLIFE CRIME IN AFRICA
Presentation on the conservation efforts of Africa’s most iconic and endangered wildlife.
Lawyers for Animal Protection in Africa is a nonprofit engaged in wildlife crime research, law enforcement capacity building, monitoring and evaluation of processes aimed at strengthening the law enforcement response to animal law issues such as wildlife crime.

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The true status of wildlife crime

Illegal Wildlife Trade

Illegal wildlife trade, linked to global criminal gangs and terrorist groups, is estimated to be worth over $10 billion.

1. Drugs
2. Counterfeiting
3. Humans
4. Oil
5. WILDLIFE

Illegal trade of wildlife is the world’s 5th most lucrative criminal industry.

FIND OUT HOW AND WHY THESE KEY SPECIES ARE BEING THREATENED BY ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE
THE TRAFFICKING CHAIN

Poachers (artisanal and professional) exploit Money Value Transfer systems and apply cash courier systems

Intermediaries (runners or brokers & exporters)
Exploit existing legitimate money transfer systems; both banking and bespoke transfer systems such as Hawala

Importers / Final Traders
Exploit the banking system or launder proceeds through “legitimate” business, e.g. used car import trade.

Use of Alternative remittance systems
According to UNODC World WISE seizure data from 2015-2019,

most ivory tusk shipments head to

Viet Nam (42 %),
China (34 %)
Cambodia (12 %).

rhino horn shipped to
Viet Nam (41 %),
China (39 %),
Malaysia (5 %) and
Thailand (3 %).
WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE?

1. STRENGTHENING LAW ENFORCEMENT
   - Arrest of all suspected offenders
   - Proper scene of crime examination
   - Proper storage and examination of evidence
   - Proper pre – trial conferencing & preparation for trial
   - Use of ancillary laws; organized crime, money laundering etc.
   - Forfeiture of proceeds of crime and personal assets

2. MORE SPACE FOR WILDLIFE
   - Protecting habitats from degradation
   - Promoting compatible land uses
   - Adding more space for wildlife