



Human Wildlife Conflict

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Overview

- Human wildlife conflict
- Causes of human wildlife conflicts
- The role of governments
- Uganda Wildlife Court



Human – wildlife conflict

- Everything humans do affects the natural world and animals
- Conflict
- Space
- Food

Causes

- Human population growth
- Demand for space
- Increased interaction

Habitats loss



Okapi

- 1970s



Rhinos

- 1980s
- 31 individuals



Elephants

- 700 in 1980s



Do governments have a role to play?

Uganda Wildlife Court

- Africa's only specialized wildlife court
- Unlimited jurisdiction in Uganda
- Over 2000 cases registered

Benefits

- Prioritization of the cases
- Increased arrests and prosecutions – arrests of key players in the crime e.g extradition of Moazo Koromah.
- Expeditious adjudication over cases – timely delivery of verdicts
- Uniformity in penalties
- Increased coordination, corporation and communication amongst the key players
- Reduction of recidivism

What is our role?

- We all have a role to play
- Animals do not speak
- Let us speak for them
- Let us speak for humanity





Thank You!