The reality of elephant poaching in Africa

In the next 2 hours, 8 more African elephants will be killed.

20,000
Number of African elephants killed in 2013

Poachers are using industrial methods, such as cyanide, night vision goggles, AK-47s.

$18,000
Wholesale price of one elephant’s ivory in Asia

Value of services rendered by one elephant to the wildlife tourism industry in its lifetime.

12%
Proportion of wildlife tourism industry as percentage of Kenya’s national revenue.

Wildlife poaching destroys lives, fuels corruption, and impoverishes people.
UNDP’s role in fighting wildlife poaching in Africa

Strengthen law enforcement

In Tanzania, national strategy to eradicate poaching and creation of wildlife crime unit

UNDP equipped and is training rangers in a 150,000 km² area spanning Cameroon, Congo and Gabon

Eradicate the market for illegal wildlife products

Conservation number plate scheme in Asia raises money and awareness

Support for CITES Action Plan for control of trade in elephant ivory, in collaboration with rest of UN system

Promoting sustainable livelihood and economic development

In Namibia, 230,000 women and men manage their own protected areas

In Angola, UNDP-supported national strategy for the management of protected areas.