

THE ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

Junior Newsletter



Angle on pangolins

Welcome to the weekly edition of our junior newsletter.

In this series, we feature a 3 part discussion on pangolins. Vol 8 is the 2nd part, therefore, stay tuned in for part 3 and more!

Learning objectives:

- Asian pangolin trafficked statistics
- Reason for demand of Pangolin
- Recent pangolin conservation news

International Union for Conservation of Nature
(IUCN) Red List Status (Range)



Asian Pangolins: trafficked statistics

2015 – 2021 Main seizures from South East Asia



Name:

Philippine Pangolin



34



2,011 KG



161



Name:

Sunda Pangolin



194



46,297 KG



4538



Name:

Chinese Pangolin



21



34 KG



43



Seizure Incident



Seized Amount of scales
and whole pangolin parts



Seized whole,
dead or alive

Photo Source: www.iucnredlist.org

Statistic Source: www.traffic.org/site/assets/files/17191/wpd-r6.pdf

Pangolins: reason for demand of pangolins



- 1. Cultural Beliefs** - The Venda and Tswana clans living in South Africa are positively awarded by their chief when tribesmen find the Temminck's ground pangolin.
- 2. Bags and Accessories** - Although very rare in today's market, pangolin scales were used to make skins for bags and various fashion accessories.
- 3. Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)** - Pangolin scales are believed to have medicinal effects on lactation in women, swelling reduction and improvements in the blood flow. Traditionally used and believed to treat nosebleeds, headaches, heart disease, cancer in Africa.
- 4. Bushmeat** - A delicacy in Central and West Africa, and China.
- 5. Boasting Rights** - Pangolin dishes in China is used as a status symbol, previous commonly served in business meetings for boasting rights.

Recent Pangolin Conservation News



Uganda Fights to Stop Pangolin Poaching.

In Uganda, prosecutions involving seizures of pangolin scales are steadily increasing over the past 5 years, according to data from the Uganda Wildlife Authority tracked on the #WildEye East Africa map.

Offenders convicted of crimes related to species classified as extinct in the wild, or critically endangered, face the highest penalty under Uganda's Wildlife Act 2019 of a UGX20-billion (about US\$5.5-million) fine or life imprisonment, or both.

But penalties meted out in court cases involving pangolins between 2019 and 2021 were far more lenient than the maximum penalty provided for in the Wildlife Act.

Penalties in 44 cases ranged from fines of between UGX200 000 (\$56) and UGX3 000,000 (\$838), and from three to 24 months in jail. There were just two cases involving jail time longer than a year, one of these mandating imprisonment only if the convicted could not pay the fine.

Asked about this state of affairs, the Uganda Wildlife Authority's director of conservation, John Makombo, said the judiciary is an independent institution that can "make decisions based on what they think but also guided by the law".

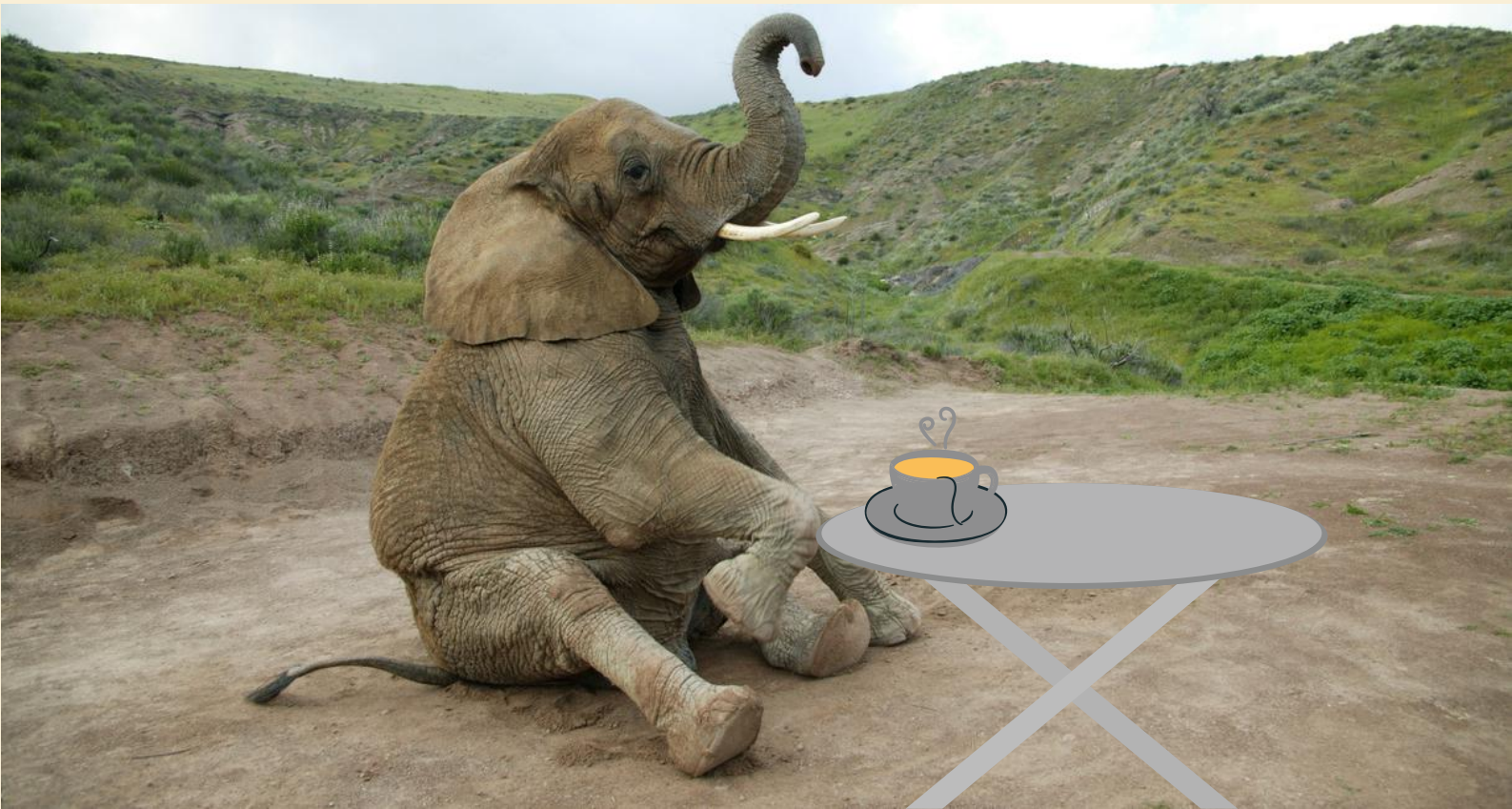
The illegal trade in wildlife and trafficking of animals is often made possible by the failure of some individuals in law enforcement circles to operate professionally. One among these key problems is corruption.

In March this year, state prosecutors from 11 countries in East Africa formally pledged to increase cross-border coordination to combat wildlife trafficking and money laundering.

News Source:

<https://mg.co.za/africa/2022-06-06-uganda-fights-to-stop-pangolin-poaching/>

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