

Elephant Poaching Article

1. How do poachers use elephant social behavior to help them illegally harvest ivory?
2. What are three wealthy nations that are large consumers of ivory goods? What has happened to the price of ivory since 2004?
3. Why is it important for authorities to know exactly where elephants are being poached so that they can attempt to solve the problem?
4. How are illegal ivory shipments seized now being used to determine where the elephants were poached?
5. What is a DNA microsatellite? How are they used to determine where illegal ivory has been poached?
6. What are ivory DNA fingerprints compared to in order to locate their origin?

7. What are some other endangered groups of animals that are being exploited from poaching?

8. After reading this article, answer the following question that will be due Monday. Put it into a complete sentence format.

How does knowledge of DNA structure help in addressing the issue of elephant poaching in Africa? How do you feel about the issue of elephant poaching and poaching of animals in general? Who is to blame for the problem? Is it the poachers only? Or is it more complicated than that? Also, describe how you as an individual could help the problem of wildlife poaching. Be thoughtful while answering these questions!