

# Combating Wildlife Crime

a collaborative approach of the German  
Government



# Biodiversity in German Development Cooperation

- **Conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity** is a **priority goal** of Germany's development cooperation: 500 Mio. € annually for forests and other ecosystems
- Loss of key species threatens **ecosystem integrity and livelihoods** of people (e.g. potential for sustainable tourism)
- ➔ Combating poaching and illegal wildlife trade plays an **increasing role** in the portfolio



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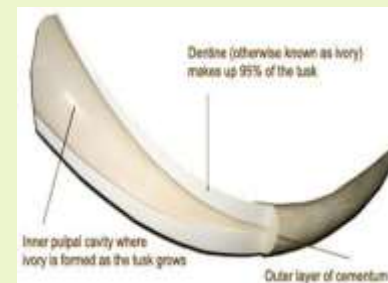


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## (Bilateral & regional) Projects and Initiatives - Selection

- Management / governance of **protected areas** and support for **transboundary protected areas** (e.g. Kavango-Zambesi KAZA conservation complex; WAP complex, North Cameroon/Chad, etc.) – GIZ / KfW
  - ➔ increasing benefits from conservation for local population
- **Training of rangers** (e.g. Wildlife Colleges); KfW
- **Supporting Security Plans** for Serengeti and Selous (Tanzania); GIZ
- **Implementing an Elephant Census in Selous** (Tanzania) & **Surveillance Aircraft**; GIZ / Frankfurt Zoolog. Society
- Improve international enforcement through **determination of age and provenance of elephant ivory** => methodology and database for a standard for elephant ivory, using isotope (geographical origin) and radionucleotide (age) – BMUB/BfN
- Support of the **African Elephant Fund (AEF)** - BMUB



# Inter-Sectoral Technical Cooperation Project 2013 - 2015

## Combating Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trade (Ivory and Rhino-horn) in Africa and Asia

- Combines expertise and resources in a „steering group“, composed of
  - Economic Cooperation (BMZ) / GIZ / KfW
  - Environment (BMUB / BfN)
  - Foreign Affairs (AA)
  - Finance (BMF / ZKA)
  - Interior (BMI / BKA)
  - NGOs (WWF, TRAFFIC, ZGF...)
- Promote **cross-sectoral, cross-border and trans-continental** cooperation
- Tap into specialised **expertise** (NGOs, int. specialised organisations like World Customs Org. / UNODC, ...)



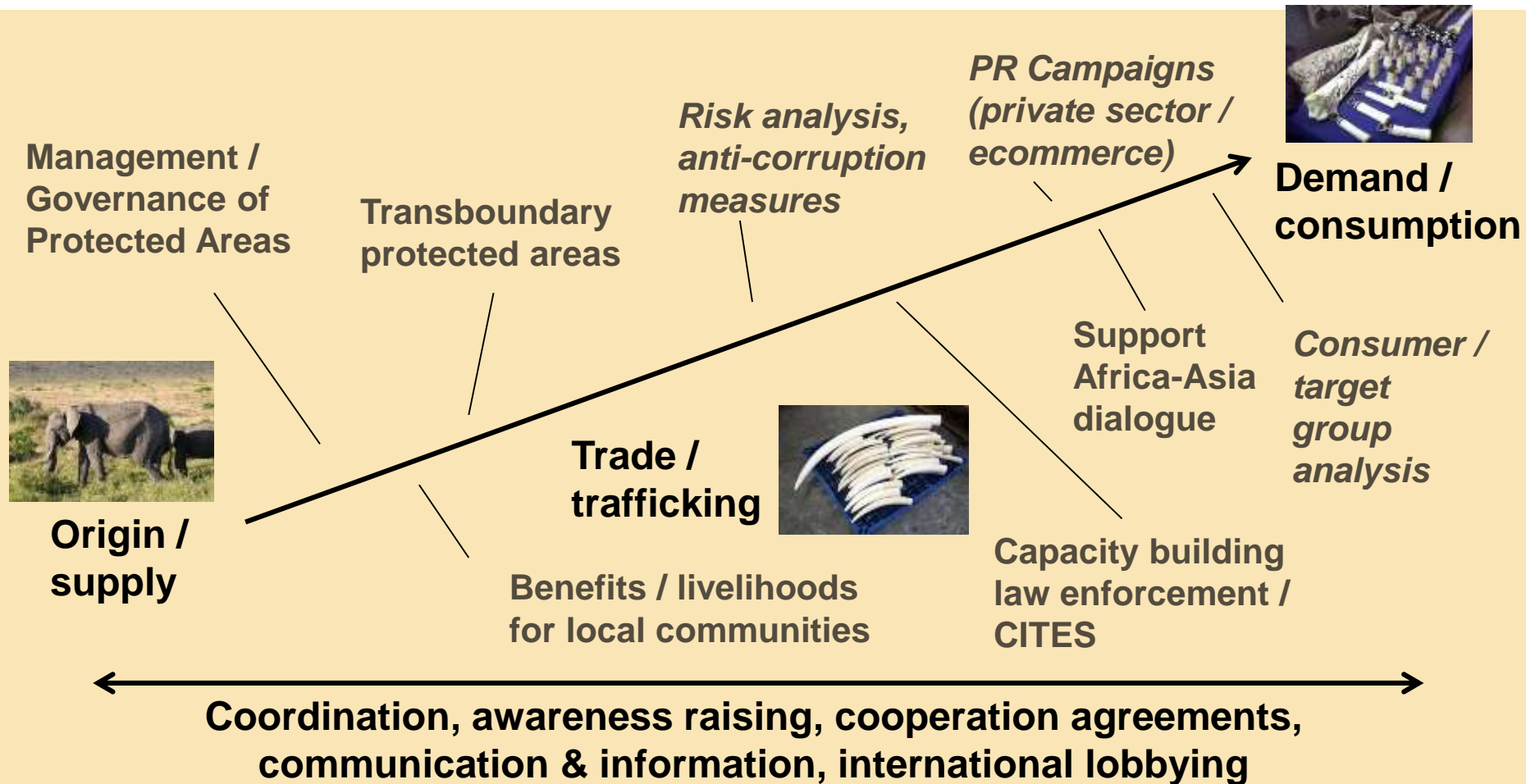


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# Strategic Alignment along the „Illicit Trade Chain“





## Four, interlinked areas of work

Along the illicit trade route

Poaching

1) Introduction of **technical and organizational innovations** for the defense against **poaching**

Trafficking

2) **Capacity building** to improve the efficiency of enforcement efforts against the **illegal trade** in ivory and rhino products through cooperation between police, customs and justice systems

Consumption

3) **Piloting** of approaches to **reduce demand** in user countries in Asia, e.g. publicity campaigns; reduce corporate gift giving of ivory; etc.

4) **Coordination, Public Awareness, Political Lobbying, Mobilisation of new resources**



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# Outlook

- German Government currently considering to **extend the inter-sectoral technical cooperation project** and to provide additional funding (focus: law enforcement, demand reduction)
- Further **mainstream the issue of illegal wildlife trade and conservation into German Development Cooperation Projects** (across sectors, e.g. conservation, governance, anti-corruption, sustainable economic development, peace & security, etc.)



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