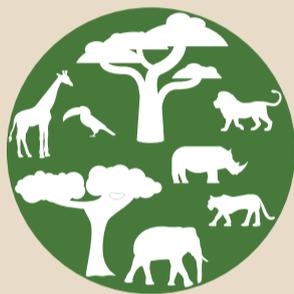




EU ACTION SO FAR



The **EU** has been for decades a **primary supporter of African countries** for the establishment and management of protected areas



The **EU** has provided more than **EUR 500 million** for **biodiversity conservation in Africa** over the **past 30 years**, with on-going projects worth approximately **EUR 160 million**



By **joining the Cites convention** on International Trade in Endangered Species, the **EU** has become a **stronger actor** in global efforts to **protect the environment and prevent illegal trade**



The **EU** has enacted **strict rules** designed to ensure that wildlife products **only enter the EU market** if they are of **legal and sustainable origin**



The **EU** has facilitated **cooperation** between enforcement agencies (customs, police...) in Europe and at **international level** to **strengthen enforcement against wildlife crime**