

Sniffer dog finds rhino horn worth more than one million dollars

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1 Warmer

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. Elephants have two *tusks* / *horns*, one on either side.
2. African white rhinos have two *tusks* / *horns*, but Indian rhinos only have one.
3. *Horns* / *Tusks* are used to make ivory.
4. Rhinos live in Africa and *America* / *Asia*.

2 Key words

Fill the gaps in the sentences with these key words from the text. The paragraph numbers will help you.

smuggler poacher sniffer black market endangered species illegal

1. A _____ is an animal group. (para 1)
2. An _____ species is a type of animal that many soon disappear from the world. (para 1)
3. An _____ activity is against the law. (para 1)
4. A _____ is someone who illegally kills animals on another person's land. (para 1)
5. A _____ is someone who takes illegal things in or out of a country. (para 2)
6. If goods are sold on the _____, they are sold illegally. (para 2)
7. A _____ dog is trained to smell illegal things such as drugs or bombs. (para 3)

3 Find the information

Find the following information in the text as quickly as possible.

1. How many one-horned rhinos are there in India?
2. How many white rhinos are there in Africa?
3. How many rhinos are killed each year in South Africa?
4. How much rhino horn did Lizzy the sniffer dog find?
5. What was the value of the rhino horn she found?
6. How many elephants did poachers kill in Botswana in 2018?

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- 1 There are five species of rhinoceros in the world and their numbers are slowly falling. In Asia, the Javan and Sumatran rhinos are extremely endangered. Only around 60 Javan rhinos still exist and there are only about 80 Sumatran rhinos. In India, there are just over 3,500 one-horned rhinos. The situation in Africa is better – there are over 5,000 black rhinos and more than 20,000 white rhinos. But the African rhinos are still endangered because of an illegal activity – poaching. About 1,000 rhinos a year are killed by poachers in South Africa.
- 2 Poachers kill rhinos to get their horns. Smugglers take the horns out of Africa and the horns are used to make powder. Powder made from rhino horns is used in traditional medicine, especially in China and Vietnam. It is very expensive, so poachers and smugglers can make a lot of money by killing rhinos and selling their horns illegally on the black market.
- 3 But the governments of countries like South Africa and Kenya are now taking action against the poachers and smugglers. They are training dogs to find rhino horns and other illegal products. In January, 2019, a sniffer dog at the international airport in Johannesburg found 116 kilograms of rhino horns. Smugglers were trying to put the rhino horns on a flight to Dubai but the dog, called Lizzy, found them. One hundred and sixteen kilograms of rhino horns is worth around \$1.3 million.
- 4 Poachers don't just kill rhinos. They also kill elephants. They kill them for their tusks, which they can sell as ivory on the black market. People mainly use ivory to make jewellery. In 2018, poachers killed 87 elephants in Botswana, a country north of South Africa.

4 Comprehension check

Match the beginnings to the endings to make statements about the text.

1. There are four times more white rhinos ...
 2. Rhino horns are used to ...
 3. Poachers and smugglers can ...
 4. Some African governments are ...
 5. Poachers kill elephants ...
 6. The main use of ivory is ...
- a. ... make a lot of money when they sell rhino horns on the black market.
 - b. ... for their tusks, which are made into ivory.
 - c. ... to make jewellery.
 - d. ... make powder for traditional medicine.
 - e. ... than black rhinos in Africa.
 - f. ... training dogs to find rhino horns and other illegal products.

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5 Adverbs

Fill the gaps in the sentences with these adverbs.

mainly

especially

extremely

illegally

1. Some species of rhinos are _____ endangered.
2. Poachers and smugglers sell rhino horns _____ on the black market.
3. People _____ use ivory to make jewellery.
4. Rhino horns are used in traditional medicine, _____ in China and Vietnam.

6 Two-word phrases

Match the words in the left-hand column with the words in the right-hand column to make expressions from the text.

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|----------------|-------------|
| 1. illegal | a. medicine |
| 2. traditional | b. market |
| 3. black | c. dog |
| 4. sniffer | d. activity |

7 Prepositions

Complete the phrases from the text using these prepositions.

over

to

against

on

by

around

1. worth _____ \$1.3 million
2. _____ the black market
3. make money _____ killing rhinos
4. taking action _____ the smugglers
5. just _____ 3,500 rhinos
6. on a flight _____ Dubai

8 Discussion

- What should governments do to protect rhinos and elephants?
- Are there any endangered species in your country?

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KEY

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1. tusks
2. horns
3. Tusks
4. Asia

2 Key words

1. species
2. endangered
3. illegal
4. poacher
5. smuggler
6. black market
7. sniffer

3 Find the information

1. just over 3,500
2. more than 20,000
3. about 1,000
4. 116kg
5. around \$1.3 million
6. 87

4 Comprehension check

1. e
2. d
3. a
4. f
5. b
6. c

5 Adverbs

1. extremely
2. illegally
3. mainly
4. especially

6 Two-word phrases

1. d
2. a
3. b
4. c

7 Prepositions

1. around
2. on
3. by
4. against
5. over
6. to