

# Africa's wildlife poaching crisis – approaches and challenges

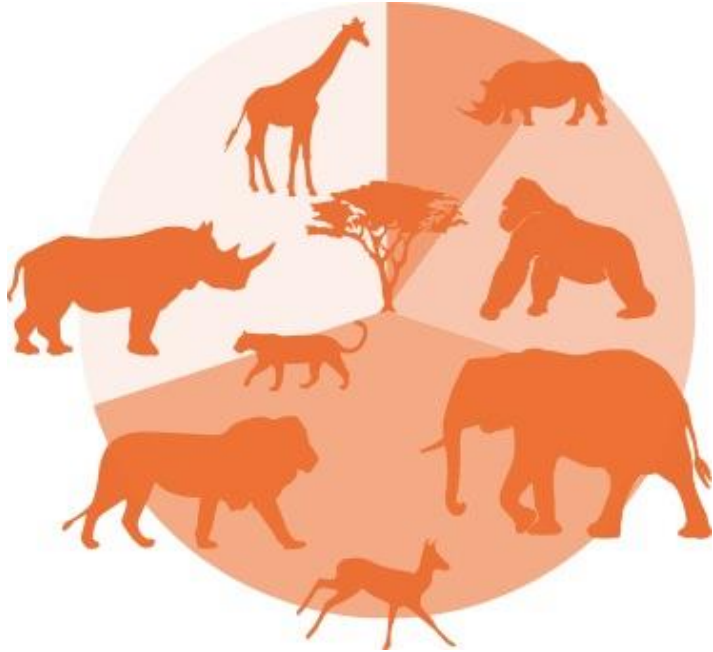
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# Goal for species conservation



**Viable functional Populations**



**Socioeconomic Development**



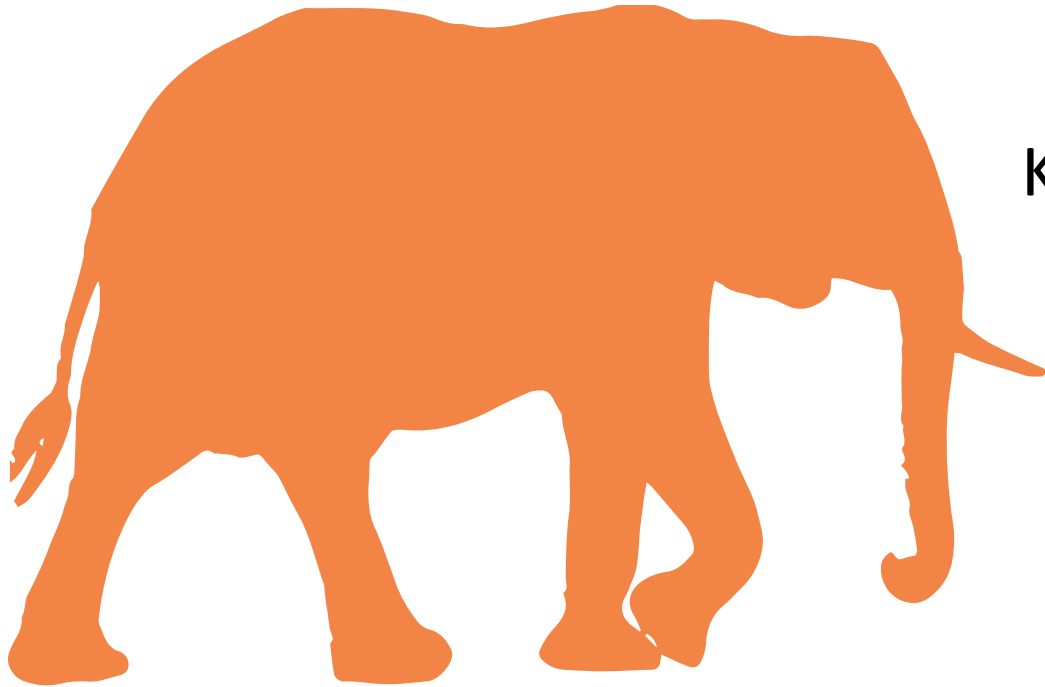


# Poaching (and trafficking) Crisis





**450,000 – 550,000** total population

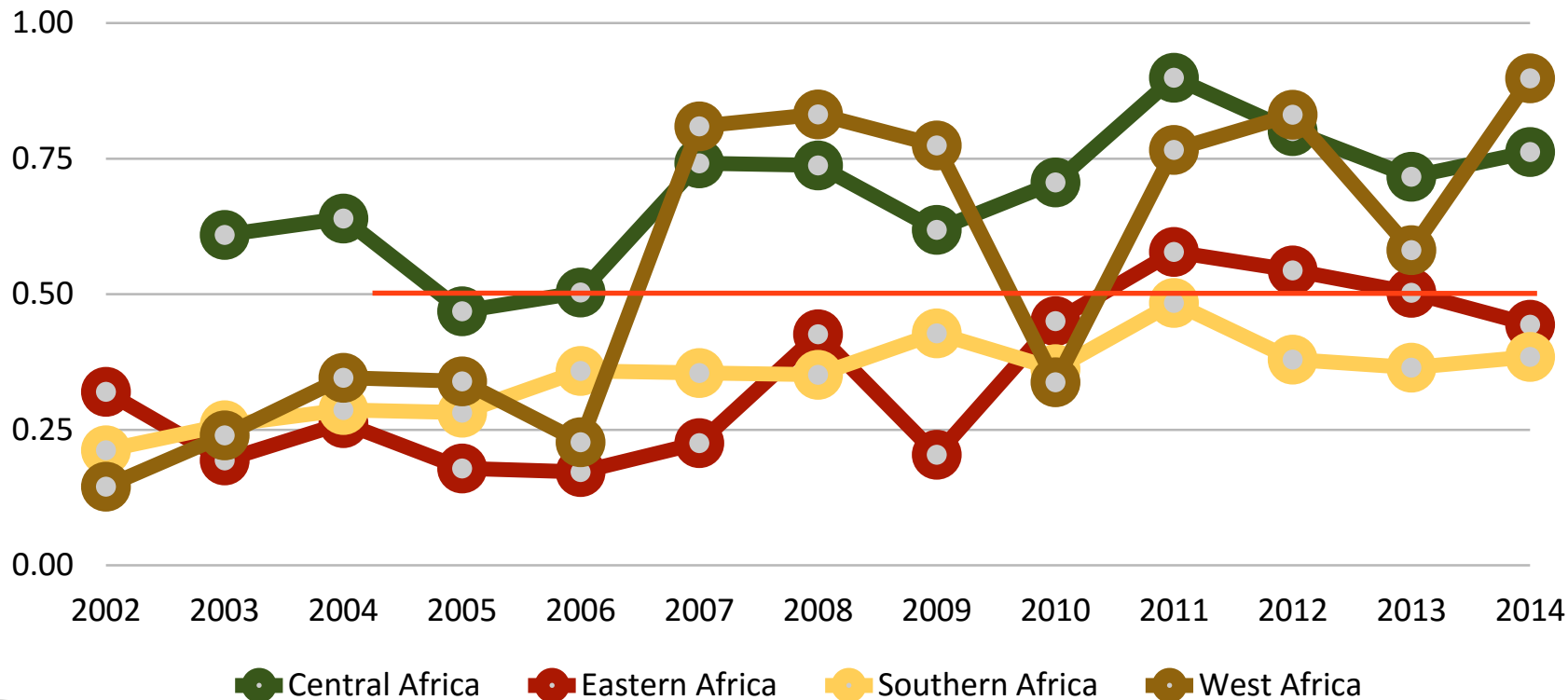


**~30,000**

Killed Annually for Ivory

**Maintain  
500,000 or more?**

# Sub-Regional PIKE Trends





Historical range down by

**85%**

Only **25,000 – 35,000** remain



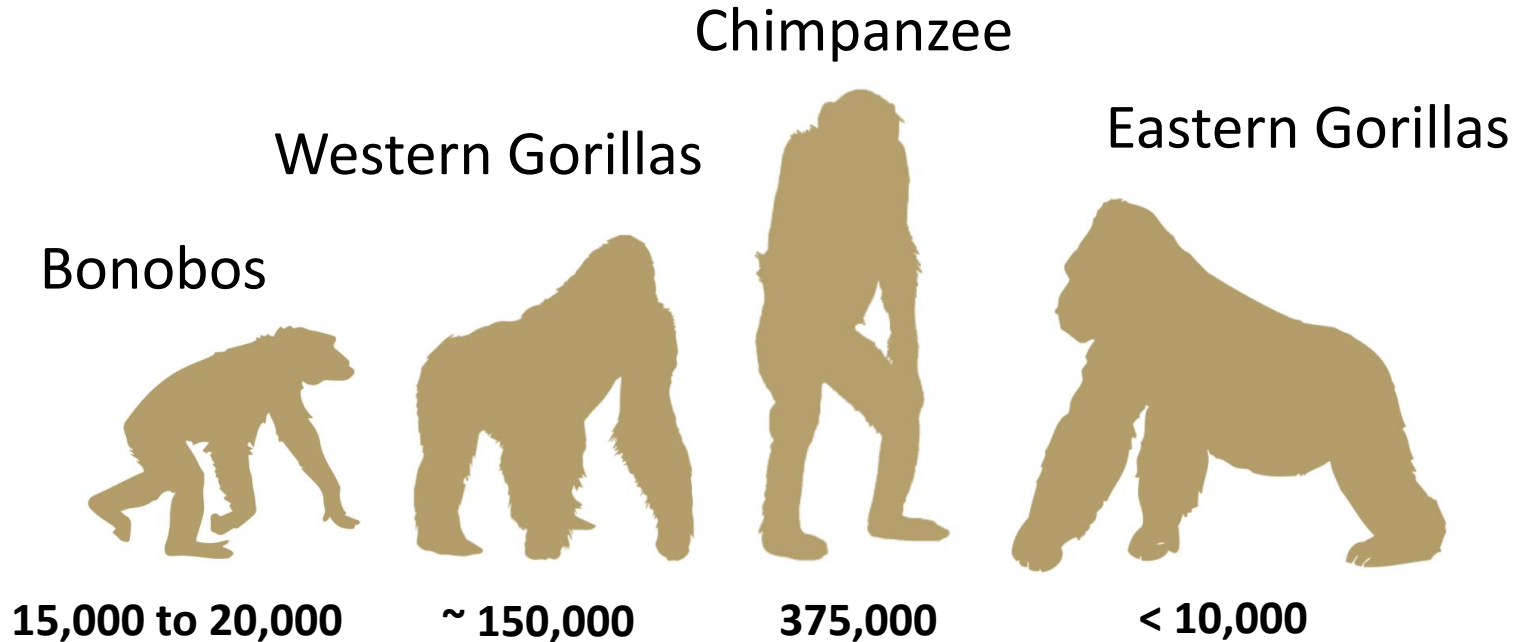
Lion bone trade  
– new threat

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**Maintain  
37,500**



# Estimated African Ape Numbers



**Gorillas: Maintain at 155,000?**

**Chimpanzees: Maintain at 200,000?**

# What does this mean for Africa?



VULNERABLE

ENDANGERED

CRITICALLY ENDANGERED

At current poaching rates, elephants, rhinos, and other iconic African wildlife may be **gone within 10 years.**

# Black Rhino

Black rhino  
Population  
down

**97** %

Extinct

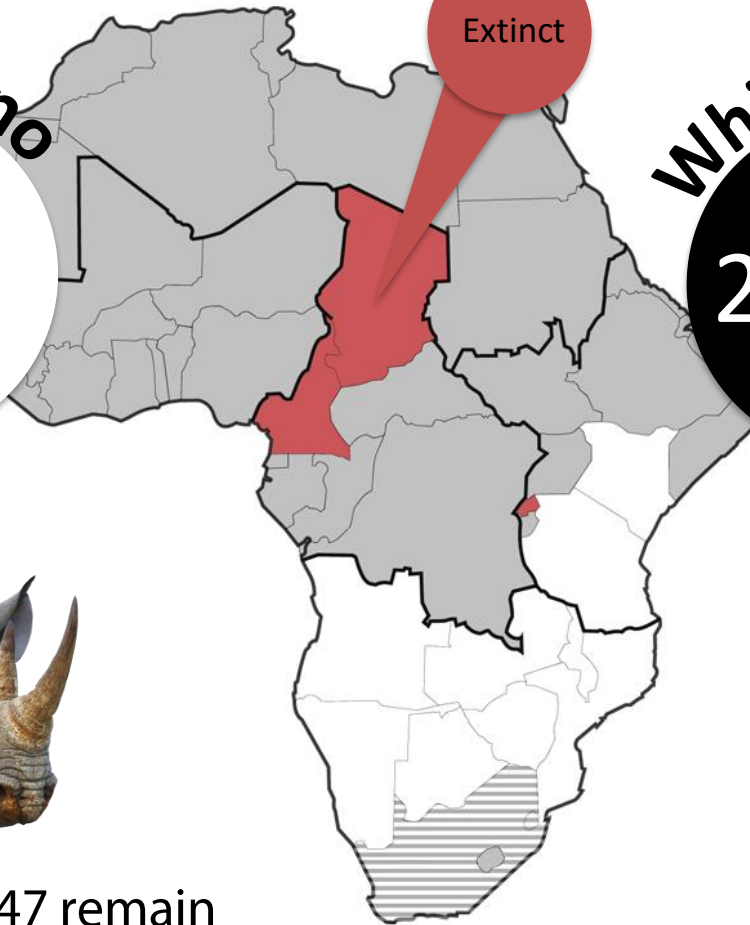
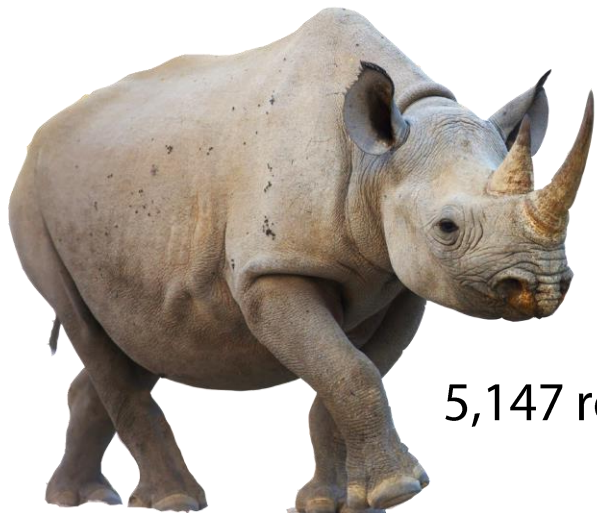
# White Rhino

Fewer than

**20,000**

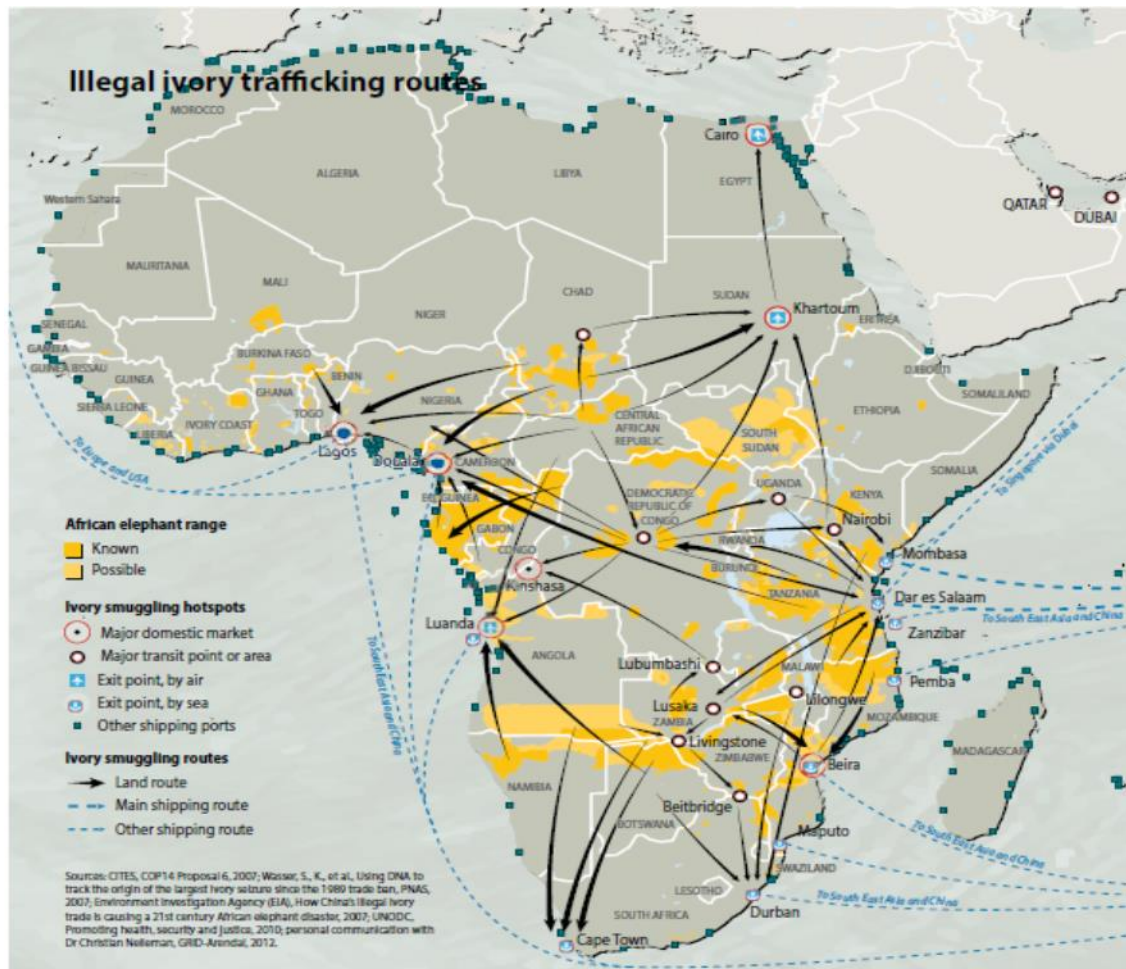
remaining

5,147 remain

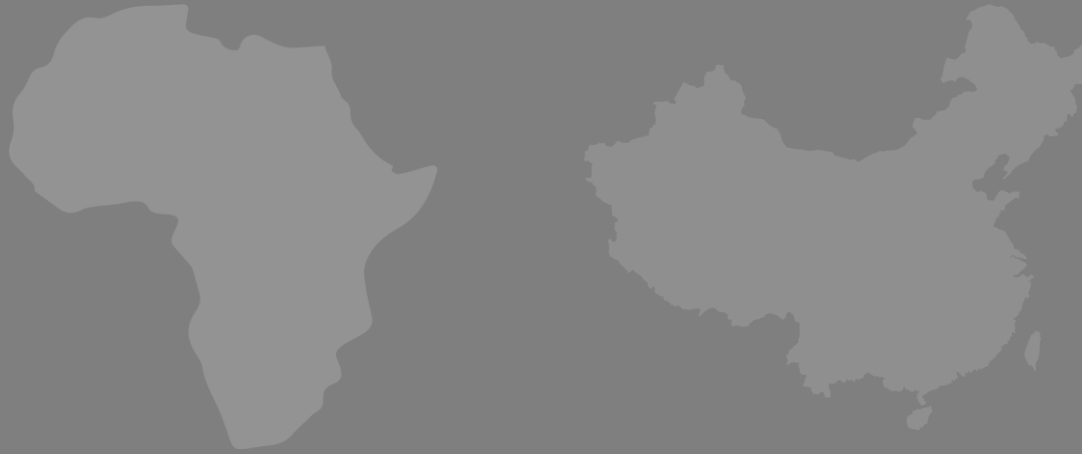




# Illegal ivory trafficking routes



# Addressing the Crisis



## Stop the Killing



Elephants



Rhinoceros

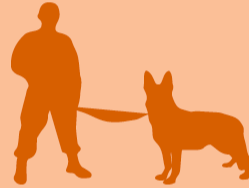


Large carnivores



African Apes

## Stop the Trafficking



Canine detection units



Prosecutorial training

## Stop the Demand



Say 'no' in Asia



China–Africa dialog



Giving voice to Africans

















Engaging  
with local  
communities

– in and  
across  
borders





# Wildlife Friendly Skies

ARREST AFRICA Partnership



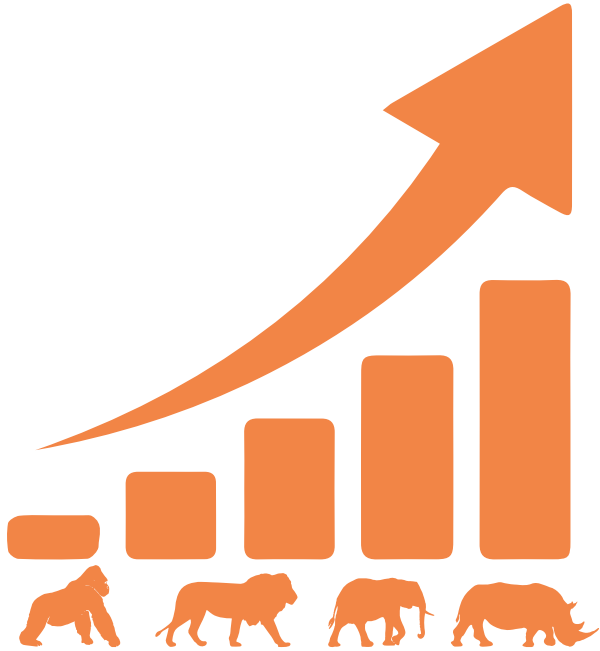


# Some key challenges

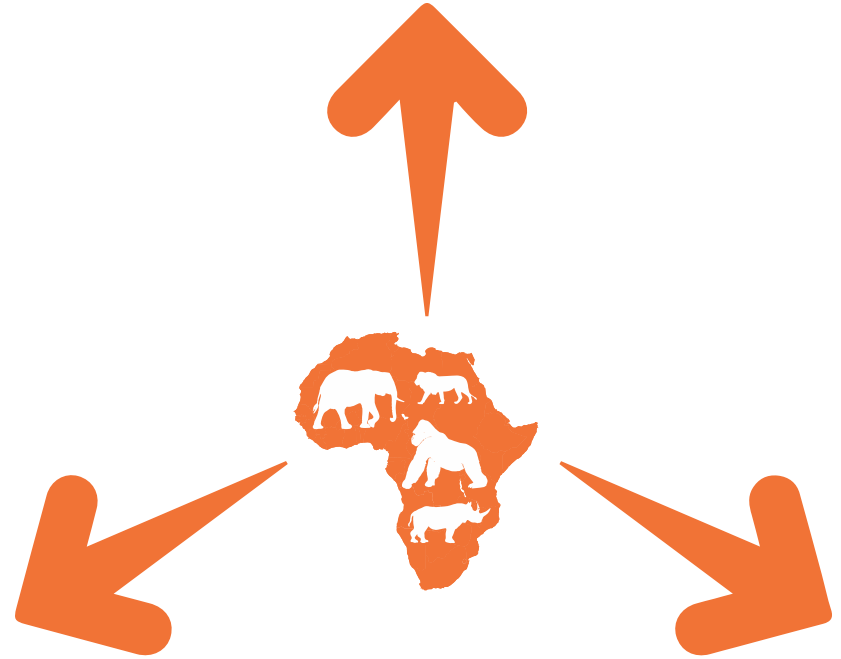
- Securing political commitment
- Collaboration
- Prosecuting aggressively
- Instituting trade moratoriums
- African voice
- Setting goals for endangered species
- Enhancing forest-dependent community livelihoods



# Going forward



**Measuring success:**  
- tracking metrics



## Expanding Programs

- efficient networks
- whole government response to regional



Thank you

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