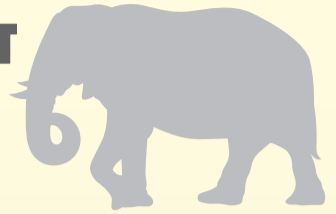


THE ILLEGAL IVORY TRADE IN THE U.S.



ON AVERAGE, **EVERY 15 MINUTES** AN ELEPHANT IS KILLED FOR ITS IVORY AND THE U.S. IS PART OF THE PROBLEM

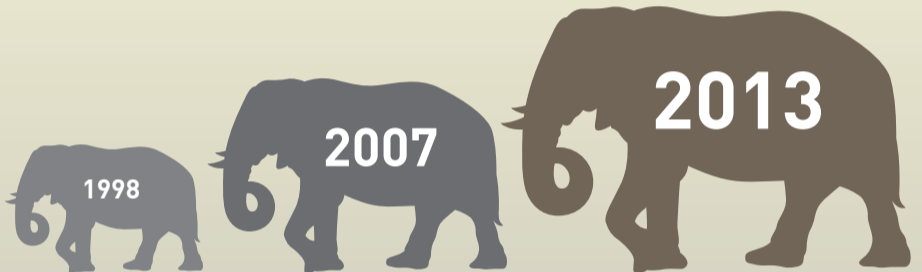


THE MARKET

The U.S. is the world's **second-largest retail market** for elephant ivory products (behind only China).

ILLEGAL TRADE

Illegal ivory trade activity worldwide has more than **doubled since 2007**, and is now over **three times larger than it was in 1998**.



Between 2009-2012, at least **1,165 ivory specimens** were seized by U.S. border agents. That's just what was detected and seized—likely only 10 percent of the actual amount being traded illegally.

80%

of registered US voters support a prohibition on ivory sales.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Fish & Wildlife Service agents also carry out special investigations. In a single bust in 2011, investigators seized one ton of elephant ivory from a Philadelphia trafficker.



TOP 6 TYPES OF ILLEGAL IVORY SEIZED COMING INTO THE U.S.



EVERY PIECE OF IVORY COMES FROM A DEAD ELEPHANT