



# Illegal Trafficking in Australia

*a zoological perspective*



# Dreamworld Wildlife Foundation

*Who we are, and what we do*



# Dreamworld's Tigers are...

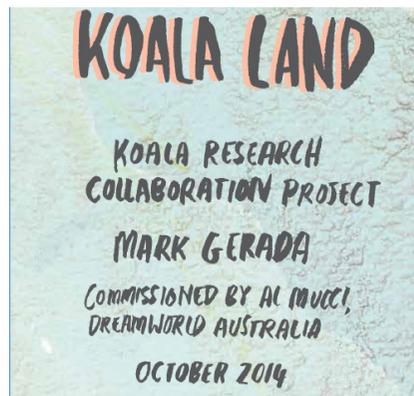
*ambassadors for their wild cousins*

- Dreamworld is your connection to ensure the majestic tiger will continue to survive in the wild.
- We have partnered with other wild tiger conservation organisations; 21st Century Tiger, Fauna and Flora International and The Phoenix Fund to fund:
  - Anti-poaching efforts,
  - Uncover networks of illegal poaching
  - Provide education programs for people co-existing with tigers in their natural habitat.



# Dreamworld Corroboree is home to the *second largest koala conservation colony in the world*

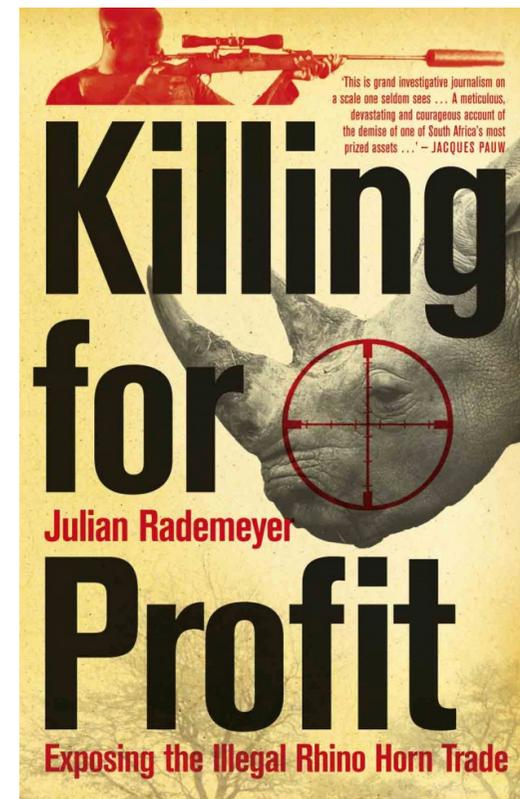
- Dreamworld has a self-sustaining koala population that has a high genetic value.
- The Dreamworld Wildlife Foundation (DWF) works collaboratively on numerous education and awareness campaigns to help protect the last remaining habitat for this iconic Australian marsupial.
- DWF has funded the Koala Land project to explore ways of creating a sustainable future for koalas on the Koala Coast of South East Queensland. This project sets out achievable solutions for rebuilding wild koala populations.



# Wildlife Trade

*is complex*

- Live animals for the pet trade
- Souvenirs: parts of animals (ivory, tiger skin)
- Traditional Medicine (e.g. Bear/tiger gall bladder)
- Bush meat
- Biosecurity risk (invasive species)



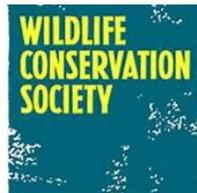
# International Wildlife Trade

- The focus is on poaching of threatened “sexy” species, for bush-meat, ornamentation and medicinal purposes.
- A relatively new organisation “United for Wildlife” is working to bring together the key conservation organisations
- Australian wildlife trade consists of live trade for the “pet market”.



# United for Wildlife

The United for Wildlife collaboration comprises seven international conservation organisations convened by The Duke of Cambridge, and is committed to increasing attention on the most pressing conservation issues of our time, from the rapid escalation of illegal wildlife trade to the challenges of demand reduction.



# United for Wildlife



# Smuggling of Wildlife

*is a huge business*

**It is the 4th largest illegal trade after drugs, people and arms.**

**Illegal Wildlife Trade is estimated to be worth \$19 Billion per year!**

**It is estimated that 30,000 elephants are killed every year for their ivory**

**3 rhino's are killed every day**



# Pangolins are estimated to be *the most trafficked mammal in the world!*

1,000 Rangers have been estimated to have been killed in the past  
10 years while protecting wildlife

Although some Poachers & Traders are caught it is estimated that seizure  
of illegal wildlife products represent only 10% of the illegal trade



# #JoinTheHerd

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‘ONE  
THING  
WE  
ALL  
AGREE  
ON’

THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE HERD  
AND VOTING TO END THE IVORY TRADE

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VOTES TO END THE IVORY TRADE

Date: Jun 08, 2017 08:57 GMT

Ask everyone to #JoinTheHerd and vote to stop the ivory trade



Call on your government to back the majority of the African elephant range states - including Botswana, home to the largest elephant population - and major demand countries such as the US, in supporting the closure of domestic Ivory markets around the world.

In partnership with



WILDAID

STOP  
IVORY

ZSL  
LET'S WORK  
FOR WILDLIFE

Tusk



# #JoinTheHerd

#JOINTHEHERD RESULTS

## WORLDWIDE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE CLOSURE OF ALL IVORY MARKETS

A recent global survey has revealed for the first time the full extent of the disagreement with the buying and selling of ivory. An overwhelming majority of the public are against ivory trade, and want their government to support the closure of ivory markets worldwide.

Survey commissioned by WildAid, Stop Ivory, Tusk, EIA, ZSL, Global March for Elephants and Rhinos, conducted by TNS 8-12 September 2016. Sample sizes: France 1018, Germany 1025, Italy 1050, Spain 1029, Sweden 1009, UK 1044, Netherlands 1012, Canada 1010, USA 1013, Australia 1020 Questions: Do you agree or disagree with the buying and selling of ivory around the world? Would you be in favour or against your Government supporting the closure of all ivory markets around the world?

### % OF ADULTS WHO DISAGREE WITH THE BUYING AND SELLING OF IVORY AROUND THE WORLD



**GLOBAL AVG. 82%**

### % OF ADULTS WHO WOULD BE IN FAVOUR OF THEIR GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING THE CLOSURE OF ALL IVORY MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD



**GLOBAL AVG. 80%**

# China's appetite for endangered wildlife

From tiger paws to bear testicles, the bizarre animal parts on sale in China's 'medicine markets' where the more endangered a species is, the more healing qualities it is believed to have.

Traditional Chinese Medicine claims to cure all sorts of ailments including back ache, poor memory and cancer.

China's appetite for endangered wildlife and the 2,000-year practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine is the main catalyst behind the world's fourth-largest illicit trade.

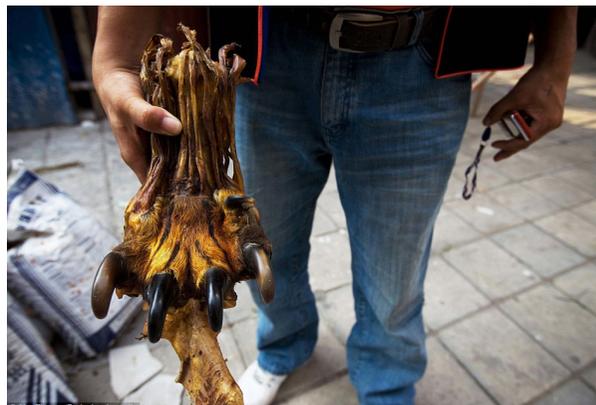
Markets in Guangzhou stock exotic and rare animals destined for restaurant menus, pharmacists and pet cages. Beliefs drive a £13 billion illegal wildlife network, the world's fourth-largest illicit trade behind arms, drugs and people.

Network of fledgling organisations are now challenging centuries of tradition in bid to change consumer appetites.



**WARNING: GRAPHIC CONTENT**

Sensitive issue: A tiger penis, is considered to be a potent aphrodisiac.



Unappetising: A bear penis and testicles, considered to be a potent aphrodisiac.



# Sumatran Tigers

*close to extinction*



A critically endangered Sumatran tiger.



Wildlife contraband is burnt by the National police and the Ministry of Forestry, Jakarta, Indonesia.



Agus Salim in hand cuffs is pictured next to skin and bones of two critically endangered Sumatran tiger cubs, carrying a street value of 100 million rupiah (US\$ 7,595).



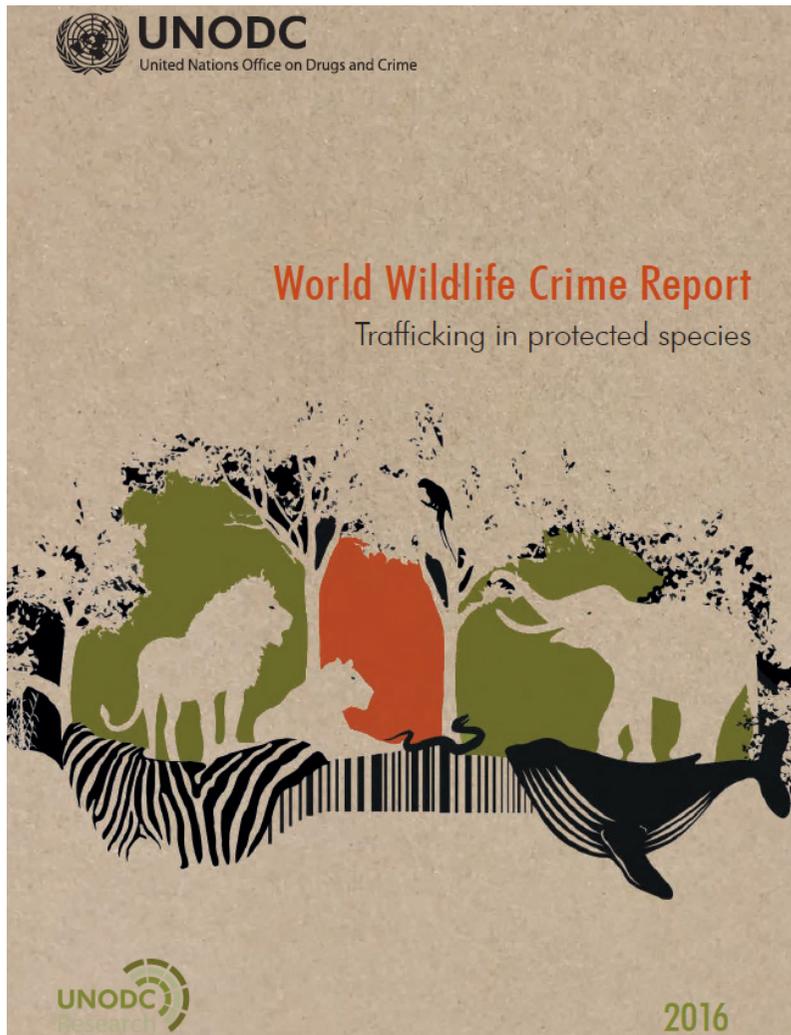
Wildlife contraband on display before it's burnt, Jakarta, Indonesia.



# UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime)

## *world wildlife report 2016*

An excellent global overview, but Australia is hardly mentioned ...



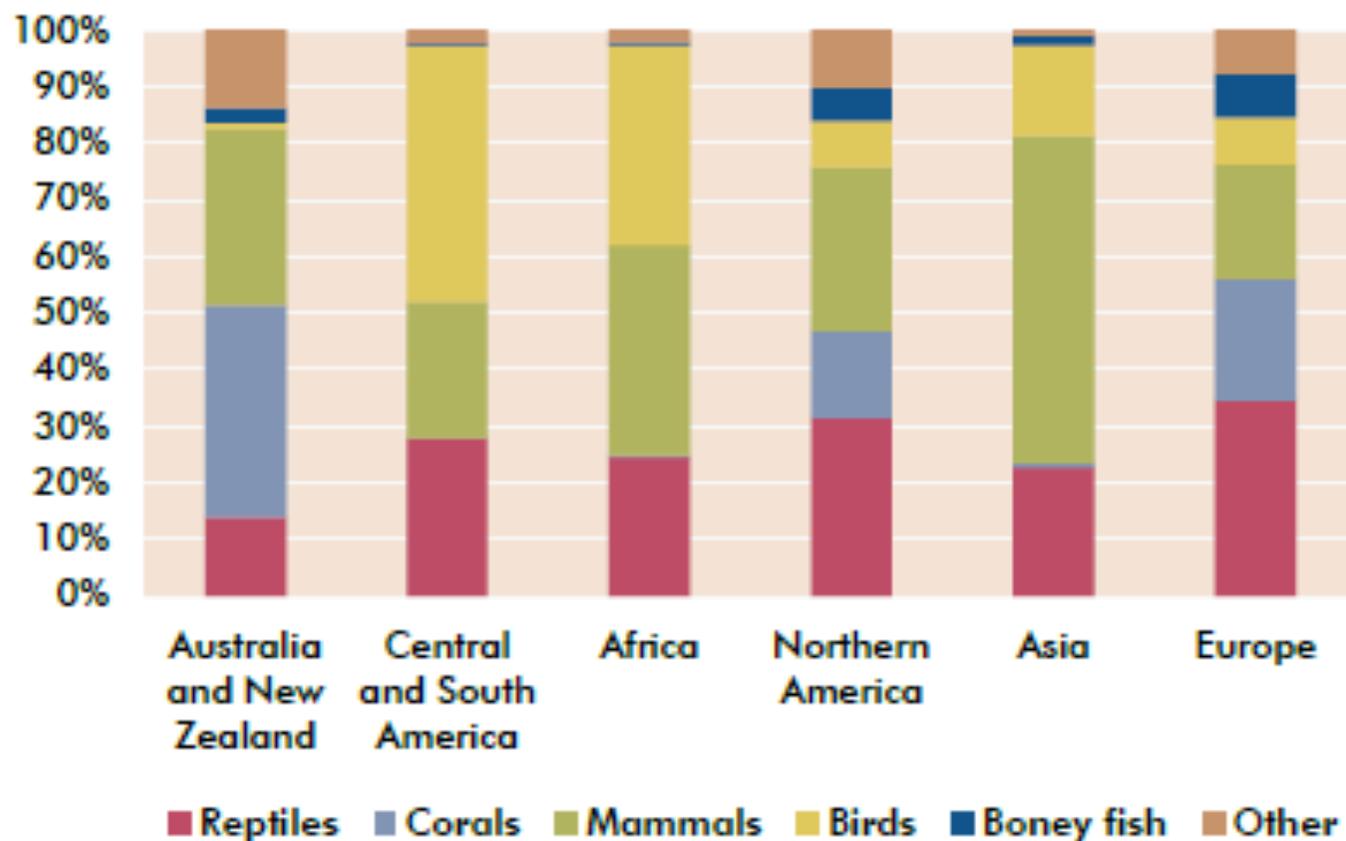
**The Australian  
Illegal Logging Prohibition Act**  
is exceptional because they prohibit the  
import of any illegal timber, wherever  
the law was broken.



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**Fig. 1** Share of all seizure incidents in World WISE by taxonomic class and region, aggregated 1999-2015



Australia seizure incidents are dominated by corals, mammals, and reptiles ...

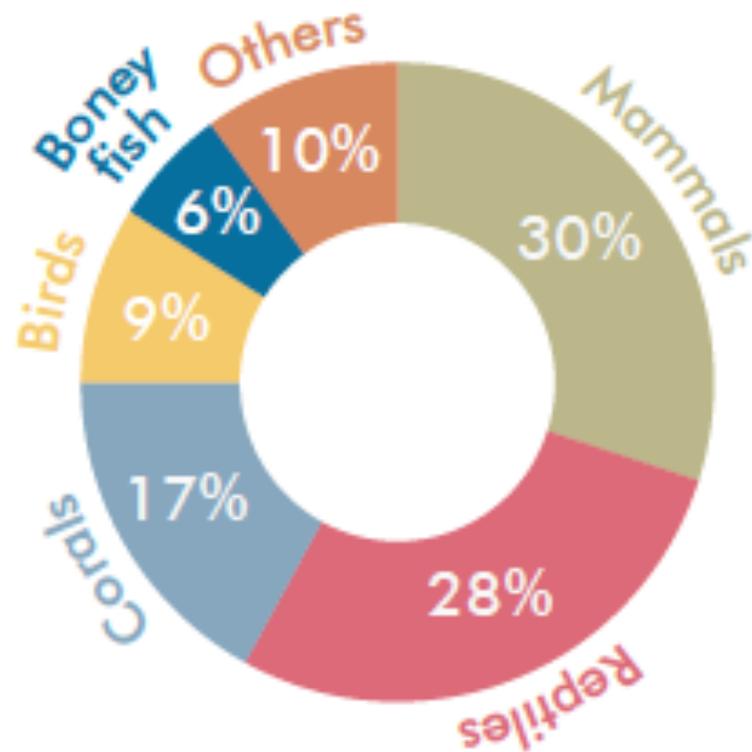
Source: World WISE



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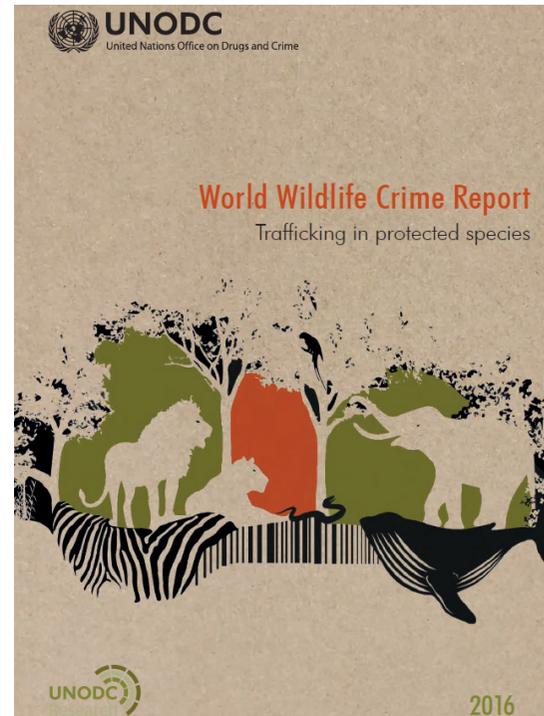
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**Fig. 2** | Share of taxonomic class among total aggregated seizures in World WISE by region, aggregated 1999-2015



Source: World WISE

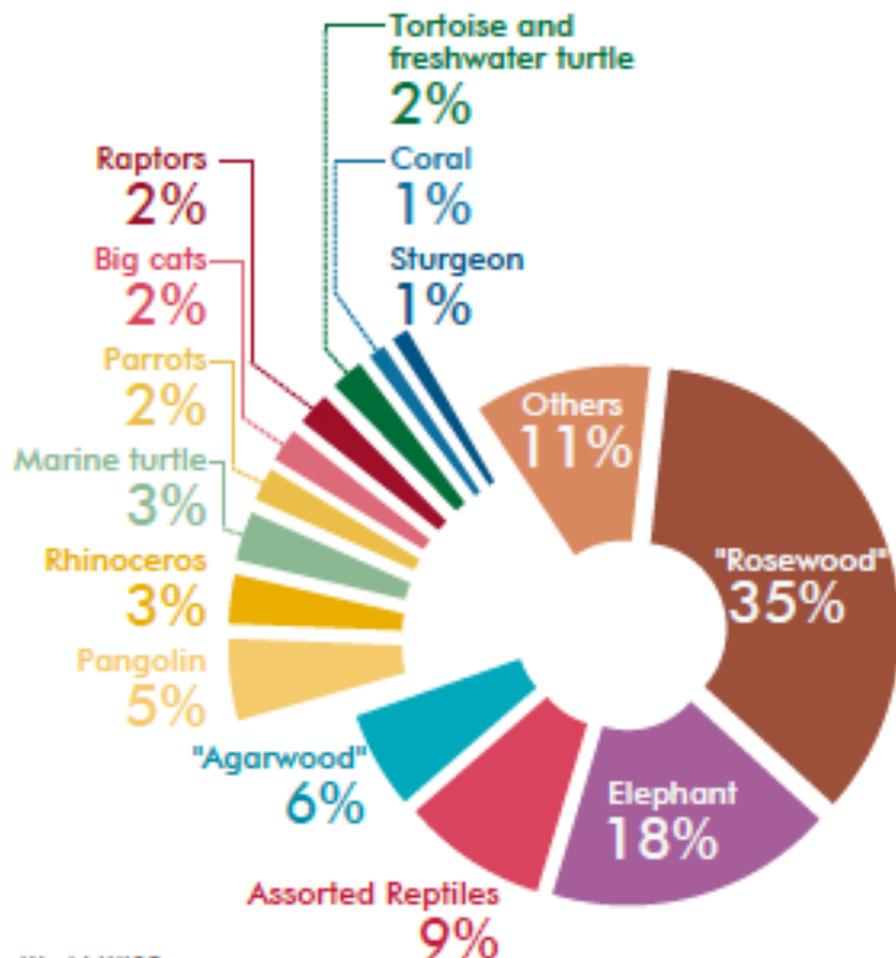
Australian seizure incidents are surprisingly similar to Global aggregates.



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**Fig. 3** | Share of type of wildlife among total seizures (aggregated on the basis of standard value\*) 2005-2014



However you cannot compare seahorses with rhinos...

Here is a comparison using a standardised commercial value of the product.

Rosewood, elephants and reptiles have the highest seizure values

Source: World WISE  
\*see online methodological annex for details



# Direct exports in live animals

## *for zoological purposes over time, 2004-2013*

The number of live animals traded for zoological purposes appears to have increased 2004-2010, according to exporters, whereas importer reported data indicates an initial increase to 2010, with a subsequent decrease.

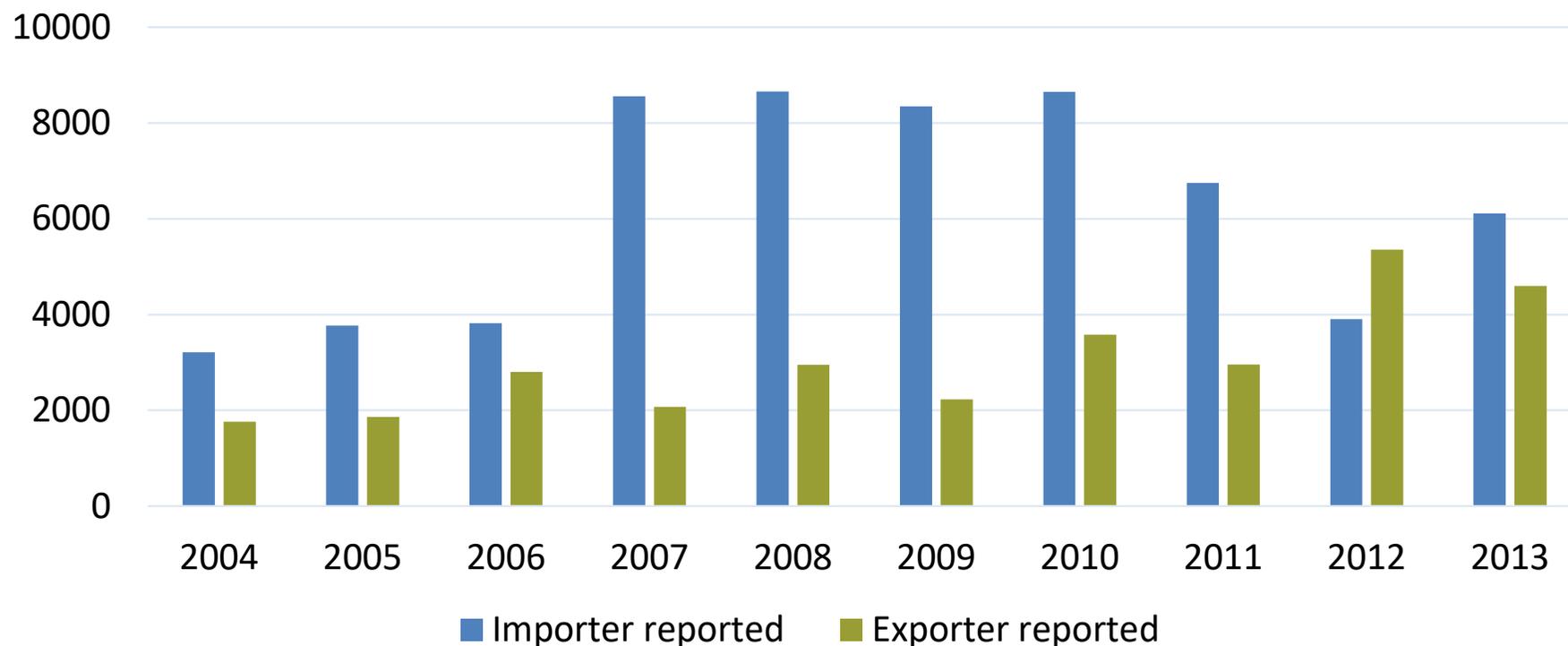


Figure 2: Trade in live animals (number) for zoological purposes 2004-2013

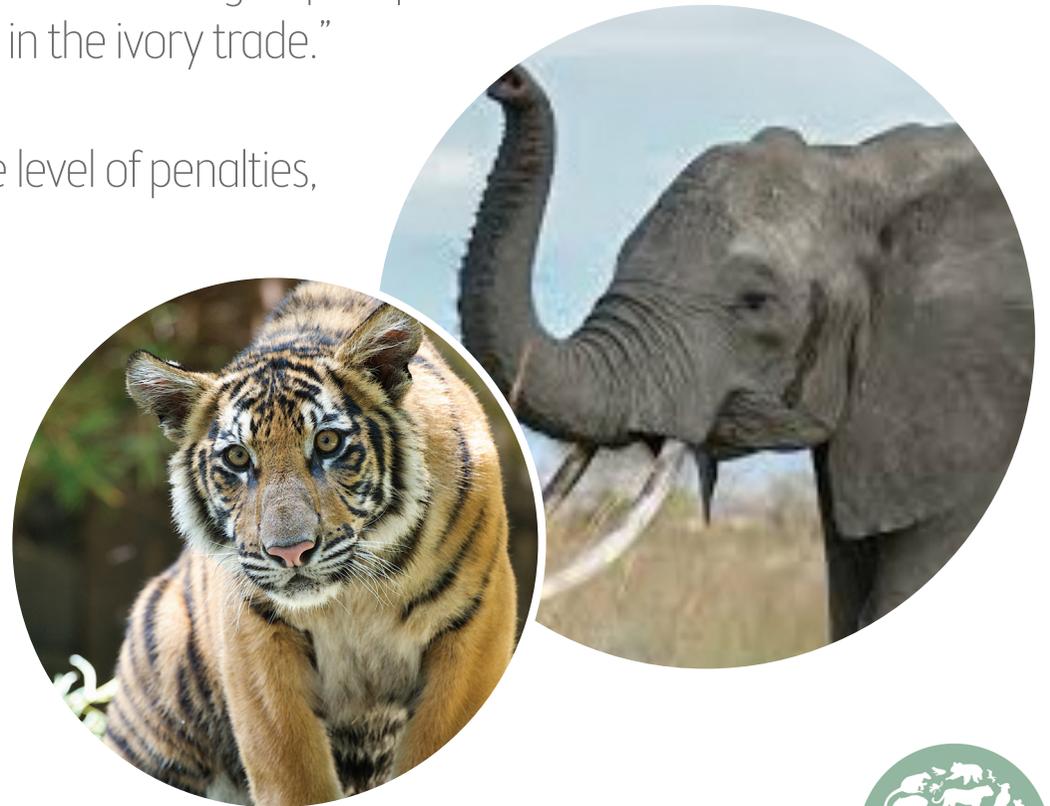


# Australia's role in the *international wildlife trade*

In certain parts of the world we're seeing industrial scale poaching and smuggling being conducted with high profit, well organised transit routes.

"We're confronting serious organised criminal gangs and rebel militia groups in parts of Central Africa like Lord's Resistance Army are tangled up in the ivory trade."

"What we'd like to see is what we see in Australia with the level of penalties, the professional customs and the community attitude".



# CITES

## Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

### Australia is the Oceania regional representative on the Standing Committee to the CITES

#### In this role, Australia has:

- Progressed regional implementation of the listing of shark and ray species on Appendix II of CITES (which came into effect on 14 September 2014) through two regional workshops.
- Provided practical assistance to the Solomon Islands in implementing CITES including permitting requirements, annual reporting and trade sustainability, and;
- Identified opportunities to improve implementation of CITES within the Oceania region and encouraged non-Parties to join CITES.



# Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking

*working together to end the illegal trade in wildlife*

The Australian Government, through the Department of the Environment, is the current chair of CAWT.

CAWT is an important part of Australia's fight against illegal wildlife trade, and complements other regional, national and international efforts.

