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A rare Asian (Japanese) who has been working for more than 20 years at conservation domain in Central African region (Congo and Gabon)

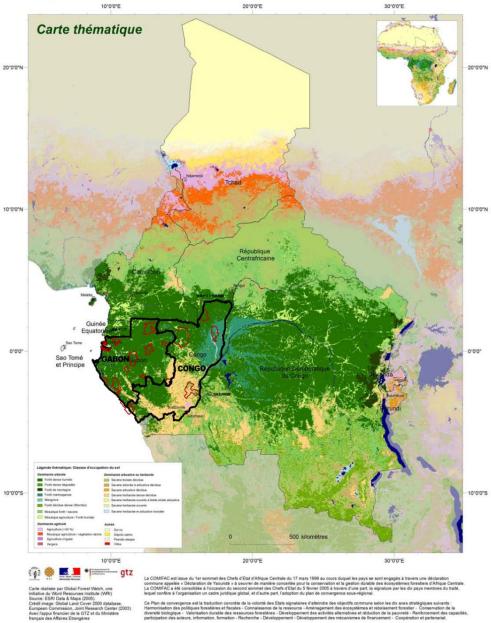




Espace Géographique de la Commission des Forêts d'Afrique Centrale - COMIFAC



- Selon le Traité du 5 février 2005 instituant la COMIFAC -



La COMFAC est issue du 1er sommet des Chefs d'Est d'Afrique Centrale du 17 mars 1998 au cours duquel les pays se sont engagés à travers une déclaration commune agreée « Déclaration de Yacunde » à ouverne de mainter concentée pour la conservation et la pastion durable des écosystèmes forestens d'Afrique Centrale. La COMFACA de Monoscidée à l'occasion de second sommet des Chefs d'Estat de Servier 2008 à travers d'une part, la signature par les dix pays membres du traité, lequel confére à l'organisation un cadre jurisdique global, et d'autre part, l'adoption du plan de convergence sous-régional.

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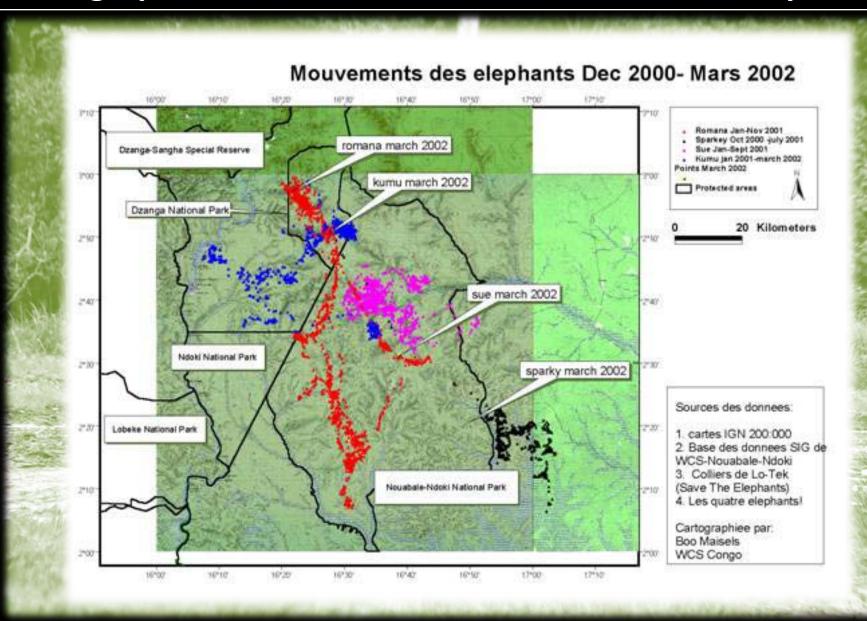
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Forest Elephants



Geographical Distribution and Move of Forest Elephants



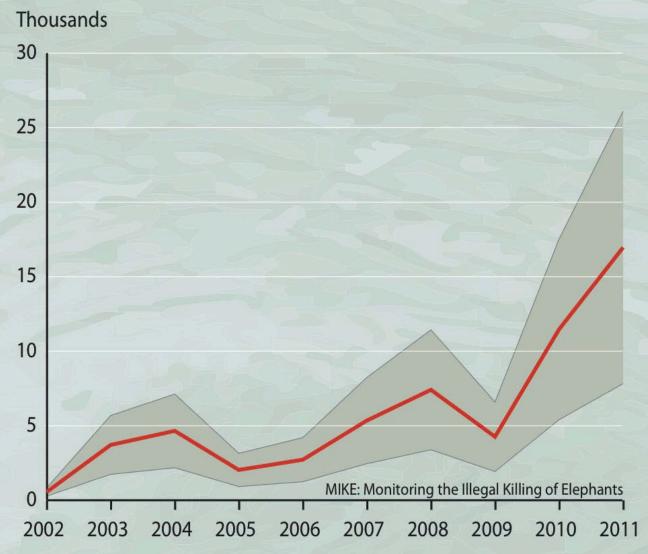


Elephant Massacre for Ivory Trade



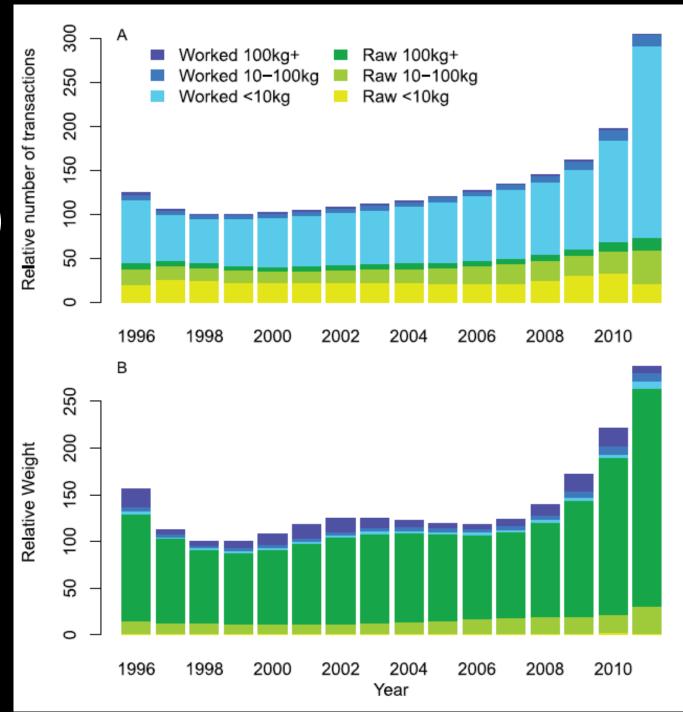
Elephant Poaching Trends

Trend in the estimated number of elephants killed illegally at reporting MIKE* sites



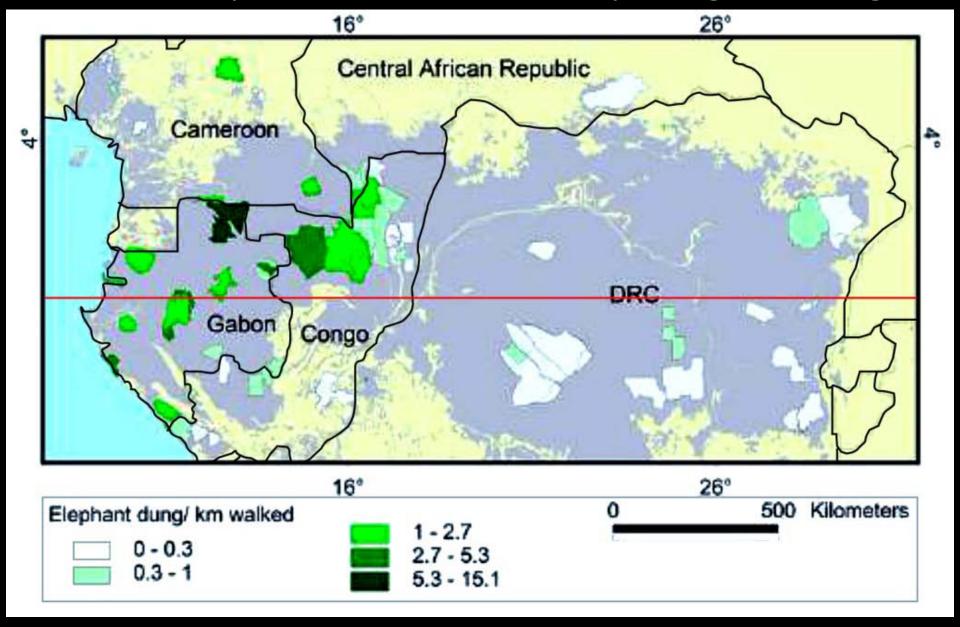
Source: CITES 2012

Ivory Trafficking Trend (ETIS)



Source: F. M.
Underwood et al.
Dissecting the Illegal
Ivory Trade: An Analysis
of Ivory
Seizures Data(2013)

Forest Elephants Distribution (by dung counting)



Drastic Decline of Forest Elephants toward Extinction

Gabon
Minkebe
National Park
the last 8 years

18,000 to 7,000

(on analysis)

Congo Republic
Odzala-Kokoua

National Park

9600
(no change for 7 years)
-> more evacuation
from outside in spite
of disappearance of
certain Bai in NP

- due to poaching for ivory -



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CAR side of TriNational WH area



700 only (on analysis) 26 massacre (Seleka)

Congo Republic

Nouabale-Ndoki NP and its buffer zone

the last 5 years



10,000 to 5,000

FACTORS to accelerate elephant poaching

IVORY PRICE: economic incentive for local

ECOGUARDS: lack of discipline and governance

CORRUPTION: wide distribution of weapons

no control of illegal immigrants

LOGGING: loss of intact forest = habitat loss

road expansion in the forest = easier access

cell phone connection = rapid trafficking

HUMAN POPULATION EXPANSION:

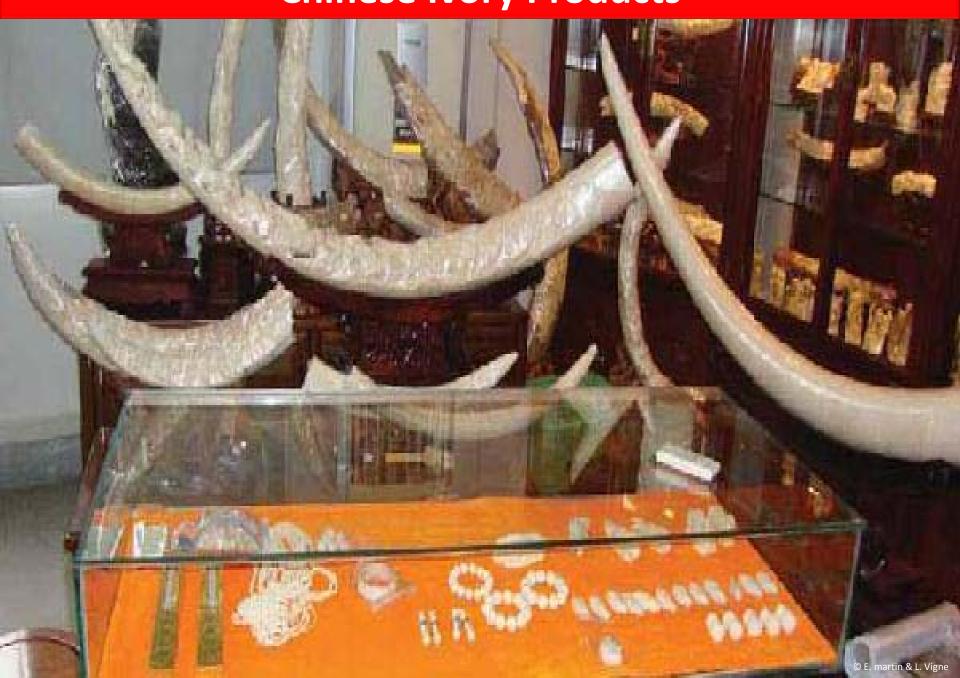
damage to forest, ecosystem, environment

no job -> hunting and poaching

CIVIL WAR: ivory as effective financial resources

wide distribution of heavy weapons for poaching

Chinese Ivory Products



Japanese ivory products



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🧤 レビューを書く

象牙の王様。究極の品質。

品質の良いアフリカ象の中でも、コンゴやザイールなど限られた地域でしかとれない最高品質象牙。

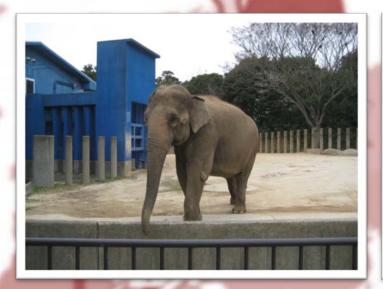
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ー等印刻師と全国大会銀賞受賞の親子がつくる、こだわりの 手彫り印章。

Inkan (on the internet)

LACK OF ADEQUATE INFORMATION

Education and Awareness through "real things" at ZOOs and MUSEUMs





•Reinforcement & campaign in Asia for wildlife conservation in Africa

- ►Inter-continental schemes between African and Asia
- Link between **ZOOs and MUSEUMs** in Asia as educational institutes
 - ◆Zoo: explanation on African elephants including ivory poaching reality
 - ◆Museum: explanation on origin of ivory, international rule, traditional culture etc.
- ➤ Balance of respect between bio-diversity conservation and cultural heritage

Establishment of information sharing system between Africa and Asia

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What I have been doing for establishment of information sharing system between Africa and Asia



- 1. Provide adequate information on forest elephant crisis from Central African region to Asia
- 2. Exchange of human resources for capacity building and induction between Africa and Asia



- ➤ Coordinate Japanese media crews in Congo and Gabon
- >Training sessions to younger Japanese in Congo at conservation domain
- ➤ Invite a Japanese professional bio-diversity consultant in Congo to create conservation education materials for Japanese
- ➤ Create posters for forest elephant conservation for Japanese zoos
- ➤ Publish of forest elephant book in Japanese
- Seminars and lectures at various places in Japan including zoos on field conservation in Central Africa region
- ➤ Dialogue with Japanese traditional *shamisen* players
- ➤ Recommendation to Japanese Ministries about ivory management system improvement based on forest elephant crisis
- ➤ Discussion with Japanese scientists for creation alternative materials of ivory in order to maintain wildlife conservation and cultural heritage

We have NO TIME before losing our important wildlife heritage

Available to provide real information in Africa to ZOOs and MUSEUMs in Asia (including Japan) in order to work together for educational campaign

