

Poaching



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The world is dealing with an unprecedented spike in illegal wildlife trade, threatening to overturn decades of conservation gain. It is almost impossible to obtain reliable figures for the value of illegal wildlife trade. Experts estimate that it runs into billions of dollars. Wildlife trade escalates into a crisis when an increasing proportion is illegal and unsustainable directly threatening the survival of many species in the wild.

Illegal wildlife trade is driven by high profit margins and in many cases high prices are paid for rare species. Vulnerable wild animals are pushed further into extinction when nature can't replenish their stocks to keep up with the rate of human utilization. Rhino horn, elephant ivory and tiger skin continue demand high prices among consumers especially in Asia. The prices

of these products rival that of gold.

Wild life trade alone is a major threat to some species but its impact is frequently made worse by habitat loss and other pressures. Overexploitation of species affects the living planet in wider ways. Introduction of invasive species which prey on or compete with native species is a danger to the balance of nature. Like marine species killed through by catch, incidental killing of animal also happen on land leading to death of the variety of animals those intended.

Tightening and enforcing legislation to ban or limit the trade is essential to save wild life and protect species from getting endangered and on the verge of extinction.

It is learnt that the animal hunting was maximum during the lockdown owing to COVID-19!