

## What Is Driving the Mass Killing of Elephants in Africa? The Challenges of Wildlife Protection Laws and What Goes Behind the Ideal Wildlife Commodity Trade Theory in Africa

by

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### ABSTRACT

The illegal wildlife trade has become one of the most lucrative transnational crime worth as much as \$20 billion per year. What is happening on the ground in Africa? What poaching tactics are used and what challenges does wildlife management face? Take a deeper look into the African elephant poaching crisis, resulting in a staggering death toll of some 40,000 elephants per year - where more elephants are being killed than born. What is the effect of poaching on the ecology of the elephant, population structure, human lives and regional security? What does the future hold for the African elephant and how can we ensure the survival of this keystone species?

### ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Asuka holds a zoology degree from Skidmore College (NY) and a veterinary medicine degree from University of Nairobi. She has spent over a decade in wildlife conservation and currently works for Mara Conservancy, wildlife management authority in the Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya, as the supervisor of the head of the anti-poaching canine unit. Her tracker dog unit is responsible for over 100 arrests in the last 7 years and the ivory/firearms detection unit plays a vital role in ensuring the security of the park.

### REGISTRATION



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