Africa’s wildlife poaching crisis – approaches and challenges

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Goal for species conservation

Viable functional Populations

Socioeconomic Development
Poaching (and trafficking) Crisis
450,000 – 550,000 total population

~30,000 Killed Annually for Ivory

Maintain 500,000 or more?
Historical range down by 85%.

Only 25,000 – 35,000 remain.

Lion bone trade – new threat.

Maintain 37,500.
Estimated African Ape Numbers

Bonobos: 15,000 to 20,000
Western Gorillas: ~150,000
Chimpanzees: 375,000
Eastern Gorillas: <10,000

Gorillas: Maintain at 155,000?  Chimpanzees: Maintain at 200,000?
What does this mean for Africa?

At current poaching rates, elephants, rhinos, and other iconic African wildlife may be gone within 10 years.
Black Rhino

Black rhino population down
97%

White Rhino

Fewer than 20,000 remaining

5,147 remain
Addressing the Crisis
FIGHTING WILDLIFE CRIME THROUGH EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT, INVESTIGATIONS, AND PROSECUTIONS

THANK YOU
Engaging with local communities – in and across borders
Wildlife Friendly Skies

ARREST AFRICA Partnership
Some key challenges

- Securing political commitment
- Collaboration
- Prosecuting aggressively
- Instituting trade moratoriums
- African voice
- Setting goals for endangered species
- Enhancing forest-dependent community livelihoods
Going forward

Measuring success:
- tracking metrics

Expanding Programs
- efficient networks
- whole government response to regional
Thank you