

Subject: AVID
Topic: The Trouble With
TUSKS

CLASS/PERIOD: Period 3

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INITIAL QUESTION:

What makes elephants so fascinating, why are they in danger & what can I do to help?

QUESTIONS:

NOTES:

- elephant population is ↓; only 1/2 million left in the world
- elephants are killed for ivory tusks to make piano keys, chopsticks, etc.
- 1980s - international trade of elephant ivory was banned to save elephants
 - ↳ but not enforced very well in some countries
- because of poaching in Chad (West Africa), # of elephants dropped 37%.
- scientists can use DNA research to see where illegal ivory is coming from
- gov., org. & businesses must work together to safeguard elephants & their habitats
- the extinction of elephants could be a big problem for other species

SUMMARY:

IVORY & THE LAW

- Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) gave elephants highest protection
 - ↳ banned sales of elephant parts
- 1997 - change in law made it so stockpiles of ivory could be sold

Internet Trading

- illegal online trade of wildlife products
 - ↳ eBay banned ivory sale in 2010