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to the Commission**

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Subject: Ban on imports of elephant trophies

In July, the European Union Scientific Review Group (SRG) adopted a negative opinion on the import of African elephant hunting trophies from Tanzania and Mozambique. The SRG also upheld a negative opinion on the import of trophies from Zambia.

However, these bans are not permanent and only apply to the three countries listed above, despite the fact that the survival of elephants is under severe threat due to poaching, which itself fuels trafficking. For example, Tanzania's elephant population has seen a 63 % drop over five years, with the number of individual animals having fallen from 109 000 to the current total of 43 000.

Why does the Commission not put in place a full and permanent ban on the import of elephant trophies in the EU?