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ABSTRACT：Animal protecting is a big goal for every country. However, hunters are killing a number of wild animals everywhere. This essay will analyze the reasons why wild animals are killed and discuss the contemporary situation of animal protecting.

INTRODUCTION: As all know, it’s vital to keep harmonious relationship between animal and human. With the number of the kinds of endangered animals increasing such as Elephas maximus and Equus africanus, almost every country is conducting a series of animal protecting countermeasures. Therefore, the essay is aimed at exploring the potential benefit relationship of animal hunting and solving the question whether it’s possible to completely forbid animal hunting for the time being.

# BODY: If you want to know about how cruel is animal hunting, you should first realize the elephants hunting. The first article, Elephants on the Path to Extinction - the Facts ([Karl Mathiesen](https://www.theguardian.com/profile/karl-mathiesen), 2016), states that as the hardest hit, elephants have been killed for over 3000 years, whose ivories are the main cause to the battle of commodity. According to the statistics, around 20,000 African elephants were killed in 2015 for their tusks, [more than were born](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/mar/03/african-elephants-killed-faster-than-they-are-being-born). These populations "are on the front end of the spear,” said wildlife biologist George Wittemyer of Colorado State University, Fort Collins. Then, the article above not only present the evolution, the habitats, the remaining number of elephants, but also the legislation about ivories trading and helping measures, clearly illustrating what situation elephants are facing with. There are many factors for animal hunting among which the value of spoil of hunting is forever the top factor to accelerate it.

# The second article, ‘Wildlife crime makes us all poorer', Says Theresa May ([Damian Carrington](https://www.theguardian.com/profile/damiancarrington), 2018), reported the [illegal Wildlife Trade conference](https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/london-conference-on-the-illegal-wildlife-trade-2018) in London on 11 Oct 2018. It emphasize Ali Bongo Ondimba’s opinion that trafficking of wildlife, including for [ivory](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/oct/24/elephant-poaching-drops-africa-but-populations-continue-to-fall), rhino horns, and [pangolin](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/jul/20/scale-of-pangolin-slaughter-revealed-millions-hunted-in-central-africa-alone)s, is a critical issue crippling economies, degrading ecosystems and corrupting our judiciaries. Moreover, it indicates a series of initiatives will be conducted to trap wildlife criminals and prison term for ivory smuggling was being raised from to 10 years and even more. In a word, the second article clearly analyzes the harms caused by illegal wildlife trade and develops the idea that there is no time to delay to fight against wildlife trafficking. Facing the immense challenges, our world is trying to make a difference in animal protection so as to create a bright future.

CONCLUSION: From all the evidence presented above, wildlife trafficking is involved in ecology, economics, politics and population, etc. There is no doubt that it’s impossible to completely eliminate the big problem which troubles the whole world. However, we are going to strengthen relevant legislation and exacerbate the punishment of poaching, which will indeed reduce the burden on wildlife. It’s believed that wildlife trafficking will be eliminated with the help of the governments and public.

1. [Mathiesen](https://www.theguardian.com/profile/karl-mathiesen), K. (2016). Elephants on the Path to Extinction - the Facts*.* The Guardian

# 2. [Carrington](https://www.theguardian.com/profile/damiancarrington), D. (2018). ‘Wildlife crime makes us all poorer', says Theresa May. The Guardian