



CITES CoP17: WPSI POACHING, SEIZURE & MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR OTHER KEY SPECIES IN INDIA

Since 1995, Wildlife Protection Society of India (WPSI) has systematically collected data on poaching and seizures of protected species. This data is collated, categorized and stored in WPSI's database on wildlife crime. Primary information is obtained from WPSI's network of field officers who liaise with various enforcement agencies such as the forest department, police and customs. Primary information is also obtained from local NGOs and the media, and verified from the relevant agencies for its authenticity before entry into the database.

ELEPHANT POACHING & IVORY SEIZURES IN INDIA

Year	Poaching	Ivory Seizures
2007	25	190 kg +7 ivory pieces +5 tusks +10 tusk pieces +1 ivory idol
2008	30	181.9 kg + 10 tusk + 10 ivory pieces and other articles + 75 ivory bangles + 10 kg molar teeth
2009	34	344 kg + 17 tusks + 10 ivory pieces
2010	37	196 kg Ivory + 22 tusks + 3 ivory pieces + 5 ivory idols + 1 ivory necklace + 1 kg bone
2011	32	92 kg ivory + 14 tusks + 7 ivory idols + 9 ivory pieces + 1 ivory box +1 foot
2012	42	216 kg ivory + 14 tusks + 3 ivory piece + 1 ivory idol
2013	38	161 kg ivory + 17 tusks + 2 tushes + 7 ivory pieces
2014	22	48 kg ivory + 40 tusks + 5 tushes + 21 ivory articles
2015	41	615 kg ivory + 14 tusks + 7 ivory pieces + 12 ivory idols

- An investigation carried out by the Kerala Forest Department uncovered large scale poaching of elephants in 2015. During the course of the investigation, 480 kg of ivory articles were seized from an illegal ivory trader based in Delhi.

ASIAN ONE-HORNED RHINOCEROS POACHING & SEIZURES IN INDIA

Year	Poaching	Seizures
2007	20	1 horn
2008	13	5 horn + 2 jaws
2009	17	4 horns + 25 kg bone + 6 kg skin
2010	7	4 horns + 20 kg skin
2011	14	2 horns
2012	25	3 horns
2013	41	2 <i>suspected</i> horns
2014	35	3 <i>suspected</i> horns
2015	24	2 horns + 5 <i>suspected</i> horns

Note: Since the genuineness of some of the horns seized could not be verified, these are indicated as "suspected" horn seizures.

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SEIZURES OF FRESH WATER TURTLES & TORTOISES IN INDIA

Year	Articles seized
2007	18415 turtles + 105 kg turtles + 43 kg carapaces
2008	5569 turtles + 5200 kg turtles
2009	14585 turtles + 109 carapaces
2010	5271 turtles + 420 kg turtles + 13 carapaces
2011	5353 turtles + 10 kg carapaces
2012	11,596 turtles + 810 kg turtles + 67 carapaces + 30 kg meat
2013	31,814 turtles + 5 carcasses + 1 specimen
2014	11,688 turtles + 5000 kg turtles + 1 carcass + 25 kg meat + unspecified nos. of carapaces
2015	9396 turtles + 20 kg of carapaces + unspecified nos. of turtles

PANGOLIN POACHING & SEIZURE IN INDIA

Year	Poaching	Seizure
2009		512.30 kg scales + 1427 individual pieces of scales + 1 skin
2010		1453.98 kg scales + 2 kg meat + 1 live pangolin
2011		1138.10 kg scales + 1800 individual pieces of scales + 1 live pangolin
2012	1	513 kg scales
2013	2	375.50 kg scales
2014		128.30 kg scales + Unspecified quantity of scales in 2 cases + 1 live pangolin
2015		357.17 kg scales + 2 live pangolin

- Between 2009 and 2014, 30 cases of pangolin seizures were reported from Chandel district of Manipur, India, which borders Myanmar, indicating its importance as a trading hub for pangolins being smuggled into South-East Asia.

SEIZURES OF STAR TORTOISES IN INDIA

Year	Seizure
2007	11161 live star tortoises
2008	1786 live star tortoises
2009	1508 live star tortoises
2010	1366 live star tortoises
2011	17 live star tortoises
2012	1968 live star tortoises
2013	1059 live star tortoises
2014	1710 live star tortoises
2015	1986 live star tortoises

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