



Silicon Valley tech firms pledge to fight illegal wildlife trading

Source: Silicon Beat (*August 12, 2016*)

Overview: Multiple tech giants have pledged to help put an end to illegal wildlife trafficking.

<http://www.siliconbeat.com/2016/08/12/silicon-valley-tech-firms-pledge-fight-illegal-wildlife-trading/>

Endangered Species Smuggling Growing Problem for Oregon

Source: KPTV – Fox 12 Oregon (*July 13, 2016*)

Overview: An outline of the rising issue of wildlife trafficking in Oregon.

<http://www.kptv.com/story/32438393/endangered-species-smuggling-growing-problem-for-oregon>

Senior Auction Official at Beverly Hills Auction House Sentenced to Prison for Wildlife Trafficking

Source: Fish and Wildlife Service (*June 22, 2016*)

Overview: An auction official in Beverly Hills was caught selling ivory and rhino horn parts illegally. FWS explains how traffickers thwart authorities by mislabeling items and capitalizing on a lack of oversight.

<https://www.fws.gov/le/pdf/06222016-DOJ-Chait-Sentencing-ENRD.pdf>

Antiques Dealer Pleads Guilty To Smuggling Elephant Ivory

Source: Department of Justice (*June 7, 2016*)

Overview: A man in Minnesota was caught smuggling elephant ivory. A prime example of how prevalent wildlife trafficking is in the United States.

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/antiques-dealer-pleads-guilty-smuggling-elephant-ivory>

Rare Look inside Wildlife Smuggling Sting

Source: KGW (*May 25, 2016*)

Overview: A brief article covering a recent sting of two wildlife smugglers caught in Oregon. The article points out how few smugglers are caught and given serious sentences.

<http://www.kgw.com/news/investigations/rare-look-inside-wildlife-smuggling-sting/214999678>

Iowa Taxidermist Pleads Guilty to Trafficking Rhino Horns from Oregon

Source: Associated Press / Oregon Live (*May 13, 2015*)

Overview: A man in Iowa was found to be trafficking rhinoceros horn by way of Oregon.

http://www.oregonlive.com/today/index.ssf/2015/05/iowa_taxidermist_pleads_guilty.html#incart_river

Franklinville Man Pleads Guilty to Illegally Buying and Selling Elephant Tusks

Source: Department of Justice (*February 17, 2016*)

Overview: Another wildlife trafficker caught after using antiquing as a veil to get away with illegal ivory trading.

[https://www.fws.gov/le/pdf/Krizan%20\(Ferdinand\)%20plea%20\(2\).pdf](https://www.fws.gov/le/pdf/Krizan%20(Ferdinand)%20plea%20(2).pdf)

Elephant vs. Mouse: An Investigation of the Ivory Trade on Craigslist

Source: International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) and 96elephants.org (*2015*)

Overview: An in depth look at how ivory is traded in the US on Craigslist. IFAW explains the ramifications of a lack of oversight for online markets.

<http://www.ifaw.org/sites/default/files/IFAW-craigslist-ivory-report-2015.pdf>

Overwhelmed U.S. Port Inspectors Unable to Keep Up with Illegal Wildlife Trade

Source: Washington Post (*October 17, 2014*)

Overview: A complex look at how too few resources are being used to stop wildlife trafficking. A great introduction into the common question, “why is this still happening?”

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/overwhelmed-us-port-inspectors-unable-to-keep-up-with-illegal-wildlife-trade/2014/10/17/2fc72086-fe42-11e3-b1f4-8e77c632c07b_story.html#comments