



Answers to Questions on Notice and Supplementary Information

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement - Trade in elephant ivory and rhino horn

RAWLINGS, Her Excellency Menna and HARRINGTON, Mr Peter (UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office) who appeared at the public hearing on Monday, 9 July 2018

1. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Convictions relating to the illegal trade of ivory or rhino horn in the UK

The following is an informal record of convictions in the UK relating to the illegal trade of ivory and rhino horn from 2013 to June 2018. The convictions were under Control of Trade in Endangered Species (COTES) Regulations and the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (CEMA).

Date	Offences	Species	Sentence	Fines	Sentence (additional)	Notes
18/03/2013	Illegal importation of rhino horns	Rhino Horn		1000 euros	Fine 500 euros each	
05/08/2013	2x charges of prohibited offering rhino horn for sale	Rhino Horn	240 hours community service		3 months curfew	
20/08/2013	3x counts of fraudulently evading a restriction on the export of goods	Ivory		£555		
07/12/2013	Theft (replica rhino horn in museum)	Rhino horn (Replica)	10 months imprisonment			
24/01/2014	3x counts selling/keeping for sale Annex A CITES protected species	Ivory		£750	Forfeit of ivory items, plus raw whale and dolphin	

					bone and turtle shell	
14/10/2014	COTES: sale of ivory	Ivory		£3,200		
29/02/2016	Charges under criminal conspiracy to steal. OCG stole museum artefacts worth at least £57m in 2012	Antique Rhino Horn, Jade	Total of 71 years 1 month custodial sentences for all 13 accused.			
10/05/2016	Offering for sale 2 hippo incisors, 1 sperm whale tooth, 5 pieces of elephant ivory (including 4 tusks)	Elephant (ivory), hippo, sperm whale		£1,500		4x whole tusks
23/05/2016	COTES: Offering for sale one ivory elephant tusk ornament (considered unworked)	Elephant (ivory)		£3,250		Elephant tusk mounted on silver pedestal
07/09/2016	Contrary to COTES offences - offering for sale elephant ivory tusk ornament considered unworked	Elephant (ivory)	Conditional Discharge			Traced to defendant after it failed to sell at Christie's Auction House.
14/09/2016	COTES - Illegal sale of 232 pieces of ivory worked post-1947 (jewellery / ornaments)	Elephant (ivory)	5 months imprisonment x5 suspended for 18 months.	£1,000		
19/09/2016	COTES - keeping and offering elephant ivory for sale	Elephant (ivory)	7 months imprisonment suspended for 18 months and ordered to undertake a 10 day rehabilitation course	£1,134		£1134 is the total cost of the radio carbon dating. Money to be repaid to Cumbria Police to repay FAF contribution. Ornamental carved head
03/11/2016	Offering for sale and Export of Elephant Ivory	Elephant (ivory)	1 year imprisonment suspended for 2 years. Community Order for 1 year and 150 hours of unpaid work			carved ornaments figurines
09/11/2017	COTES	Rhinoceros horns, elephant tusks and hippopotamus teeth	14 months 7 months 3 months to run concurrent			
22/01/2018	Offering for sale online items of Ivory. Contrary to S170 Customs & Excise Management Act 1979	Elephant		£1,000		