

Consultation outcome: Banning UK sales of ivory

Updated: Summary of responses added including a policy statement setting out the basis on which the government intends to introduce a ban on UK ivory sales.

We are seeking views on our proposal to introduce a total ban on UK sales of ivory that could contribute either directly or indirectly to the continued poaching of elephants. We are asking for evidence on the effect the proposed ban will have. This includes its effect on elephant conservation, the natural environment and businesses, as well as its economic and cultural effect.

The ban will be subject to some strictly defined exemptions. We want evidence about the scope of the proposed exemptions and how they could operate. We also want evidence on how the ban should be enforced and the sanctions that should be applied.