



## Tusks for sale

In 2008, more than US\$15 million was raised to fund African elephant conservation and community development programmes in Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe through the legal sale of 102 tonnes of government owned stockpiled ivory.

The ivory was sold by auction under the supervision of CITES to approved trading partners in China and Japan. Most of the ivory was from elephants that had died naturally or were culled to control growing populations.

There will be no further ivory sales from these four countries for nine years following the 2008 sale.