



China Issues One Year Ban on Import of African Ivory Trophies

China has announced a one-year ban on the import of African elephant ivory acquired as hunting trophies. The embargo begins immediately and continues until 15 October 2016. The decision is the latest in a series taken by China and aimed at ending illegal ivory trade. China and the United States have both announced a historic agreement to enact what were described “nearly complete bans on ivory imports and exports, including significant and timely restrictions on the import of ivory as hunting trophies” in their respective countries.

Black rhino to return to Chad National Park



The critically endangered black rhino is to return to Chad decades after it was last seen in the country as part of an ambitious relocation from South Africa, where it is under siege from poachers. African Parks, a conservation organisation that recently reintroduced lions to Rwanda, intends to transport between five and 10 black rhinos to the Zakouma national park in Chad next year. Once abundant in southern Chad, the black rhino was hunted for its horn, as elsewhere in Africa and in 1972 it disappeared from Zakouma national park and by 1980 there were only about 25 left in Chad.



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