

# Wildlife trafficking should be banned



At the core of the illegal wildlife trafficking is a strong and rapidly expanding demand for a variety of products from around the world, such as bush meat, ingredients for traditional Chinese medicine, exotic pets, jewellery, trinkets, and accessories such as chess sets, furs for uses ranging from coats to traditional costumes and trophies. Wildlife trafficking is detrimental to the world's environments and threatens the extinction of certain animals.

Points For	Points Against
Bringing in animals from other countries, even if they are illegally obtained, can lead the owner to feel empowered and possibly help them start out a side business. Others will be able to see, and possibly touch, animals that they'd never get to see in their lifetimes. What harm can it really cause?	The spread of animal-borne disease affects both human health as well as threaten indigenous wildlife and natural ecosystems. According to the United States, nearly 75% of emerging diseases that reach humans come from animals. The link between wildlife trafficking and disease outbreak is questioned, although outbreaks of certain diseases have suspected links to smuggled animals such as SARS, Avian Flu, Monkey Pox and Herpes B.
What harm can it be to obtain a trafficked animal? After all, the money you pay may help to stimulate the economy in a struggling country.	Members of terrorist organizations and criminal organizations illicitly traffic in hundreds of millions of animals to fund buy weapons, finance civil conflicts, and launder money from illicit sources. These often transnational efforts require a funding and a network of poachers, processors, smugglers, sellers, and buyers.
If the animal becomes too difficult to care for or handle, you can always release it into the wild.	Wildlife smuggling directly affects the biodiversity of different ecosystems. Certain animals are in higher demand by smugglers, leading to a visible decline of these species in

	<p>their native habitats. Wildlife smuggling may also cause the introduction of invasive and harmful species into an ecosystem, which can endanger indigenous wildlife.</p>
<p>What harm can it cause to the indigenous species' turf? There are plenty of animals that will continue to procreate.</p>	<p>Smugglers may be removing the remaining population of a critically endangered species. We must stop the shipments and break the trade chains that threaten these incredibly rare animals.</p>



# Useful language to use in formal debates

In general, you would need to come up with 4-5 main arguments to support your team's debating position. It's also important to remember to also anticipate the opposition's arguments to help you defend your team's point of view.

## **Building your Argument**

Introducing your point: To begin with... First of all...

Connecting your points: Also... Furthermore... What's more...

Showing importance: More importantly... What's worse... Above all else...

Giving examples: For instance... For example...

## **Opinions, Preferences:**

In my opinion..., The way I see it..., As far as I'm concerned..., If it were up to me..., I suppose..., I suspect that..., I'm pretty sure that..., I honestly feel that, Without a doubt...,

## **Disagreeing:**

Don't you think it would be better..., Shouldn't we consider..., But what about..., I'm afraid I don't agree..., Frankly, I doubt if..., The truth of the matter is..., The problem with your point of view is that..., It's a fact that..., According to ..., The reality of the situation is..., The numbers show that..., The fact is this:...,

## **Partially agreeing:**

I agree with you to a point however..., I see where you are coming from but..., I see what you are saying but ...,

## **Delaying Strategies**

I can't answer that directly..., I'll need time to think about that..., That's a very interesting question, because..., That's a difficult question to answer,

## **Asking someone to repeat**

Pardon me? Pardon? Excuse me? Sorry? I'm sorry? I beg your pardon?

## **Holding the floor**

Hold on..., Hold on a second..., Yes, I was about to mention that..., Well, I was about to come to that..., Sorry, I haven't finished yet, I haven't made my point yet ...

## **Expressing solutions and alternatives**

The solution is to..., Then you will..., The best way to ... is ...,  
To ..., you really have to ..., There are many choices....,

# Supplementary materials



If needed, each member can be given a card indicating their position in the debate.

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