

China destroys more than 660 kilograms of smuggled ivory

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese authorities destroyed 662 kilograms of ivory that was seized after being smuggled into the country, as part of a crackdown on the illegal trade. In front of reporters in a suburban section of Beijing, wildlife officials placed raw tusks and ornate carvings onto a conveyor belt that fed the ivory into a machine that crushed the pieces into tiny pebbles.

China bans smuggling of ivory, but in 2008 secured an exemption to a global ivory trade moratorium to import legal stockpiles for traditional carvings that can be sold domestically. Conservationists argue that this legal trade has prompted a resurgent demand for ivory while providing a convenient cover for a thriving black market. They have demanded China impose a complete ban on imports and

domestic trade. China announced a temporary, one-year ban on all imports in February, saying that would allow authorities to gauge the effect on poaching. More than 660 kilograms of ivory products are prepared for destruction during a ceremony in Beijing. Chinese officials presided over the ceremony to destroy ivory seized after being smuggled into the country. (AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)



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