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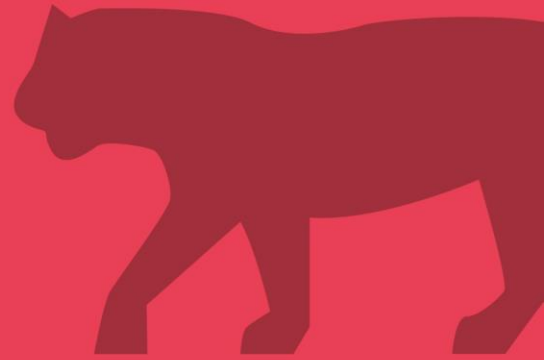
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**Biodiversity and Security: Understanding  
environmental crime, illegal wildlife trade and  
threat finance**

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Core aim to explore whether concerns about biodiversity protection and global security are becoming integrated, and if so, in what ways.



# Donor interest

Central to policies of funders, international organisations, NGOs, governments

eg 2013 Clinton Global Initiative commitment to raise US\$80 million, USAID allocated US\$ 40 million, UK DEFRA/DfID £13 million

But are the claims of threats to security credible?



Four debates:  
Political ecology  
Environmental security  
Green criminology  
Interventionism

Fuse these 4 together to  
explain current  
security-biodiversity dynamics



Terrorism,  
human rights abuses,  
orphans, widows,  
child soldiers.

Elephant  
Action  
League

This is the **Ivory Trade**

If you are an  
ivory consumer  
you are directly  
responsible for  
all this.  
**You fund all this.**

**If YOU Buy Ivory, YOU Kill People**

你买象牙就是杀人

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# Tentative Explanations

Context of war on terror

Technological innovations

Rise of private security



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**Conclusions: We Need  
Political Ecology!**

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