

We Need to Stop POACHING by Maelle

Have you ever been on a safari drive? If you have then think of this. In parks like elephants with no border, between 2014 and 2018 the numbers of elephants found dead have increased 500%! Sad right? If you read this essay you will find out why we need to stop poachers/killers. I strongly believe that poaching is terrible because it destroys our environment, it is hurting our tourism, and because there are no benefits to poaching.

The first important reason we need to stop poaching is because it is destroying the planet and did you know that poachers caused elephant deaths to increase by over 500% in Botswana from 2014 to 2018, 593 elephants were found dead. **This proves** that poaching is destroying the ecosystem where these animals live.

Another important reason we need to stop poaching is because tourism is going to go down. If we don't do anything our communities will die and will have nothing, no money. **For example**, because if you were going on a safari drive or walk or something like that you would go there to see animal life, nature, and plants. Tell me if you would want to go pay to look into sadness, think poachers are hunting the life out of parks and replacing it with sorrow and emptiness. To see no life at all? I know I would not. **This shows** that poachers are not just destroying the ecosystem but also hunting tourism.

The last reason why we need to stop poaching is because there are mostly no benefits to poaching. **For example**, people poach rhinos and pangolins for the fake medicine that people still believe in, but scientists have made it clear there is no medicine in them. But is that

sad to you? They kill animals to have fake medicine, they rip scales and cut horns just to lie to people and say this is medicine and animals are in their dark corner of pain, sacredness and sadness. Think of this, if you were a pangolin or rhino and people came up and picked you up or shot you with a sleeping gun and cut your horn off or picked your scales off one by one and you couldn't do anything. Crappy right? Painful! **Did this make you realize** that poaching is a bad thing?

You might think that poaching doesn't matter. I mean so what if a few animals go extinct right? Wrong! It will destroy our food chain and environment / ecosystem and then we will go extinct. Does that not seem like a problem to you? It does to me. We can help change this by getting more people aware and donating money to help get new technology to help capture poachers. **Let's start here to save the animals and our earth.**

THE END

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