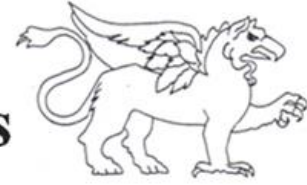




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PROJECT:
**ENDANGERED WILDLIFE FOR
SALE ON FACEBOOK**



***MAN'S GREED, WEALTH, POWER AND
THE UNRELENTING PURSUIT
FOR MORE AND MORE.***

- Facebook, claiming to be above reproach and citing several reasons why they should not be held accountable, is selling hundreds of endangered wildlife species on Marketplace.
- This creates a haven for poachers to sell anything from live animals and ivory to shark fins.

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- There are only 7000 cheetahs left in the wild, yet over 4000 have been sold on Facebook over the past 10 years.
 - Abused and **terrified tiger cubs, monkeys, bears, and endangered birds have all been found for sale.**
 - This is not to mention the vast amounts of illegal ivory, pangolin scales, and butchered animal parts.
 - The illegal wildlife trade is a huge international organised crime – the fourth biggest illegal trade in the world.
 - The value of illegal trade has been estimated at between \$7 and \$23 billion per year.
 - Wildlife crime is one of the most lucrative illegal businesses, often run by sophisticated, international, and well-organized criminal networks seeking to exploit the high rewards and low risks of the trade.
 - IWT (Illegal Wildlife Trade) is the world's fourth-largest illegitimate transnational activity, falling closely behind narcotics, human trafficking, and counterfeit products.
 - The unauthorised trade in protected wildlife violates the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) — a global agreement that seeks to ensure that trade in wildlife and plants does not threaten their survival.
 - Crime watch groups have focused intensely on Facebook, with 2.6 billion monthly users in dozens of countries and an expanding portfolio of former competitors, including Instagram and WhatsApp.
 - A report released in July 2020 by TRAFFIC counts more than a dozen emerging tools for spotting illegal species for sale online.
 - Using the same image recognition technology that identifies your photograph in a friend's Facebook post, the programs search platforms for pictures of threatened species.
 - **TRAFFIC researchers have been monitoring online platforms for illegal wildlife trade for nearly two decades, observing a clear shift from physical marketplaces to e-commerce websites and social media platforms.**
 - **Research now reinforces that social media apps are the preferred medium for wildlife traffickers to connect with buyers in many regions worldwide.**
 - **From January 2021 to May 2021, Facebook cumulatively removed more than 1,953 Facebook groups linked to prohibited wildlife sales operating in the Philippines and Indonesia based on TRAFFIC monitoring data.**
 - Facebook is a member of the Coalition to End Wildlife Trafficking Online, a partnership of 41 tech companies convened by TRAFFIC, WWF (World Wildlife Fund), and IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare) working together to reduce the illegal trade in wildlife through web-based platforms.

EMPTY PROMISES:

- This coalition between Facebook and 30 other major tech firms to remove 80% of wildlife content from their platforms by 2020, has not achieved what it promised to do.
- In 2020, ACCO (Alliance to Counter Crime Online) conducted a study that proved that Facebook failed dismally.
- The study showed that in just 2 clicks of your mouse, researchers could locate substantial wildlife trafficking content.
- This means that traffickers and poachers openly operate on the platform.

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- Please follow the link to ACCO and its multiple exposures to online crime including the trafficking in endangered wildlife: <https://www.counterincrimine.org/wildlife-trafficking>

"Specialised Security Services" will continue to inform and educate in our quest to eradicate crime. Please view our recent projects regarding poaching and illegal trade:

- <https://mailchi.mp/4120ddffb5ea/project-illegal-exotic-reptile-smuggling-and-trading>
- <https://mikebh.link/JDZ6V6>
- <https://mailchi.mp/mikebolhuis.co.za/anti-poaching-project-abalone>
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- <https://us12.campaign-archive.com/?u=81ca5a64b7a954042f1ee5ab2&id=93151d4c1a>

RELEVANT NEWS ARTICLES:

- <https://www.thegef.org/what-we-do/topics/illegal-wildlife-trade#:~:text=The%20value%20of%20illegal%20trade,low%20risks%20of%20the%20trade.>
- https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/wildlife/2020/World_Wildlife_Report_2020_9July.pdf
- <https://www.traffic.org/about-us/illegal-wildlife-trade/>
- <https://www.worldwildlife.org/threats/illegal-wildlife-trade>

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