



WVS EDUCATION

THE ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE

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ENTRY TICKET – SHOW WITH YOUR FINGERS...

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3 – Quite
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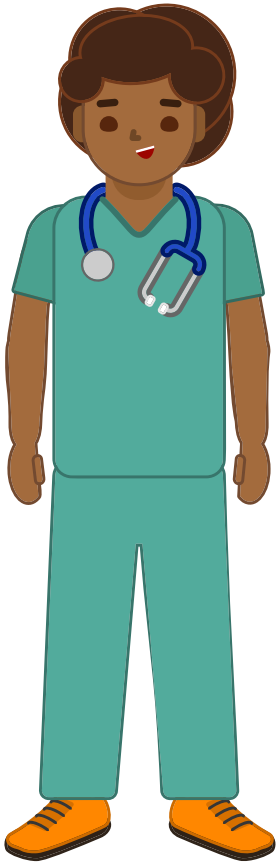
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PART 1: **DISCOVER THE ISSUE**

GUESS THE ANIMAL...

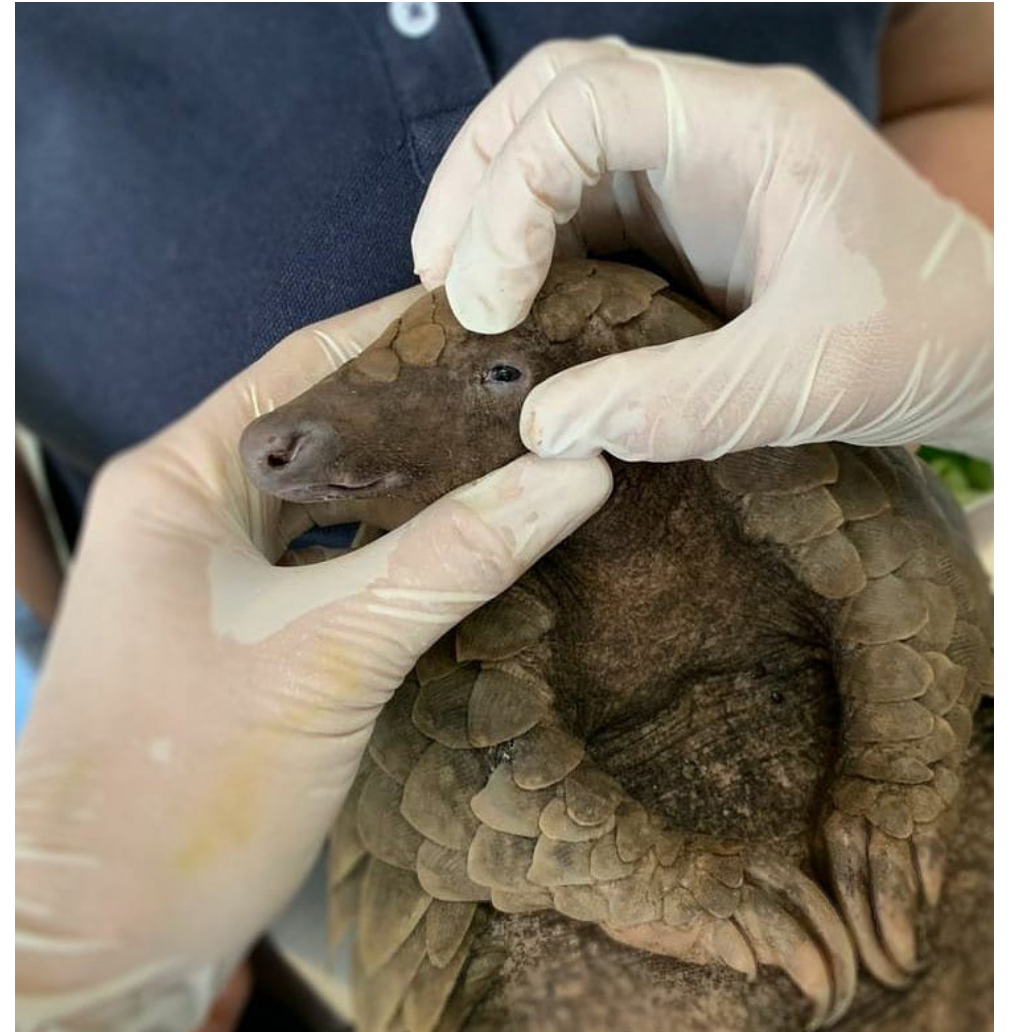


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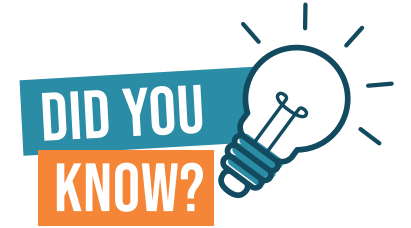


This week, WVS treated a pangolin called Tamada in Malawi. She had been rescued from poachers.

Tamada was dehydrated, hungry and weak so we gave her medication, vitamins and minerals.



WHY ARE PEOPLE POACHING PANGOLINS?



Pangolins are the world's most trafficked mammal.

On average, one pangolin is snatched from the wild every five minutes. Every species of pangolin in Asia and Africa is now listed as vulnerable or critically endangered.

Pangolins are taken for their meat and their scales, which are used by people to make traditional medicines.

THE ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE



Like pangolins, many animals suffer from the illegal wildlife trade and are being pushed towards extinction.

The illegal wildlife trade involves taking and selling, or exchanging, protected animals from the wild.

GAME: TRUE OR FALSE?



You are going to hear statements about the illegal wildlife trade.

Stand up if you think the statement is true.

Crouch down if you think the statement is false.

GAME: TRUE OR FALSE?

Animals are being illegally trafficked for use as medicine, food, fashion and to be sold as exotic pets.

MEDICINE



FOOD



FASHION



EXOTIC PETS



GAME: TRUE OR FALSE?

Each year, 1 million wild animals and plants are trafficked illegally around the world.



GAME: TRUE OR FALSE?

Approximately 55 African elephants are killed by poachers each day for their ivory tusks.



GAME: TRUE OR FALSE?

In the last decade, over 9,000 African rhinos died because of poaching.



GAME: TRUE OR FALSE?

20 countries worldwide are affected by the illegal wildlife trade.



GAME: TRUE OR FALSE?

Due to threats, such as poaching, there are less than 4,000 tigers left in the wild.

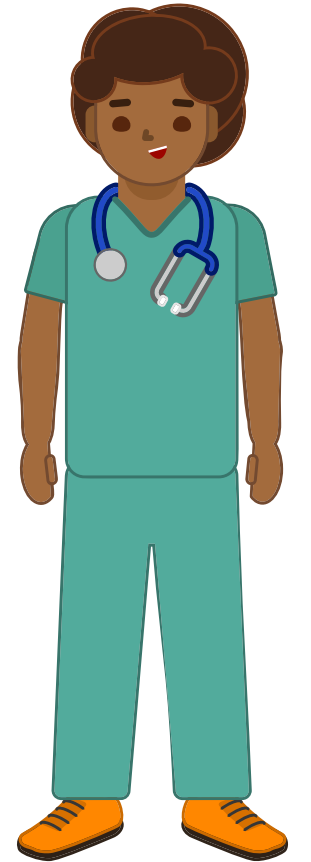


PART 2:
JOIN THE ADVENTURE

QUESTION TO INVESTIGATE





You will explore the question:

**Is it right to take animals
illegally from the wild for trade?**



UNDERSTANDING VIEWPOINTS

Read your statement to the group to discover different viewpoints about the illegal wildlife trade.

	POACHER: I hunt and catch these animals to sell because I need money to support my family. The more products people buy, the more I poach to keep up with the orders.		SHOPKEEPER: Customers ask for animal products. It helps my business to sell them because I can make money for my family. If people didn't want these products, then I wouldn't sell them.
	WVS VET: I care for animals that are hurt or sick from trading. Many animals are suffering due to the trade.		CONSERVATIONIST: I need to protect these animals because poaching is pushing animals to the brink of extinction. If they disappear, it will affect many other plants and animals too. Poachers are also destroying animal habitats.
	TOURIST (CONSUMER): I like to buy holiday souvenirs that are special and unique. I don't think about how the product was made or the fact that animals might have suffered.		POLICE OFFICER: My duty is to stop animal trafficking because it is against the law. We investigate signs of people hunting or selling animals and their products. The illegal animal trade needs to be treated as a serious crime.


UNDERSTANDING VIEWPOINTS





Fill in the speech bubbles to show how each person might answer the question:

Is it right to take animals illegally from the wild for trade?

Fill in the middle box with your own opinion about the illegal wildlife trade.

IS IT RIGHT TO TAKE ANIMALS FROM THE WILD FOR TRADE?
Fill in the speech bubbles, in your own words, to show you understand the viewpoints of each person connected to the illegal wildlife trade.

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 POACHER:	YOUR OPINION:	 CONSERVATIONIST:
 WVS VET:		 TOURIST:

PART 3:
BE THE CHANGE

WVS AND THE ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE

WVS supports projects such as the Majete Wildlife Reserve in Malawi which provides a safe haven for pangolins and other endangered wildlife. When a wild animal requires medical attention, the rangers call upon WVS vets.

Whilst WVS can treat the animals harmed by animal trafficking, everyone needs to play their part in stopping the illegal wildlife trade.



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Who do you think is most responsible for the illegal wildlife trade?



POACHER



SHOPKEEPER



CONSUMER



What makes you say that?

HOW CAN YOU ACT FOR ANIMALS?

In many countries, tourists are the consumers that drive the illegal wildlife trade.

Make a sign for tourists to communicate that they should never buy wild animals or things that are made from them as holiday souvenirs.



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