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Government publishes Ivory Bill

Following publication of a Command Paper several weeks ago, the Government has today published a Bill for an Act to control the sale of ivory.

The Act is intended to prevent ivory from being traded and so prevent it from providing a cover for the commercialisation of the killing of elephants. Elephants are being illegally hunted and there are serious concerns about the likelihood of extinction.

The Command Paper has received praise from some major international organisations including the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) and the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) (copies of letters attached to be sent with PR to media).

Minister for the Environment John Cortes stated, "I am very pleased to take this legislation to the next stage and am particularly pleased that it has attracted the attention and support of such major international players. The work we are doing in Gibraltar is being noticed and our international profile as a nation with environmental credentials is rising fast."

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