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ABSTRACT

Ivory is an unique national treasure in Thailand. The demand of ivory was the result of rapid economic development during the 1970s and 1980s, particularly in eastern Asia. Investigators comprehensively surveyed commercial vendors smuggling ivory in Thailand which identified the highest imported at least 43.5 tons of raw ivory, approximately 1.45 tonnes per annum on average, based on statistics from Royal Thai Customs between 1957 and 1987. Recommendation concerning managed the policy and management were also made. Enactment of the Ivory Trade Act 2015 was in action as the legal method to control the trade, import, export and possession of ivory and ivory products originating from captive elephant ivory.