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Roadmap

- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)
- International trade in elephant and mammoth ivory
- CITES CoP18 proposal to list the woolly mammoth
- Potential implications
- Concluding thoughts



Image source: National Geographic, https://www.nationalgeographic.com.au/history/whydid-the-woolly-mammoth-die-out.aspx

CITES

- Regulates international trade of endangered animals and plants to help prevent over-exploitation
- Species may be listed in Appendix I, II, or III
- Requirements for international trade vary depending on the Appendix in which a species is listed
- Asian elephants and some African elephant populations are listed in Appendix I (a few African elephant populations are listed in Appendix II)



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International Trade in Elephant and Mammoth Ivory



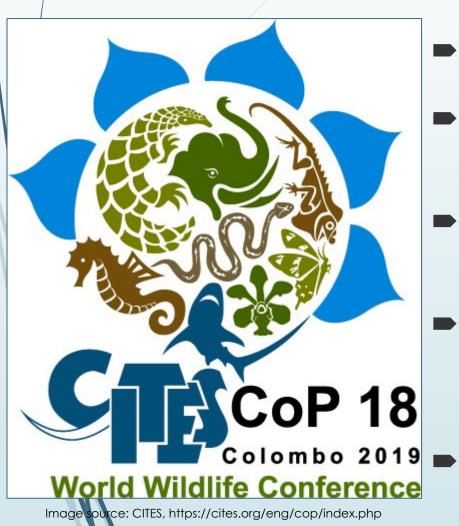
Image source: Arctic Antiques, https://www.mammothivorytrade.com/en/product/handcarved-woolly-mammoth-ivory/

- International trade in elephant ivory continues to negatively impact elephant populations
- Mostly unregulated trade in mammoth ivory
- May be difficult to distinguish between elephant and mammoth ivory
- Risk of elephant ivory being mislabeled as mammoth ivory



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CITES CoP18 Proposal



- CITES 18th Conference of the Parties (CoP18)
- Proposal to list the woolly mammoth (Mammuthus primigenius) in CITES Appendix II
- Mammoth as a "look-alike" species under CITES Article II, paragraph 2(b)
- Goal is to help prevent elephant ivory from being laundered as mammoth ivory by regulating international trade in mammoth ivory
- Proposed listing would <u>not</u> prohibit trade in mammoth ivory

Potential Implications



Image source: American Museum of Natural History, https://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/permanent-exhibitions/paul-and-irma-milstein-hall-of-advanced-mammals/mammoth

→ Possible benefits

- Help prevent laundering of elephant ivory
- **■** Improved identification and regulation
- Increased data and knowledge

■ Possible drawbacks

- Distraction
- **■** Diversion of resources
- Unintended negative effects on elephants

Concluding Thoughts

■ Predicted outcome at CoP18

What the proposal represents more broadly

■ A note on de-extinction



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