# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH Story of the Week 每周一报



## **Ivory protest**

## 美国在纽约时代广场公开销毁非法象牙制品

#### Transcript 文字稿

Beautiful ornaments from an ugly trade.

More than a ton of ivory has been taken to New York's Times Square and destroyed as a protest.

Many of the items were **confiscated** from an antiques dealer in Philadelphia.

The international trade of ivory was made **illegal** in 1989 but officials say around 35,000 elephants are still being **slaughtered** in Africa every year.

The message is that traders' profits should be **crushed** and people shouldn't buy ivory.

(Note: 1 ton = 907.185 kg)

Vocabulary 词汇

ornaments 装饰物

confiscated 没收

illegal 非法的

slaughtered 猎杀,屠杀

crushed 击垮

#### Text 中文文字稿

漂亮的装饰物来自丑陋的交易。

在纽约时代广场,重达一吨多的象牙制品被公开销毁以示美国抵制非法象牙贸易的决心。

在被销毁的象牙制品中,很多都是从费城的一位古董商那儿没收的。

虽然早在 **1989** 年就颁布了象牙国际贸易禁令但美国的官员们说在非洲每年仍有大约三万五千头大象被猎杀。

这个行动传递的信息是要坚决阻止并击垮象牙商的利润,并且告诉大家不要购买象牙和象牙制品。

(一吨= 907.185 公斤)

Watch this video online: Ivory protest <a href="http://bbc.in/llyeYAr">http://bbc.in/llyeYAr</a>

#### Exercise 练习

以下练习中的语句全部选自于其他网页。 请从下面的词汇表里选择答案来完成句子。 注意:你可能需要改变单词的时态来完成句子。

### ornaments / confiscated / illegal / slaughtered / crushed

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#### Answers 答案

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