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What does the word poaching as far as animals mean?

The verb *poach* is derived from the Middle English word *pocchen* literally meaning bagged, *enclosed in a bag*.

This is what it means:

"Animal poaching" is when an animal is killed illegally. It usually occurs when an animal possesses something that is considered valuable (i.e. the animal's fur or ivory).

There is a long history of animal poaching especially among the Rhinos.



For fourteen hundred years, it was widely believed that if a person ate or drank from a vessel carved from the Rhino horn, they would be safe from alkaloid poisoning because they thought that the Rhino horn possessed such qualities of detection.

Some of these same people thought that if they ground up the Rhino horn into a powder then it would be valuable to them as a medicine for many different ailments and aches.

Some people said that, “the best horn is from a freshly killed male”

While others said, “pregnant women should not take horn as it will kill the foetus.”

While the Rhino horn is very important, there are also other parts of the Rhino that the grown-up human poachers consider valuable for people involved in the manufacture of medicines.

These parts are the Rhino's blood
and the Rhino's urine.

Others wanted the Rhino horn to make ceremonial dagger handles known as Jambiyas. Some societies give these daggers to their sons at a certain age to mark the occasion of becoming a man.

There used to be over thirty species of Rhino roaming all parts of the world.

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Now there are only five.



Grown-up human poachers are responsible for all of this killing. They do not care that soon there will be no Rhinos alive – what will their next animal be that they will start to attack to satisfy their greed?

You as a young person can do something. You do not have to sit back and watch the animals of the world die off, just because the grown-up human poachers think they know better.



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Many countries think that the
Rhino's horn when ground into a
powder makes great medicine.

This is
FALSE.

Their horns are made of keratin which is the same stuff our hair and nails are made of.

When you chew your fingernails,
does that make you feel better if
you have the flu or a cough or a
chest pain?

No!

When you chew your hair, does that make your sore toe feel better, or the bruise on your knee feel better, or the insect bite you have stop being itchy?

No!

There are no health benefits from eating or drinking something that has been made up from the powder ground from a Rhino's horn.

Two Rhinos are being poached for greed purposes every single day. It will not be too long before you will never see a Rhino ever again.



When someone poaches, it means that they are hunting on land that they have not been given permission to hunt on.

There used to be many millions of Elephants that freely roamed Africa and many hundreds of thousands of Elephants that roamed Asia.

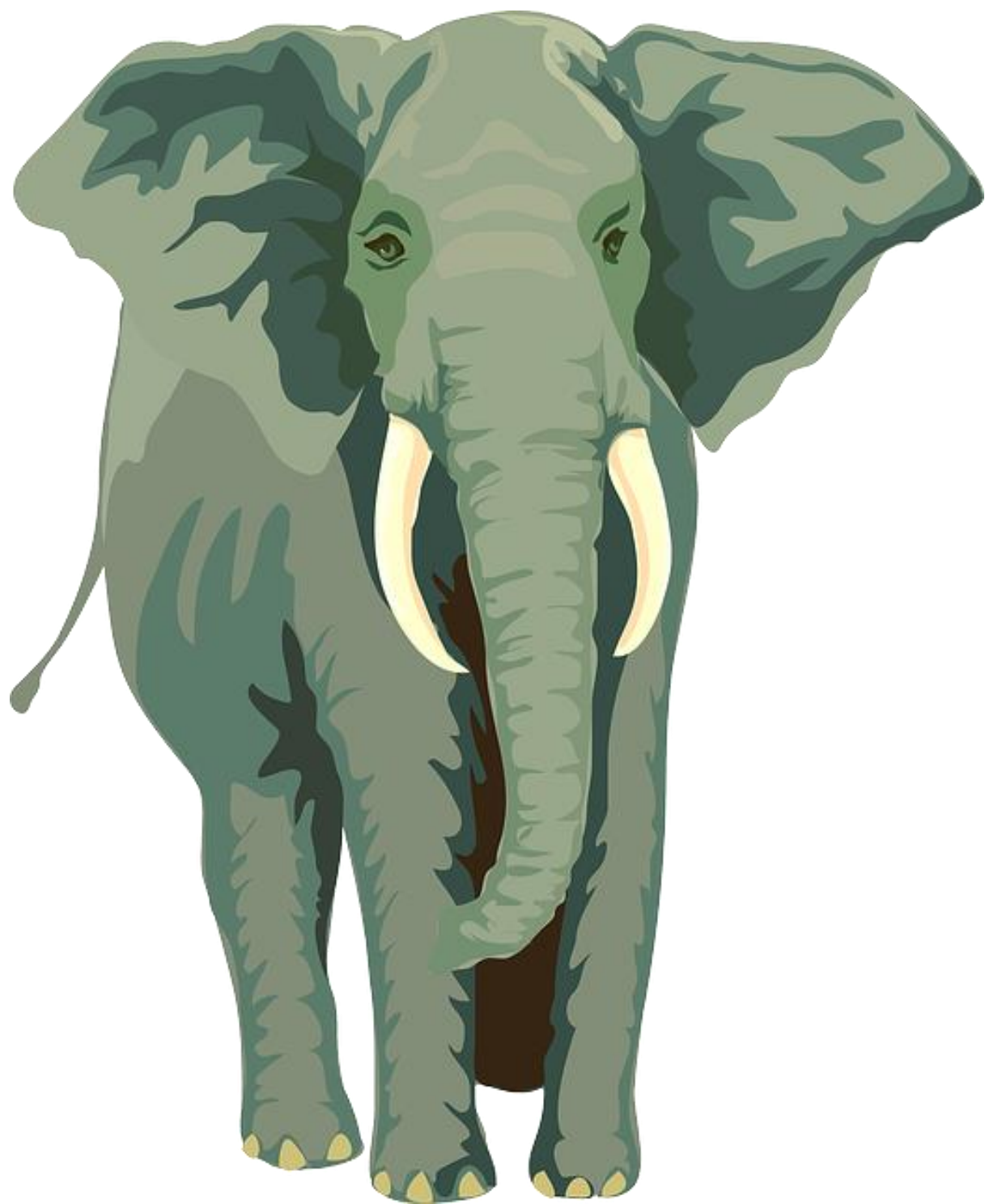


Today it has been recorded that there are only around seven hundred thousand Elephants left in Africa and only forty thousand Elephants left in Asia.

What is it that grown-up human poachers want from our Elephant friends?

They are after their tusks.

Especially tusks taken from the
oldest and wisest Elephants because
they are the biggest.



Only eight years ago, two thousand five hundred Elephants were killed just for their tusks.

The tusks are considered valuable for their ivory.

Even our friends the Bears are not safe.



Herbal medicines are made out of
Gall bladders ripped out of Bears
that are killed.

Do you know the Big-horned
Sheep?



Their antlers sell for many thousands of dollars on the black market.

What about our friend the Tiger?



They are killed for many parts of their body for medicinal purposes: their bones, their pelts and many of their internal organs.

Some people even take their eyes,
their hair as well as their sexual
organs for grown-up medicines.

The Gorilla is also disappearing from the world.



Some people hunt the animals to provide food for their families, much as how we in the western world use sheep, cattle, fish and chickens for our food.

They are often punished by their Governments for their catch while the real poachers are being let off scot-free.

The real poachers are the people who form themselves into gangs known as Commercial Hunters who hunt the animals for their own wealth and not for food.

Sometimes the Governments take the land away from the families who have always lived there so that they no longer have anywhere to hunt for their food.

Some of these people do not even know how to read or write and yet, they are being forced to apply for a Hunting Permit.

So, when they are caught hunting for food where they have always done so, they get into trouble with the law because they don't have the writing skills to get a legal Permit.

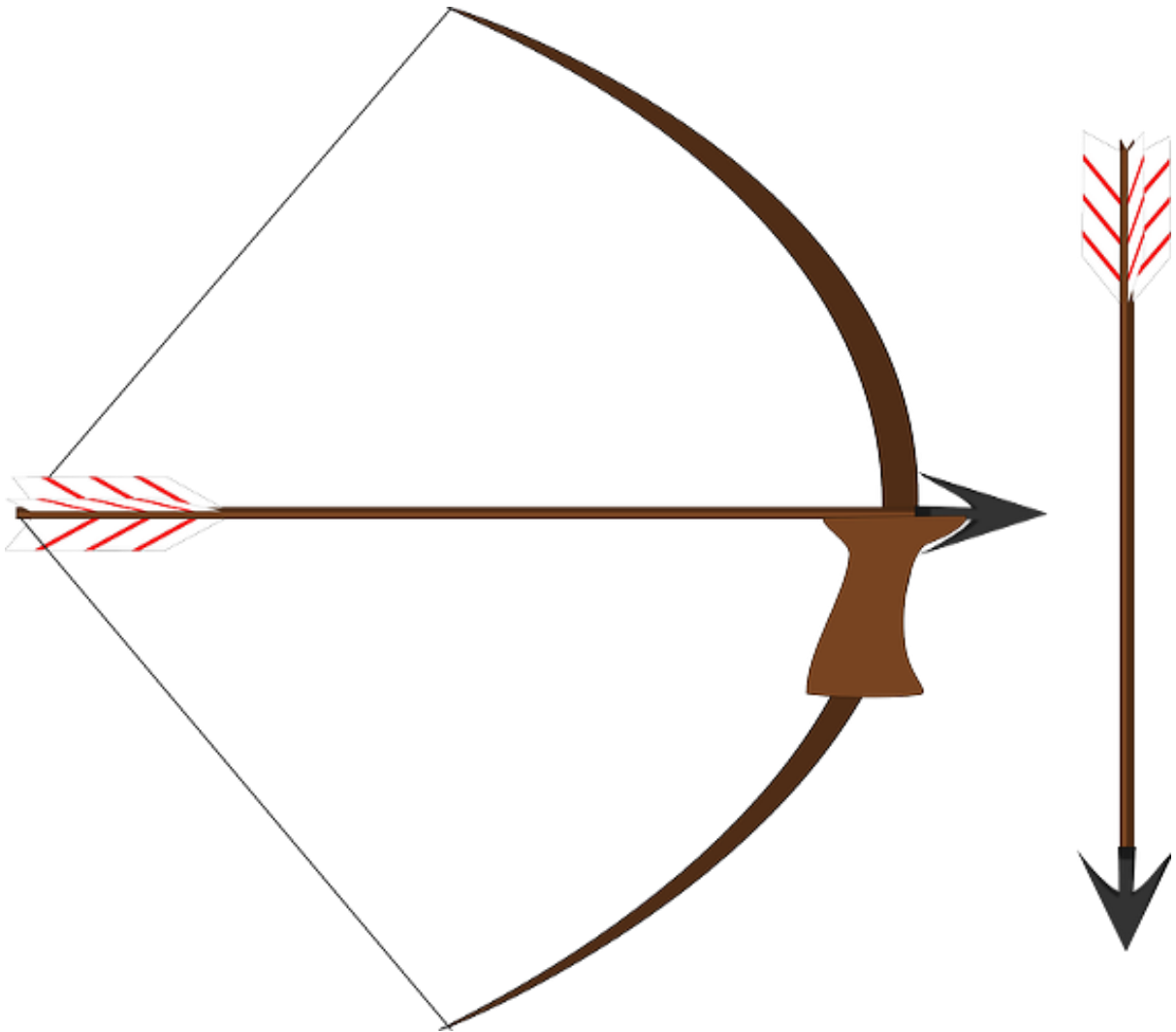
The Government then turns their own hunting lands into a place where if someone wants to pay the Government a lot of money, they are allowed to hunt and kill the animals simply to get a photo or to take home a head for a wall mounting or a pelt for a mat.

These people are known as Big Game Hunters.

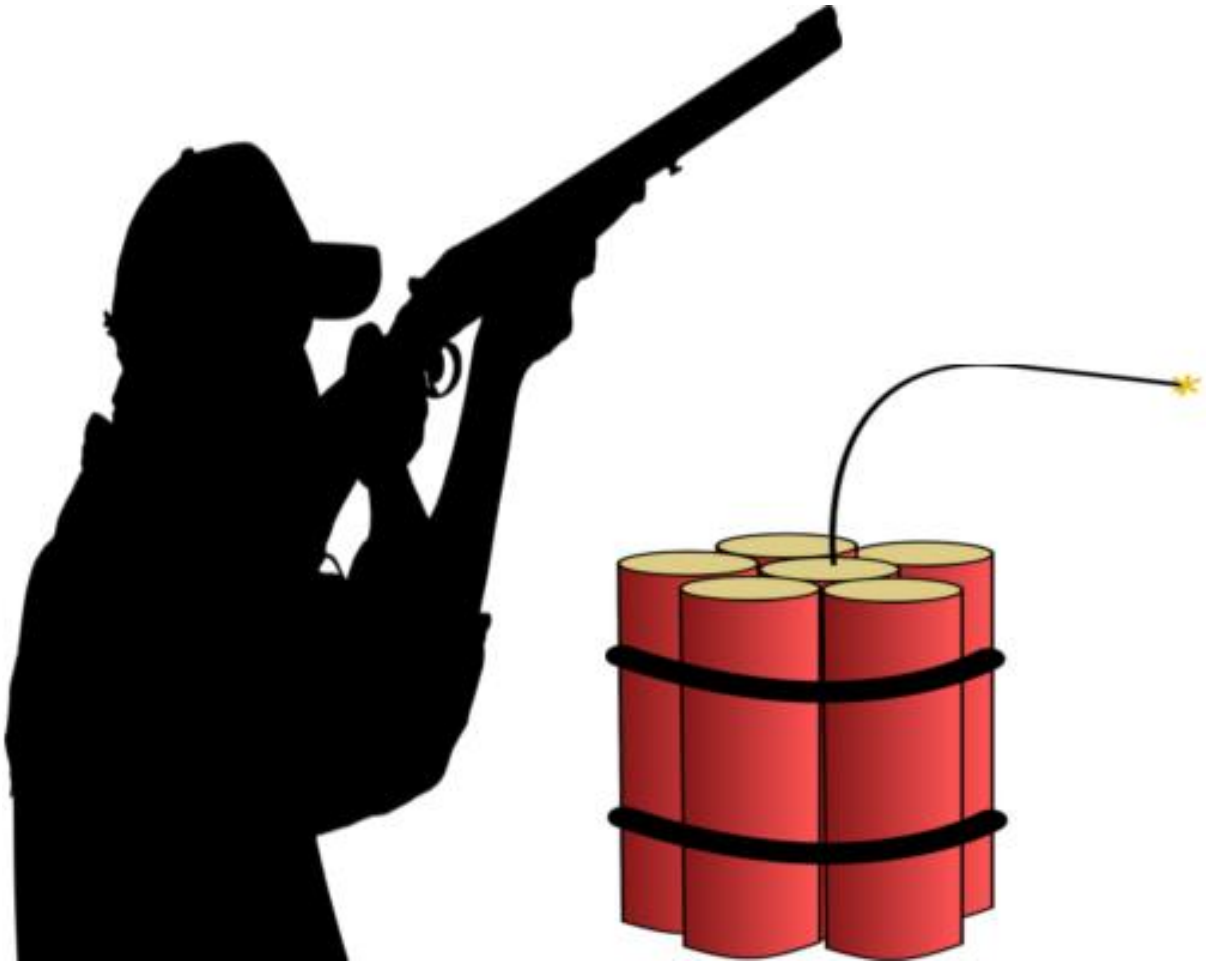


In the meantime, the tribesmen are imprisoned or even killed for just killing an animal or even gathering herbs and plants from that same land to provide food for their family.

These people use bows and arrows to hunt their food.



While grown-up human poachers use guns and dynamite.



Grown-up human poachers are also known for their illegal harvesting of the wild plants that live in the area.



The serious consequences of this type of poaching mean that the waters get polluted or the plants and grasses so necessary for the surviving animals get trodden down and destroyed.

Nowadays hunting on one's own land is permissible.

However, that has led to a land grab at unfair prices and the losing of a man's land to someone who really does not belong to that part of the world simply because he is a rich man with a lot of money.



It used to be that a gun only had a short range therefore one had to be quite near the animal in order to bring it down.



Nowadays there are high-powered guns that have sights set on them so that the hunter can remain hidden from the animal and therefore the animal has no warning and therefore no chance of escape.



Deer are being poached in areas where the grown-up human poachers should not be.



Large and small fish are being poached from the waters of the world by people who travel many hundreds of miles to fish along the coasts of other countries.



The Sturgeon



and paddlefish or otherwise known as the spoonbill catfish are suffering great losses through the actions of grown-up human poachers.



Even the Bald Eagle is not safe.



It is getting harder and harder to protect Big Game animals from the grown-up human poachers.

The grown-up human poachers even fight the law enforcement agencies who come to investigate incidents of poaching.

Seals,



Whales



and Dolphins are also under serious threat.



The Governments are trying to ban the use of machine guns, pitfall traps, nets, snare traps, explosives, and poison.

Even hunting from inside a vehicle,



or using spotlights to blind the hunted animals such as deer during the night hours,



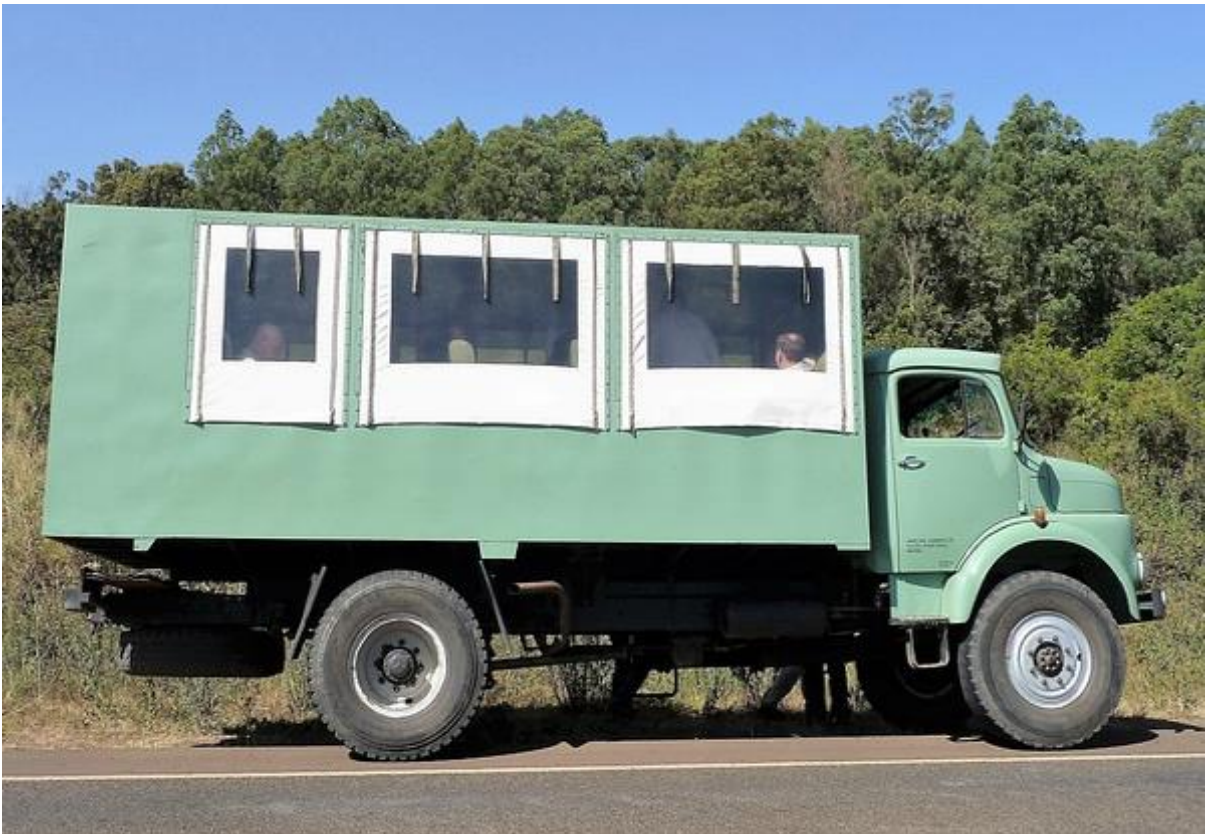
or even the taking of plants, trees and shrubs that have been tagged by researchers.



Today the world is becoming more aware of the dwindling of our plant life and animal life, however there is not enough being done about it.

Governments take too long to pass laws; many of leaders of Governments being friends with the grown-up human poachers.

Foreign tourists and safari groups pay a lot of money to see and hunt animals.



Some grown-up human poachers even think it is their right to encroach on a tribe's lands and people to teach them how to live in a modern society when they are quite happy living as they have lived for many thousands of years.

The motives of the grown-up human poachers to poach something that is not theirs are:

- the thrill of the hunt
- to collect trophies from that which they have killed
- for home consumption and for commercial gain
- black market trading
- because they do not like to stand by the law
- they stand up for their rights as human beings
- just because they can.

Only in a few cases has the hunting been because of extreme poverty.

Some say that if they can capture the animals and put them into protected spaces around the world they will be safer.



However, that is not the case either, as recently an old lion in a protected space was killed by a prominent American businessman who merely wanted to get trophies – its' pelt for a mat and its' head for a wall mounting. He left the rest to nature.

There is a memorial that has been built to all of the Rhinos who have been killed in recent years.



The world is becoming unbalanced.

Animals and plants belong in a region for many purposes. And when they are removed as fast as they are being removed, then the land and the environment that is left suffers.

Tree species that are known for their large seeds usually dominate the forests while the trees and plants that have small seeds have their place.

The predators, the animals which are herbivores and the animals and birds that eat the fruit are unable to recover at the same speed.

As the animal populations decline, the pattern of life that these same creatures and vegetations provide are finding it harder and harder to exist because of the altered balance to their existence.

This results in the extinction of the animals and vegetation from the area.

Grown-up human poachers also destroy the forests and plants because they want the berries and leaves that are supposed to help them live longer – again medicines are being made from these same valuable resources.

They form multi-level companies whereby those at the top amass great wealth from the efforts of those in their teams below them who spread their teams world-wide for a certain drink that is made from a certain grape, or a food that is made from a certain berry that is only grown in a particular country resulting in many hundreds of thousands of people ordering that product every single month.

Who misses out?

The animal that eats that berry or
that grape or that leaf.

Often the tree or plant upon which that berry, grape or leaf grows is cut down in order to harvest what is needed therefore eventually the forest is gone altogether and so is the habitat of many animals and birds – all creatures that have survived and lived there for many thousands of years.

Grown-up human poachers don't care that a tree is ancient and has taken many hundreds if not thousand of years to grow to make it the magnificent tree that it has become.



Grown-up human poachers see
land as precious for their own
personal wealth

and therefore, they take big machines into the lands and knock down all of the plants, shrubbery and trees to provide means to house a new generation of people.



Tourists want to see areas of the world they have never seen before, therefore they think nothing of tramping down small plants and soils just to have a selfie photo taken at the end of a discarded beaten track.

The insect world also suffers. But
who cares?



Eventually the minutest living organism will be gone, therefore whatever used to feed on that will disappear and then something bigger that used to feed on that will be gone and that is how life on earth will disappear.

What will be left to see and enjoy?

There will only be books and the internet to see and know of these now extinct things in our world.



How long can humans remain
without these important smaller
things in our lives?

There will be no work. No jobs. No life. Just a dense stark world where once life teemed all around us.

Does anyone question why there are now severe illnesses that are wiping out many hundreds if not thousands of human lives as a result?

What is the main ingredient that was in our lives before these serious illnesses started to happen in our modern life?

In the Congo we have had outbreaks of Ebola.



In Hong Kong, we have had serious outbreaks of SARS.



A virus turned up in Africa that is known as the Human T-lymphotropic virus.



A virus that is known to be endemic in African apes and monkeys is called the Simian foamy virus and is found to be affecting humans as well.

Simian foamy virus

A Virus that interferes with the Human Immune system has reared it's ugly head in many countries throughout the world. Known to us as Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in humans - HIV-1



Grown-up human poachers are taking precious seashells which are still very much alive from the seas of the world, an action that kills the animal that made its' home inside the shell.



There are many in the world that think that by using various body parts from animals, that this will cure their Cancer. This thinking motivates the grown-up human poachers to kill the animals they think they need to become rich themselves.

The parts that we are talking about involve certain bones, paws, claws, eyes, genital organs, hair, fur and skins.

Many also believe that certain stems, leaves, roots, flowers and bark are necessary ingredients for their cures. It is known that some of these ingredients are used in modern medicines and vitamins, however, taking what we need is far more acceptable than just taking because of greed.

Another of our animals that are being forced into extinction are our beloved Seahorses from the oceans.



For many hundreds of years,
Chinese medicine has made use of
the Seahorse to cure those who
suffer from arthritis, asthma,
baldness and even infertility.

Our animal adornments such as ivory from elephant tusks are used for organ and piano keys, handles, billiard balls, the manufacture of some electrical appliances that can be found on aeroplanes and in the world of communication for radar as well as jewellery items.

Horns from the Rhino are known to be used for medicinal purposes and vitamin use as well as for ornaments, items of china and even for decorations on hats.

Some of the uses for antlers are as a vitamin pill as well as an important ingredient for many Chinese medicines. When ground antler is boiled, a substance known as gelatin is the by-product while the residue that is strained off contributes towards the making of fruit gelatin or just being added to give body to home-made jellies. Processed antlers can be found in many baking recipes.

Although trading is now banned, the Tortoise has suffered greatly from the hands of grown-up human poachers.



Many uses were made from the delicate shell of the Tortoise – items such as inlays for pieces of furniture, combs, knitting needles, guitar picks, frames for glasses, small boxes and picture frames.

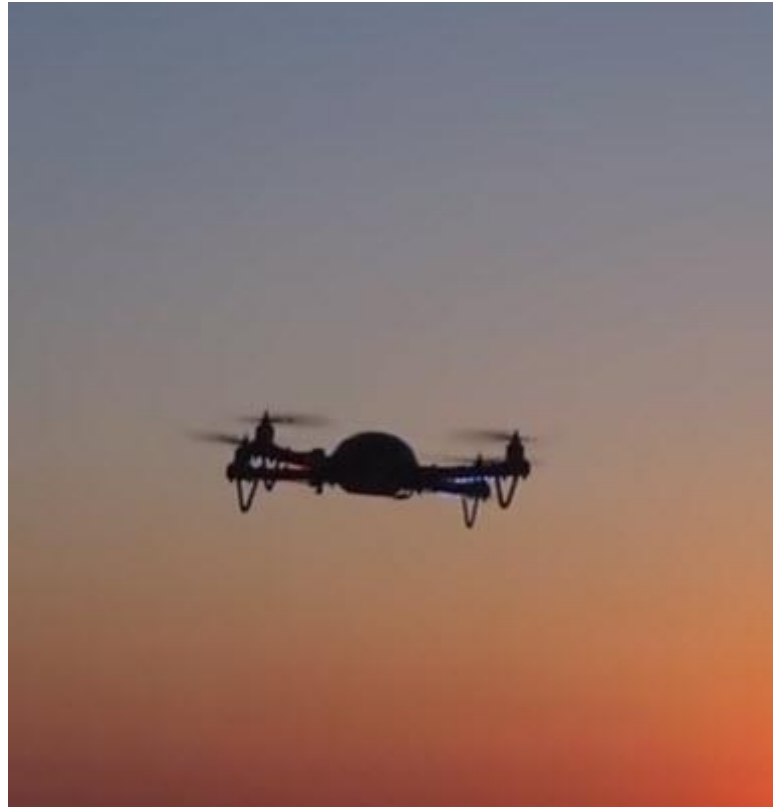
A tracking procedure has been introduced in certain countries, that involves injecting the Rhino horn with a dye that cannot be removed and a substance used to kill parasites in animals as well as humans – known as a parasiticide. It is designed to deter use as human consumption as it is poisonous to the human body but not to the Rhino. They say the injection procedure is painless but has anyone confirmed that with the animal?

RhODIS, - Rhino DNA has been developed to help track down and identify grown-up human poachers. However, the horn has already been brutally removed from the Rhino and it could take months or years to find the culprits even through using this system. It is a successful programme, but the Rhino is already dead a long time ago.

Way back in 1868, one of the Gamekeepers was so upset about grown-up human poachers on the land that he was in charge of protecting for his employer, that he had a Brass Plaque made up which he promptly displayed on the front door of their property in Cornwall, England.

It reads: “Take notice that as from today's date poachers shall be shot on first sight and if practicable questioned afterwards. By order: J.R. Bramble, Head Gamekeeper to His Grace the Duke of Gumbly. 1st November 1868.”

Drones are now being used to watch over protected areas and the animals, however, how effective that is remains to be seen as drones can fly great distances in a short period of time and the humans needed to arrest the poachers could take many hours to get to those same areas only to find the poacher long gone and the devastating scene of the butchered animal still remains in its lifeless state.



Animals have been reported as having killed the very grown-up human poachers that originally set out to kill them. I call that Karma. Unfortunately, the animal is then put down for being considered dangerous to humans – go figure.

There will always be people in the world who think that they have more than enough money which will buy them anything they want. We have to learn to say NO to these people so that the cruel practices cease, and our precious animals will get to live on and multiply.

Good things are starting to happen.

Tons of Ivory when found are being crushed, thus rendering it useless to anyone intending to use it for their own wealth and greed.

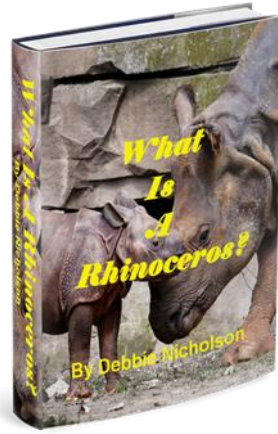
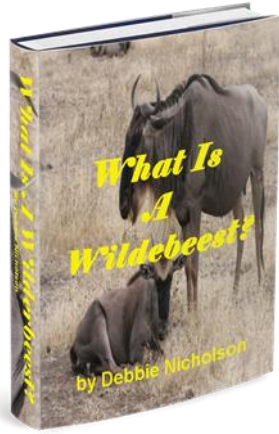
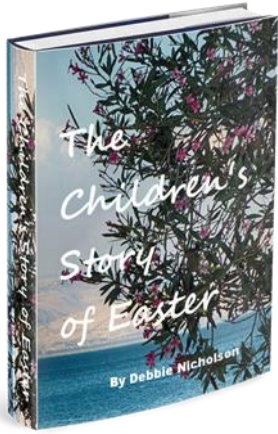
Fortunately there are people who are famous in the world who do their best to advocate against poaching.

There will be more books on animals coming in the future.

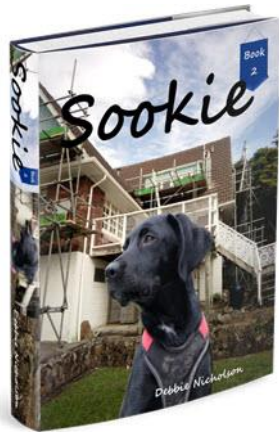
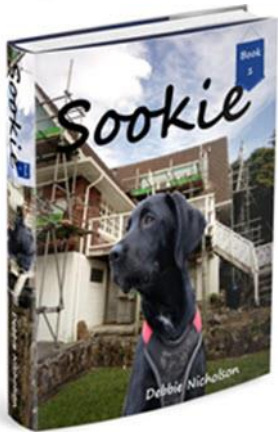
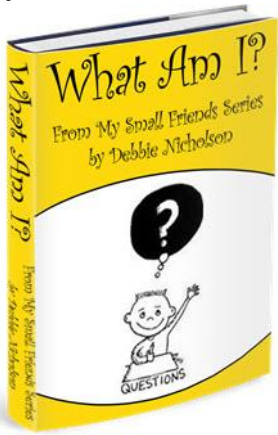


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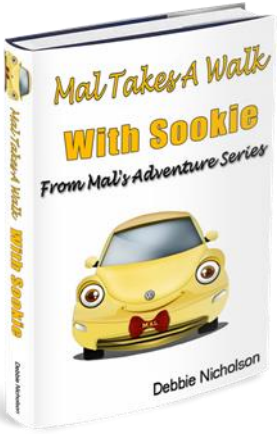
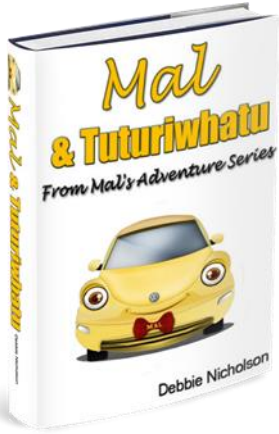
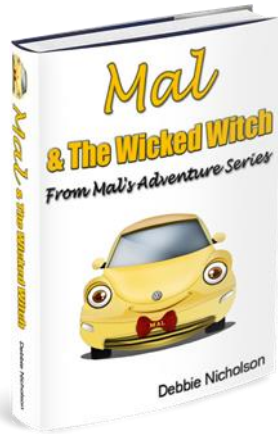
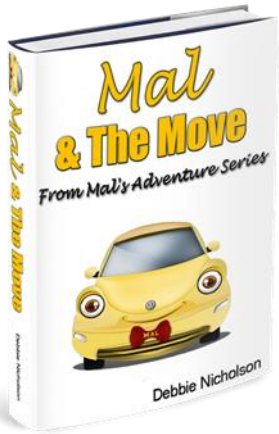


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Tracey Rissik

Hi Debbie, ok I'm happy with that :) Please can you credit me as the creator of this video; copyright remains with me and I reserve the right to withdraw this consent in future if circumstances change. And I realise this is a big ask - but if you can include a statement that "no one needs rhino horns except for rhinos", then I would be most grateful! And please let me know when your book is published :) Thanks, Tracey



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