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*Pressure mounts on Southeast Asian nations to crack down on tiger **** trafficking as numbers continue to dwindle***

** to deal or trade in something illegal

Two tigers are killed or illegally trafficked every week, according to fresh analysis published Wednesday that warned of the “disastrous impact” on the 4,000 big cats left in the wild. The latest estimate comes as experts and dignitaries, including Britain’s Prince William, gather in Vietnam’s capital for an international wildlife conference that **kicks off** on Thursday.

The two-day meeting brings together governments, NGOs and activists to **combat** illegal wildlife trade and is being hosted in a country that has become a nexus for **smuggling** and consumption.

Wildlife trade monitoring group TRAFFIC, which campaigns to protect endangered animals and help governments catch those who trade in their parts, published a new analysis. They estimate an average of 110 tigers became victims of the trade each year since 2000.

Ending tiger farming would ease the pressure and help law enforcement agencies focus on the **poachers** and traffickers of wild tigers. The study also **illustrates** the growing role breeding centres play in **** fuelling the trade**, especially in Southeast Asia. Researchers singled out Thailand, Laos and Vietnam as among the world’s top countries for tiger farms.

**cause a situation to become more intense/ to add fire to the trade

Around 30 per cent of tiger parts **seized** between 2012 and 2015 now come from captive tigers compared to just 2 per cent between 2000 and 2003. Animal rights groups argue that by keeping demand for tiger parts going, farms perpetuate the destruction of tigers in the wild.

Laos recently announced plans to close its tiger farms while Thailand has initiated investigations after a long **tussle** with a controversial Buddhist “tiger temple” that for years had been at the centre of allegations of complicity in the trade.

Animal rights groups hope the Hanoi conference will **** pile pressure** on governments to redouble efforts to stem the trade and close down farms.

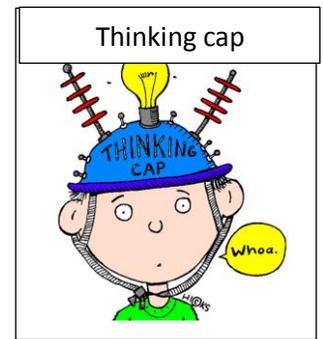
** put a lot of pressure

Prince William, who has become a **champion** of endangered species in recent years, met Vietnam’s prime minister and vice president on Wednesday. Part of his mission is to “engage with a wide cross section of Vietnamese society in order to encourage the work of local people to **stamp out** the use of things like rhino horn”.

Adapted from the article in the South China Morning Post which appeared on Thursday, November 17th.

Questions to think about:

- Why does trafficking of animals take place? Why should trafficking of animals and the illegal trade in body parts be stopped?
- It is not just animals which are trafficked, but people, too. What is your opinion on this issue?
- Does it help to have celebrities champion causes?



1. I: Vocabulary and understanding meaning

Match the meaning and/or synonym (words with a similar or the same meaning) to the words which have been highlighted in bold in the article.

Column A: Word from text	Letter	Column B: Meaning or synonym
1. dwindle (v)		A: to take action to reduce or prevent
2. kick off (phrasal verb)		B: stop altogether/completely
3. combat (v)		C: to take a hold of with force
4. smuggle (v)		D: show/serve as an example of
5. poacher (n)		E: a person who supports a cause
6. illustrate(s) (v)		F: decrease
7. seize(d) (v)		G: start something, typically an event
8. tussle (n)		H: a person who who hunts or catches game (wild animals) or fish illegally.
9. champion (n)		I: a fight or a struggle to try and achieve something
10. stamp out (phrasal verb)		J: move goods illegally in or out of a country

II: Usage of vocabulary: Fill in the missing words of the short paragraphs or sentences below using the vocabulary (1-10) from column A. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct. Not all of the words will be needed.

For years law enforcement forces (police etc) have tried to (a) _____, in other words, put a stop to things like drug and people trafficking completely without success. It has been a long (b) _____ or fight. However, despite their efforts to (c) _____ and put a stop to the illegal trade in drugs, it is not (d) _____, instead it is increasing. Drug traffickers go to a lot of trouble to (e) _____ drugs from one country to the next. Recently, law enforcement officers (f) _____ a large ship container of drugs, but this is only a drop in the ocean.

Challenge of the week: Prince William is a champion of **endangered species**. What causes do the following celebrities champion? Come to the English Corner today for more, and to watch video clips of the celebrities and their causes.

