

Tokyo has zero tolerance for the illegal handling of ivory



The Tokyo Metropolitan Government established an Advisory Council on the Regulation of Ivory Trade in January 2020 - an important step to consolidate further measures regarding the ivory trade in Japan. With the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 serving as a trigger, Tokyo has been cooperating with the national government and business operators to tackle the illegal handling of ivory, and has widely raised awareness both domestically and internationally.

As a result of these efforts, we are proud to have had no reports of illegal ivory trade throughout the Tokyo 2020 Games.

Tokyo will continue to fulfill its responsibility as a safe and sustainable city.

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Efforts by the TOKYO Metropolitan Government

2020



Expert panel set up

“Advisory Council on the Regulation of Ivory Trade”

In response to international concerns about Japan's ivory trade, Tokyo set up the “Advisory Council on the Regulation of Ivory Trade” to study the legal framework surrounding the issue.

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Measures in anticipation for

The Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020

As the host city of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020, Tokyo implemented measures to prevent the illegal transportation of ivory products overseas by cooperating with the national government, and taking into consideration the opinions of the expert panel.



Collaborating with sellers to confirm the intent of purchasers

Direct requests were made to business operators in Tokyo to ensure that buyers have no intention of taking products overseas. In such cases this could not be confirmed, vendors refrained from selling their products.



Raising awareness of the proper handling of ivory

Awareness was raised among the athletes and other persons who visited Japan for the Tokyo 2020 Games. Information was disseminated in Japan and abroad through multilingual content.

Tokyo will continue to promote efforts against the illegal handling of ivory