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The killing of elephants for ivory is one of the severe issues in Tanzania. Thousands of ivory tusks are under government supervision. Government is trying to save elephants from poachers who are killing them for the sake of money by selling their ivory tusks. The government should also think for the illegal stockpile of ivory tusks they acquired. Tanzania is a poor country who needs to increase their economic growth, or economic revenue through different means. There are two options for the government. Firstly, they can sell the stockpile of ivory to international buyers and secondly, they can burn ivory if international donors pay the government for it. Government needs to select one of the options after examining not only the benefits but also the harmful impact of the decisions.

According to me, the second option is better for the country. Revenue can increase when international donors pay the government to burn the stockpile of ivory. By burning ivory, poachers will be discouraged to kill the Elephants for personal benefit. Revenue will rise, and ivory which is useless for the government will turn into a productive item. The first option is not good because if governments try to sell the stockpile of ivory, then it will increase the demand for ivory in the international market. If poacher identifies the increasing demand and the value of ivory, they will kill more elephants. In result, wildlife will be in danger (Association, 2012).

For any government, maximization of profit for the economy should be the aim but with least harm to another aspect of the society. Therefore by burning, ivory can be beneficial for the economy, and it will not increase damages for wildlife. On the other hand export of ivory may help in gaining profit little more but wildlife will be in danger, which later will become the negative factor for the country's economy.

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