

Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation

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Conservative voters support ending trophy hunting imports

This year new polling by Survation showed **87%** of Conservative voters agreed with the statement **“My MP should vote to ban British trophy hunters bringing home their ‘trophies’ of endangered animals”** - clearly showing the strong democratic case for this Bill to be passed through the House of Lords. Meanwhile in March last year polling showed **92%** of Conservative voters agreed that the UK Government should ban trophy hunters from bringing back trophies of hunted animals as soon as possible.

Ending trophy hunting imports is a Conservative Manifesto commitment



Trophy hunting of endangered animals is morally indefensible.

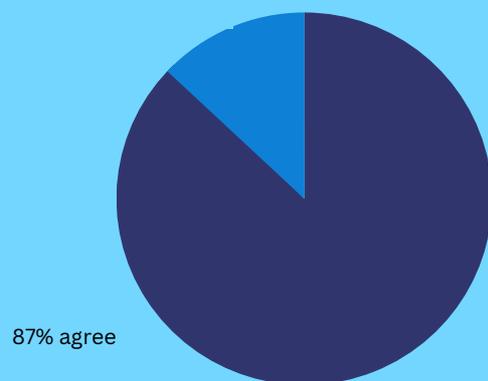
We are taking steps to end this barbaric practice.



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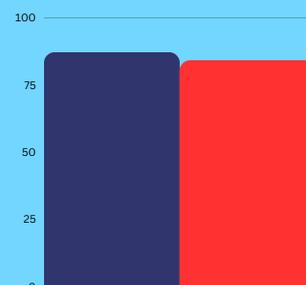
Table 1. Conservative voters

"My MP should vote to ban British trophy hunters bringing home their 'trophies' of endangered animals"



87% agree

Table 2. Conservative and Labour voters



87% of Conservatives agree

84% of Labour voters agree



Conservative MPs, NGOs, charities and campaigners support the Hunting Trophies (Import Prohibition) Bill

Conservative MP Henry Smith has received strong support from fellow Tories for his Private Members Bill, the Hunting Trophies (Import Prohibition) Bill.

Conservative-leaning media organisations have also reported the strong support for the Government's policy among voters and Conservative supporters alike. The Sunday Telegraph has written that the "vast majority of Tory voters support (a) ban on trophy hunting imports". The Mail on Sunday has reported that "85% of voters want trophy hunting outlawed".



Minister Lord Zac Goldsmith and Conservative MP Jane Stevenson show their support for the Bill, alongside Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation Co-Founder Lorraine Platt

This Bill is about the values we in Britain have: we do not want to be part of a trade in the body parts of endangered species. We are not telling other countries how to run their trade, conservation or hunting policies, although we may have a range of personal opinions on that. It is important to remember that. This is about those CITES appendices I and II species, almost 6,000 species of flora and fauna, that are endangered. We hope that this legislation, when enacted, can play a part in conserving them.

- Henry Smith MP, 17th March 2023