

USES FOR IVORY

WHO ARE THE MAIN BUYERS OF IVORY?

Buyers and business people and tourists from Italy, Portugal, Korea, Spain, China, France, Belgium, Japan, Cameroon, Nigeria, Arab countries, Germany and America are the primary buyers of ivory “raw” and “worked.”

WHAT DO THEY DO WITH THE IVORY?

Some tusks are exported as “raw” ivory to a country, where it is purchased by someone who wants to carve it. Much of the ivory is carved into objects in Africa or nearby countries, then exported as:

Jewelry, necklaces, bracelets, rings, Earrings, watch faces Hair combs, hair clips and pins Paperknives (letter-openers) Knife and gun handles Handles on “silverware” Belt buckles Rosary beads Billiard balls Chess pieces Toothpicks Chopsticks Cigarette holders Tobacco pipes Napkin rings	Umbrella handles Walking sticks and canes Assorted figurines and sculptures Nativity scenes and religious figures Inlaid designs on furniture Inlaid designs on guitars, violins, etc Piano keys Key chains Oriental name seals Lamp stands and candleabras Designer masks Pen holders Razor handles Vases
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NOTE: An overhead transparency (OT) of selected ivory carvings and jewelry are provided in the OT binder.

