

**WILDLIFE WARRIORS:
DEFENDING AFRICA'S ANIMALS
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VIDEO
(#50903, 1995)**

This video provides a basis for the poaching dilemma that has been occurring in Botswana. We recommend using some parts of this videotape to get the main message across and to fit into a 20 – 25 minute portion of a class.

The recommended pieces are as follows:

Counter Approx. 0140 – 0947 (from beginning of tape, 8 minutes)

This is the National Geographic introduction to the video and provides a good background concerning Botswana, poachers and why the army has become involved. You should end shortly after General K. mentions that he now employs 900 army personnel to defend the wilderness.

Counter Approx. 1215 – 1335 (2.5 minutes)

Segment begins with General K. discussing the support he receives especially from the President for wildlife preservation. It also includes the President's message concerning the value of tourism over game hunting and the value in saving their animal heritage.

Counter Approx. 2525 – 3339 (9 minutes)

Final clip begins with the army helicopter flying over Botswana and the discussion of the use of half the army's budget to preserve wildlife. It shows a poacher chase at night and the devastation the poachers leave behind. Concludes with the issue regarding 12 tons of confiscated ivory and the desire by the country to sell it to appropriate funds to preserve the animals. Ends with the skull of an elephant on the plains of Botswana.

The entire 60-minute video may be shown, but the rest of the information involves the training of the Botswana army, desperation of the poachers and some of the techniques poachers use (such as fire) to trap the animals. It might be important to show a balanced view of all stakeholders involved in this controversy.

