

# Antique ivory trade should

MADAM – Last week (ATG No 2332) you published a response from lobby group Two Million Tusks to my suggestion that there should be a TV programme on the subject of ivory.

Two Million Tusk's suggestion of a programme "devoted to the historical timeline of ivory ...and the ivory trade...through the ages" is common sense. Why ruin it then by following this with the claim that "...we all, of course, look back on this part of global history with shame".

We don't! We all would like to prevent the present trade in illegally sourced ivory.

The letter concludes: "However, the ivory trade has not shed its grisly past and continues today."

The unnamed writers of the Two Million Tusks letter should look beyond the end of their collective noses and agree that the trade about which they write in that sentence has nothing to do with the trade in

antique ivory, the trade we are so anxious to preserve.

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