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Stamp Out Animal Trafficking

An activity of "A creeping problem: Wildlife smugglers are trafficking ants".

To many people, ants are seen as pests. However, in recent years, many have taken up keeping ants as pets. This has contributed to ant trafficking where ants are smuggled out of their ecosystems. If it continues, biodiversity will be harmed. Read more about this in "A creeping problem: Wildlife smugglers are trafficking ants" (page 8–9, *What's Up* July 2026).

ON YOUR OWN

- A. Using the *What's Up* story, fill in the table on how biodiversity is threatened when giant African harvester ants are trafficked from their colonies in Kenya.

Ant trafficking: Threats to biodiversity	
Cause	Effect
1. Queen ants are removed.	▪
2. Lesser ants available to enrich soils, disperse seeds, and be food for other creatures.	▪
3. Imported ants escape into the wild on foreign land.	▪ ▪

IN GROUPS

- B. Several cases of animal smuggling are detected by authorities at Singapore's borders each year. Recent cases included puppies, kittens, exotic birds, tortoises, fish, and other wildlife. These animals were brought in illegally to be sold in Singapore, particularly on social media. Some of the animals were heavily sedated and kept in cramped conditions on their way here. This resulted in injuries, sickness, and even death.
- With your group, select an animal from the *What's Up* story and form an imaginary agency to stamp out the smuggling of this animal. Give your agency a name.
 - Brainstorm what can be done to combat the smuggling of this animal to Singapore.
- C. Share your group's recommendations with your class.