

# CITES news - Prague airport



## Czech Environmental Inspectorate



1.3.2008 – CEI inspectors caught 5 pieces of carved statues of elephant and 2 pieces of carved tusks. These carvings were imported from Liberia, and according to their owner, they were made from rhinoceros. CEI used Identification Guide for Ivory and Ivory Substitutes to identify these carvings as made from hippo upper canine (*Hippopotamus amphibius*, CITES II/B). These specimens were bought for 31 USD at the local market and were imported without any CITES permits. Specimens have been seized and this tourist will be fined by CEI.

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