

Walrus Ivory Dos & Don'ts

Raw ivory found on the beach by non-Natives can only be possessed if tagged at a USFWS Office within 30 days of finding. This tagged ivory cannot be transferred to another owner without written USFWS permission.

Who can...	Alaska Natives*	Non-Natives
Possess "raw" ivory? "Raw" ivory is ivory from a Pacific walrus that has not been significantly altered from its natural form into an authentic Native article of handicraft or clothing.	YES , but must be tagged by USFWS within 30 days	YES , but only beach-found ivory tagged by USFWS within 30 days of finding
Sell, barter or transfer tagged (raw) ivory?	YES , but only to other Alaska Natives	NO
Possess authentic Native handicrafts made from walrus ivory?	YES , (Natives may also make and sell authentic walrus ivory handicrafts)	YES
Take raw ivory out of the U.S.?	NO , (but limited exceptions)	NO
Own, buy or sell fossilized ivory from walruses that died before 1972?	YES	YES
Hunt Pacific walruses for subsistence in a non-wasteful manner?	YES , but only those who dwell on the coast	NO , (harassment of Pacific walruses is also prohibited)
Own, buy or sell mammoth or mastodon ivory that was lawfully collected with the landowner's permission?	YES	YES

*As defined by the Marine Mammals Protection Act of 1972

For More Information:

- "Walrus Ivory Dos and Don'ts"; USFWS Office of Law Enforcement, Anchorage: **800-858-7621**
- Tagging Walrus Ivory in Bethel or nearby Villages; Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge: **907-543-3151 or 800-621-5804**
- Harvest and Conservation Information about Walrus; USFWS Office of Marine Mammals Management, Anchorage: **800-362-5148** or <http://alaska.fws.gov/fisheries/mmm/mtrp>

