As wildlife crimes become increasingly transnational, organized, and sophisticated, many law enforcement authorities across the world face new challenges in responding to these changing dynamics. It is crucial that criminal justice systems target the most serious forms of wildlife crime and disrupt the criminal networks involved.

The UNODC-CITES Asia Wildlife Enforcement and Demand Management Project is working with targeted countries in Asia to strengthen their capacity to address the serious and growing problem of trafficking in and demand for African wildlife species in Asia; as well as to reduce the illegal killing of key Asian wildlife species impacted by international trade.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is the global leader in the fight against illicit drugs and transnational organized crime. The UNODC Global Programme for Combating Wildlife and Forest Crime is working for and with the wildlife enforcement community to ensure that wildlife crime, illegal logging, and related crimes are treated as serious transnational organized crimes.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it. It provides public, private, and non-governmental organizations with the knowledge and tools that enable human progress, economic development and nature conservation to take place together.

TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring network, is a leading non-governmental organization working globally to ensure that trade in wild plants and animals is not a threat to the conservation of nature. It specializes in investigating and analyzing wildlife trade trends, patterns, impacts and drivers to provide the leading knowledge base on trade in wild animals and plants.

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What we are doing

National legal frameworks and awareness
We are working with countries to strengthen national-level wildlife crime-related legislation and legal mechanisms, as well as capacity and awareness to strengthen the national response to wildlife crime and trafficking.

Intelligence analysis, investigation and prosecution capacity
We are building the capacity of countries to carry out intelligence gathering and analysis operations, to conduct investigations using advanced and specialized techniques, and to improve the preparation of complex transnational cases for prosecution.

National, regional and international cooperation
We are supporting and facilitating better cooperation and information and intelligence sharing between law enforcement counterparts within countries, within the Asia region, as well as between Asia and Africa.

Types of Activities

- Law and policy assessments: 9%
- International cooperation: 11%
- National events: 11%
- Law enforcement advisory: 25%
- Training courses: 43%
- Other reports: 3%

Activities implemented up to March 2018

Law enforcement management and monitoring
We are providing technical support to implement monitoring protocols and procedures at key Asian elephant and rhino sites, including the collection and analysis of data on illegal killings, and training to strengthen law enforcement capacity for effective management of wildlife populations.

Using data and information to inform law enforcement and decision makers
We are undertaking focused studies and data collection to improve the quality of information available to decision makers to inform the formulation of wildlife crime enforcement strategies and demand reduction interventions.

Participants

Total: 2,117
- Gender: 1,741 male, 376 female
- Environmental/Forestry officials: 579
- Prosecutors, judiciary: 269
- Law enforcement officers: 1,250

Target 15.7 Take urgent action to end poaching and trafficking of protected species of flora and fauna and address both demand and supply of illegal wildlife products.