WILDLIFE AND FOREST CRIME

The ICCWC Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit


How the toolkit works

The Toolkit provides Member States with a technical resource that enables them to undertake a national analysis with the aim to understand the main issues relating to wildlife and forest offences in their country.

The Toolkit helps to analyze a country’s preventive and criminal justice responses to wildlife and forest crime, to identify technical
assistance and capacity building needs, and to design a work plan. The Toolkit is organized into five parts:

- Legislation relevant to wildlife and forest offences as well as other illicit activities;
- Law Enforcement response to wildlife and forest offences;
- Judiciary and Prosecution: capacities to respond to wildlife and forest crime;
- Drivers and Prevention: factors leading to wildlife and forest offences and effectiveness of preventive interventions;
- Data and Analysis: availability, collection and examination of data and other information relevant to wildlife and forest crime.

Toolboxes in each subsection include a thematic set of questions, leading the user to the most relevant aspects of a topic and helping to structure the analysis.

The Toolkit is available to all Governments interested in undertaking an analysis of their preventive and criminal justice responses to wildlife and forest crime. ICCWC will, subject to the available funds, support requesting countries during the entire implementing process – including mobilizing funds, hiring experts, analyzing the results, designing and delivering technical assistance. However, the implementation of the Toolkit remains Government-led.

On the basis of the results, ICCWC will present to the relevant Government authorities a final report as well as a work plan for national capacity-building programmes and technical assistance delivery.

Benefits of the ICCWC Toolkit

- Identifies where resources should be channeled;
- Stimulates awareness, donor support and international cooperation;
- Enables evidence-based capacity building and technical assistance;
- Paves the way for more effective and sustainable infrastructure to address wildlife and forest crime;
- Allows for the development of tailor-made capacity-building programmes that reflect national needs:
  - Review of legal frameworks, penalty codes;
  - Development of a national work plan for capacity building;
  - Capacity building for law enforcement, judiciary, prosecution;
  - Support for National Authorities for local, national and international cooperation;
  - Collection of information and data;
  - Legitimate and promote livelihoods opportunities.