Fighting Corruption to get a law applied

Wildlife Crime - Case study

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Wildlife – race to extinction

Apes extinction
Forest Elephant

- Forest elephants – more than 60 % lost in a decade, may disappear in 15 years
Lion

- Lion – recently found that we have half of expected numbers. In most countries we work with either gone extinct or may in three years.
Rhino

- Western Black Rhino Extinct in 2007.
Wildlife Crime

- Wildlife trafficking is the fifth largest illegal trade
- Organized crime
- Connected to arms and drugs trafficking
Wildlife Crime
Ivory Criminal Syndicate

- 603 tusks, 3.9 tons, seized in Hong Kong in false compartment containers
Organized crime

- One seizure represents more than **300 killed elephants**.
- Every 2 months
- At least 2-3 million USD profit
- Active from the 80s
Logistical necessities - corruption

- Like a clock, selection process of tusks.
- Operation stretching over sub regions
- Activating and coordinating hundreds of poachers
- Protection

- Vast and powerful network of corruption – generals, magistrates, mayors, ministers, MPs…
Criminality

- Money laundering
- Pakistan – connection to the drugs trade.
- Arms trade?
African Gray Parrots works

- 1-2 million USD
- Every two weeks
- High officials involved
- Political Party Link
Application of Law - The gap

- Sufficient national wildlife laws in place in all countries of west and central Africa.

- Searching for indicators

- Almost all countries of central and west Africa were on zero prosecutions.
Why is the law not applied?
First Obstacle

Corruption
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Law Enforcement NGO

- Innovation
- NGO Fighting corruption to get the law applied
- Fighting corruption in Enforcement and Judiciary
- Bodyguard of the case throughout the stages
INVESTIGATIONS

- Investigators, undercover agents and informers gather precise information so that dealers in threatened species can be arrested in the act.
- Producing concrete evidence for the courts.
OPERATIONS

- Plan and Supervise Government arrest of violators and to channel complaint reports to the courts.
- Around 85% documented bribing attempts.
- Fighting corruption.
Je soussigné M. Zhang reconnais avoir donné la somme de 1 million de F CFA en vue de la libération de M. Zhang au poste de Yengo.

Reçu par

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LEGAL ASSISTANCE

- Legal team builds legal strategy.
- Representing the cases for the state.
- **80%** of our cases bribing attempts in the court.
- Fighting corruption.
MEDIA

- Newsflashes into national TV news, national radio news and written press concerning the success of the operations and positive court rulings everyday
- Education of the public on the change.
Results – A trafficker imprisoned per week

- The collaboration shifted Cameroon from zero prosecution to one arrest and successful prosecution of a major wildlife dealer each week.
- Imprisoned SDOs, Army officers, police commissioner, officials…
- Replicated and operational in 8 countries.
- Cross sector replication – child trafficking, human rights etc.
Message

- A new model for fighting corruption in Enforcement and Judiciary

- Should be replicated to Anti Corruption law enforcement

- We will help any interested party using this model for any law – human rights, women rights etc.
Thank You

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