Wildlife Justice Commission

Law enforcement and legal experts fighting transnational organised wildlife crime

Constructive Dialogue on Technical Assistance & International Cooperation – 7 June 2024
Crimes that affect the environment

- Transnational in nature (Art 3 (2) UNTOC)
- Participation of organised criminal groups (Art 3 (1) (a) and Art 5 UNTOC)
- Facilitated by corruption (Art 3 (1) (a) and Art 8 UNTOC)
- Crime convergence, including money laundering (Art (1) (a) and Art 8 UNTOC)
- Crimes that affect the environment (CAE) "serious crimes" under the UNTOC
Effective UNTOC tools and techniques

- Special investigative techniques (Art 20)
- Combat money laundering (Art 6, 7)
- Confiscation and seizure of proceeds of crime (Art 12, 13, 14)
- Joint investigations (Art 19)
- International (law enforcement) cooperation (Art 27 & other)
- Develop technical assistance (Art 29, 30)
Leveraging synergies between the implementation of the UNTOC and UNCAC

Tackle the crime and corruption elements together to address crimes that affect the environment and associated corruption.
Enhancing the capabilities of domestic law enforcement agencies to employ UNTOC tools

Case study: Technical assistance in employing law enforcement methodologies (including special investigative techniques) for crimes that affect the environment
Case study: Technical assistance leading to drop in pangolin scales trafficking

Global pangolin seizures

- Volume seized (tonnes)
- Number of seizures

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023

Volume seized (tonnes)
Number of seizure incidents
Recommendations

• Recognise and treat CAE as "serious crime" under the UNTOC
• **Greater implementation** of the UNTOC (and UNCAC) tools and techniques for CAE
• **Harmonise** legislation and policy frameworks to facilitate effective international cooperation
• Importance of **technical assistance** – skills and resources
• Maintain a high level of **prioritisation** of CAE at the multilateral level
Thank you!

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