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| **June 2015**  **ICCWC Toolkit Report Presentation in Botswana****June 16, Gaborone**. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) presented to the Government of Botswana the findings of the analytical report on wildlife and forest crime in the country. The report is based on the results of the fact-finding mission undertaken by UNODC international experts in cooperation with the government of Botswana from 18 January to 1 February 2015 using the ICCWC Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit. The report was developed in consultation with all UNODC partners of ICCWC- the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (CITES Secretariat, INTERPOL, World Bank, World Customs Organization) and was financially supported by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) of the US Department of State. The report provides a comprehensive, evidence-based analysis of all relevant entities, the threats, and the national response to wildlife and forest crime in Botswana and includes recommendations for short-, medium- and long-term actions in the areas of legislation, law enforcement, prosecutorial and judicial capacities, data gathering and analysis, and prevention. In the process of the development of the report, following entities were consulted:* Attorney General’s Chambers
* Botswana Defence Force
* Botswana Police Service
* Botswana Unified Revenue Service
* Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana
* Department of Forestry and Range Resources
* Department of Wildlife and National Parks
* Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime
* Directorate of Intelligence and Security
* Directorate of Public Prosecutions
* Financial Intelligence Agency
* Forensic Science Services (BPS)
* Department of Justice
* Prison Service
* Several NGOs

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