Each year, while countless species are driven closer to extinction, criminals make billions of dollars from the sale of protected wildlife and forest products. Not only does this senseless crime have a devastating impact on ever decreasing numbers of wild animals and forests which are crucial to the sustainable development of some of the poorest countries, it also funds organized criminal activities that undermine national and regional political and economic security.

UNODC’s Global Programme for Combating Wildlife and Forest Crime will deliver assistance on a regional and national basis to support law-enforcement responses, put in place appropriate legislation and strengthen investigative, prosecutorial and judicial capacities, as well as combat the related issues of money laundering and corruption. Engaging a variety of stakeholders, the Programme will also help strengthen the collection and analysis of wildlife and forest crime data, support livelihoods, and raise awareness of the negative impact of this crime in order to reduce the global demand for illicit wild fauna and flora.

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