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What is ICCWC?

The International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime 'ICCWC' is the collaborative effort of five intergovernmental organizations working to bring coordinated support to national wildlife law enforcement agencies and the sub-regional and regional enforcement networks that act in defence of natural resources.



Timber seized in Burkina Faso. © WCO

Recent years have seen a spike in the scale of wildlife crime and a change in the nature of this illicit activity. Wildlife crime is becoming increasingly transnational and organized, with illegal traders making use

of sophisticated mechanisms to illicitly trade in wildlife and forest products. Wildlife crime has become a serious threat to the security, political stability, economy, natural resources and cultural heritage of many countries and regions. It is increasingly recognized as a serious crime, against which States must deploy the same techniques used to combat other serious crimes.

In response, in 2010, the five organizations united under the ICCWC banner to deliver a globally coordinated and comprehensive approach to combating wildlife and forest crime.

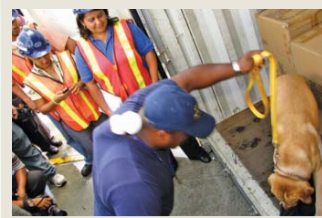


ICCWC Strategy

ICCWC's mission is to usher in a new era where the perpetrators of serious wildlife and forest crime face a formidable and coordinated response.

ICCWC promotes, supports and delivers activity under five focus areas:

- 1.** Strengthening cooperation and coordination in combating wildlife and forest crime
- 2.** Facilitating analysis of national responses to wildlife and forest crime
- 3.** Building capacity to prevent and respond to wildlife and forest crime
- 4.** Raising awareness and support for measures to combat wildlife and forest crime
- 5.** Improving use of knowledge and innovation to inform contemporary approaches to wildlife and forest crime.



Containers at the Port of Balboa, Panama City. © UNODC

Through the combined experience, technical capacity, communication channels and field networks of the five organizations, ICCWC is uniquely placed to develop programmes to combat wildlife and forest crime against these five areas.



ICCWC WIST in operation in Sri Lanka. © INTERPOL

ICCWC in Action

A diverse range of activities have been delivered by ICCWC since its 2010 launch.

ICCWC coordinates global, regional and national events on critical issues related to wildlife and forest crime. Events have included a Ministerial roundtable on transnational organized wildlife crime, a seminar for heads of police and Customs on tiger crime, and the first global meeting of wildlife enforcement networks.

ICCWC develops and delivers training events, particularly to increase the use of specialized investigation techniques in combating wildlife crime. Examples include workshops on controlled deliveries, specialized training for wildlife law enforcement officers from Africa and Asia ahead of a global operation to combat wildlife crime, training on fugitive investigation, and the first international training on rhinoceros DNA sampling. ICCWC has also developed best practice guidelines for ivory sampling and laboratory analysis to help increase the use of forensic technology to combat wildlife crime.

ICCWC provides investigative assistance to support national law enforcement efforts. For example, Wildlife Incident Support Teams (WISTs) can be dispatched at the request of countries that are affected by significant poaching of

CITES specimens, or that have made large-scale seizures, to assist, guide and facilitate appropriate follow-up actions.

Reflecting its capacity-building focus, ICCWC developed the *ICCWC Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit* to help governments review the effectiveness of their responses to wildlife and forest crime and identify their technical assistance needs. ICCWC is supporting the implementation of the Toolkit in a number of countries.

The Toolkit evaluates the following matters relevant to wildlife and forest crime:

- 1. Legislation**
- 2. Law enforcement measures**
- 3. Prosecutorial and judicial capacities**
- 4. Factors that drive offences and the effectiveness of preventative interventions**
- 5. The availability and analysis of data and other relevant information.**

