

WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING



INL's approach to fighting environmental crime:

1) LEGISLATION

Strengthening legislative frameworks of partner nations to make sure there are effective laws in place to deter, investigate, prosecute, and sanction wildlife criminals

2) INVESTIGATION

Enhancing investigative and law enforcement functions of our foreign enforcement partners, including through support for park rangers

3) COOPERATION

Supporting cross-border regional law enforcement cooperation

4) PROSECUTION

Developing capacities to prosecute and adjudicate wildlife and related crimes such as money laundering and corruption.

Wildlife trafficking is a multibillion dollar transnational organized criminal activity and a critical conservation issue. The United States is a leader in the fight against the illicit trade in wildlife, and the Dept. of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) plays an important role in the development and implementation of anti-wildlife trafficking policies around the world.

INL's experts draw on extensive experience combatting other forms of transnational crime and apply it to the illicit trafficking of wildlife around the world. INL also fights other environmental crimes, such as illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and illegal logging, including through programs that target corruption and money laundering.

INL funds wildlife investigative training conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at INL's International Law Enforcement Academies (ILEAs) including in Bangkok, Thailand and in Gaborone, Botswana. INL also invests in innovative research and pilot programs. For example, in cooperation with the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the World Bank, INL sponsored groundbreaking forensic analysis of DNA from major elephant ivory seizures, resulting in the identification of key elephant poaching hotspots.

Finally, INL works bilaterally with a growing number of countries to provide assistance tailored to the unique needs of these countries. In Indonesia, an INL trained Environmental Crimes Task Force prosecuted a number of land-clearing arsonists.



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