

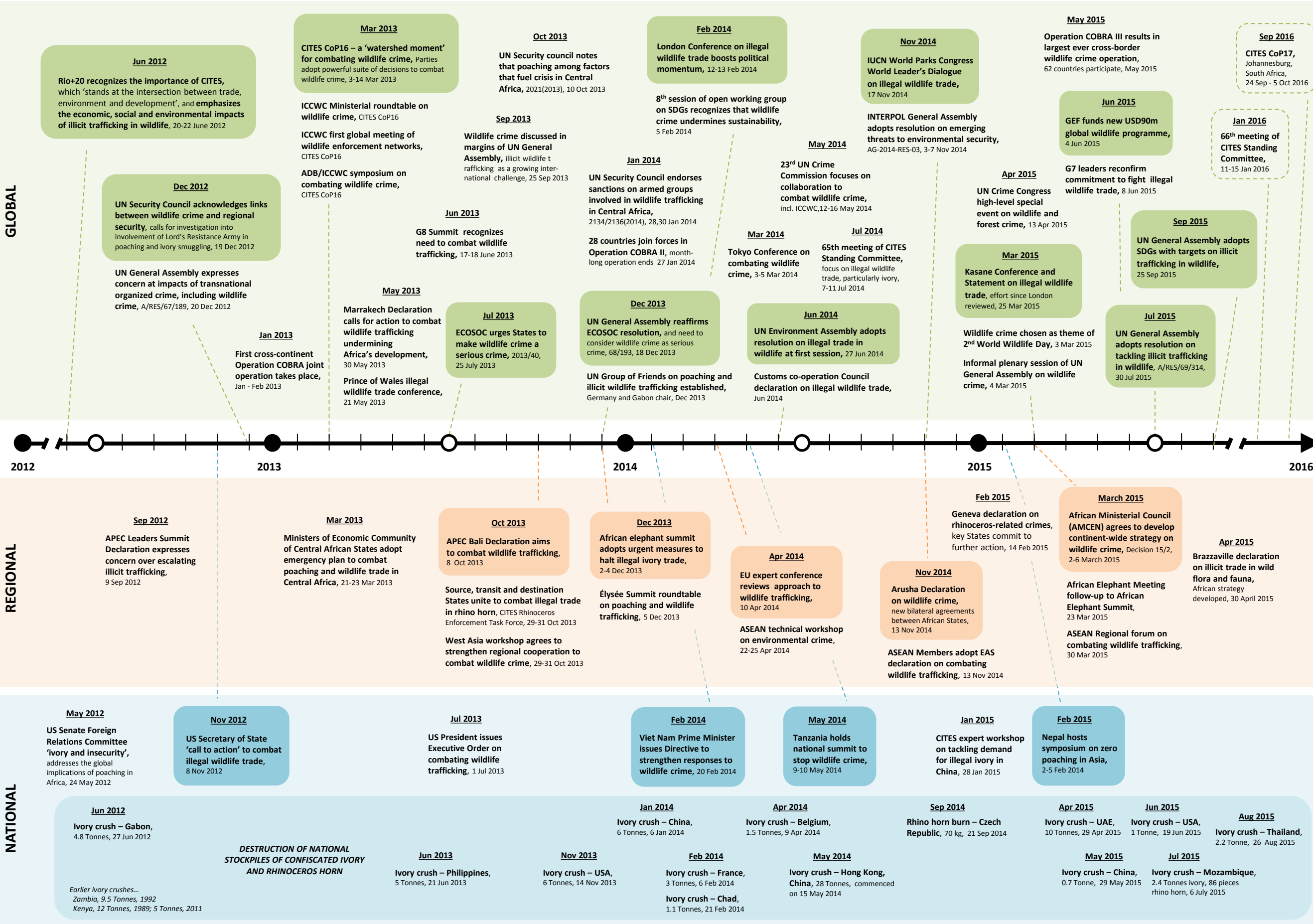


INCREASING ATTENTION ON ILLEGAL TRADE IN WILDLIFE – A visual summary of key events and measures since 2012

GLOBAL

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Jun 2012
Rio+20 recognizes the importance of CITES, which 'stands at the intersection between trade, environment and development', and emphasizes the economic, social and environmental impacts of illicit trafficking in wildlife, 20-22 June 2012

Dec 2012
UN Security Council acknowledges links between wildlife crime and regional security, calls for investigation into involvement of Lord's Resistance Army in poaching and ivory smuggling, 19 Dec 2012

UN General Assembly expresses concern at impacts of transnational organized crime, including wildlife crime, A/RES/67/189, 20 Dec 2012

Jan 2013
First cross-continent Operation COBRA joint operation takes place, Jan - Feb 2013

Mar 2013
CITES CoP16 – a 'watershed moment' for combating wildlife crime, Parties adopt powerful suite of decisions to combat wildlife crime, 3-14 Mar 2013

ICCWC Ministerial roundtable on wildlife crime, CITES CoP16

ICCWC first global meeting of wildlife enforcement networks, CITES CoP16

ADB/ICCWC symposium on combating wildlife crime, CITES CoP16

May 2013
Marrakech Declaration calls for action to combat wildlife trafficking undermining Africa's development, 30 May 2013

Prince of Wales illegal wildlife trade conference, 21 May 2013

Jun 2013
G8 Summit recognizes need to combat wildlife trafficking, 17-18 June 2013

Jul 2013
ECOSOC urges States to make wildlife crime a serious crime, 2013/40, 25 July 2013

Oct 2013
UN Security Council notes that poaching among factors that fuel crisis in Central Africa, 2021(2013), 10 Oct 2013

Oct 2013
APEC Bali Declaration aims to combat wildlife trafficking, 8 Oct 2013

Source, transit and destination States unite to combat illegal trade in rhino horn, CITES Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force, 29-31 Oct 2013

West Asia workshop agrees to strengthen regional cooperation to combat wildlife crime, 29-31 Oct 2013

Jul 2013
US President issues Executive Order on combating wildlife trafficking, 1 Jul 2013

Jan 2014
UN Security Council endorses sanctions on armed groups involved in wildlife trafficking in Central Africa, 2134/2136(2014), 28,30 Jan 2014

28 countries join forces in Operation COBRA II, month-long operation ends 27 Jan 2014

Dec 2013
UN General Assembly reaffirms ECOSOC resolution, and need to consider wildlife crime as serious crime, 68/193, 18 Dec 2013

UN Group of Friends on poaching and illicit wildlife trafficking established, Germany and Gabon chair, Dec 2013

Dec 2013
African elephant summit adopts urgent measures to halt illegal ivory trade, 2-4 Dec 2013

Élysée Summit roundtable on poaching and wildlife trafficking, 5 Dec 2013

Feb 2014
Viet Nam Prime Minister issues Directive to strengthen responses to wildlife crime, 20 Feb 2014

Jan 2014
Ivory crush – China, 6 Tonnes, 6 Jan 2014

Feb 2014
Ivory crush – France, 3 Tonnes, 6 Feb 2014
Ivory crush – Chad, 1.1 Tonnes, 21 Feb 2014

Feb 2014
London Conference on illegal wildlife trade boosts political momentum, 12-13 Feb 2014

8th session of open working group on SDGs recognizes that wildlife crime undermines sustainability, 5 Feb 2014

Mar 2014
Tokyo Conference on combating wildlife crime, 3-5 Mar 2014

Mar 2014
23rd UN Crime Commission focuses on collaboration to combat wildlife crime, incl. ICCWC, 12-16 May 2014

Jun 2014
UN Environment Assembly adopts resolution on illegal trade in wildlife at first session, 27 Jun 2014

Customs co-operation Council declaration on illegal wildlife trade, Jun 2014

Apr 2014
EU expert conference reviews approach to wildlife trafficking, 10 Apr 2014

ASEAN technical workshop on environmental crime, 22-25 Apr 2014

May 2014
Tanzania holds national summit to stop wildlife crime, 9-10 May 2014

Apr 2014
Ivory crush – Belgium, 1.5 Tonnes, 9 Apr 2014

May 2014
Ivory crush – Hong Kong, China, 28 Tonnes, commenced on 15 May 2014

Nov 2014
IUCN World Parks Congress World Leader's Dialogue on illegal wildlife trade, 17 Nov 2014

INTERPOL General Assembly adopts resolution on emerging threats to environmental security, AG-2014-RES-03, 3-7 Nov 2014

May 2014
Kasane Conference and Statement on illegal wildlife trade, effort since London reviewed, 25 Mar 2015

Jul 2014
65th meeting of CITES Standing Committee, focus on illegal wildlife trade, particularly ivory, 7-11 Jul 2014

Jun 2014
Wildlife crime chosen as theme of 2nd World Wildlife Day, 3 Mar 2015

Informal plenary session of UN General Assembly on wildlife crime, 4 Mar 2015

Nov 2014
Arusha Declaration on wildlife crime, new bilateral agreements between African States, 13 Nov 2014

ASEAN Members adopt EAS declaration on combating wildlife trafficking, 13 Nov 2014

Jan 2015
CITES expert workshop on tackling demand for illegal ivory in China, 28 Jan 2015

Sep 2014
Rhino horn burn – Czech Republic, 70 kg, 21 Sep 2014

Apr 2015
Ivory crush – UAE, 10 Tonnes, 29 Apr 2015

May 2015
Ivory crush – China, 0.7 Tonne, 29 May 2015

May 2015
Operation COBRA III results in largest ever cross-border wildlife crime operation, 62 countries participate, May 2015

Jun 2015
GEF funds new USD90m global wildlife programme, 4 Jun 2015

Apr 2015
UN Crime Congress high-level special event on wildlife and forest crime, 13 Apr 2015

Sep 2015
UN General Assembly adopts SDGs with targets on illicit trafficking in wildlife, 25 Sep 2015

Jul 2015
UN General Assembly adopts resolution on tackling illicit trafficking in wildlife, A/RES/69/314, 30 Jul 2015

Apr 2015
Brazzaville declaration on illicit trade in wild flora and fauna, African strategy developed, 30 April 2015

March 2015
African Ministerial Council (AMCEN) agrees to develop continent-wide strategy on wildlife crime, Decision 15/2, 2-6 March 2015

African Elephant Meeting follow-up to African Elephant Summit, 23 Mar 2015

ASEAN Regional forum on combating wildlife trafficking, 30 Mar 2015

Feb 2015
Nepal hosts symposium on zero poaching in Asia, 2-5 Feb 2014

Jun 2015
Ivory crush – USA, 1 Tonne, 19 Jun 2015

Jul 2015
Ivory crush – Mozambique, 2.4 Tonnes ivory, 86 pieces rhino horn, 6 July 2015

Jan 2016
66th meeting of CITES Standing Committee, 11-15 Jan 2016

Sep 2016
CITES CoP17, Johannesburg, South Africa, 24 Sep - 5 Oct 2016

Earlier ivory crushes...
Zambia, 9.5 Tonnes, 1992
Kenya, 12 Tonnes, 1989; 5 Tonnes, 2011

DESTRUCTION OF NATIONAL STOCKPILES OF CONFISCATED IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN