In 2015, Mozambique requested support with the implementation of the ICCWC Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit to assess and identify gaps in its preventive and criminal justice response to wildlife crime.

One of the key recommendations arising from the Toolkit assessment was the need to strengthen cases brought to the courtroom and to ensure sentences are a deterrence to offenders.

Led by UNODC, ICCWC supported the development of a Rapid Reference Manual for the investigation of wildlife crime. The tailor-made tool provides Mozambique’s rangers, police, and prosecutors with a step-by-step guide on how to build strong cases against wildlife crime from the onset.

Training sessions organized in partnership with the Attorney General’s Office, ANAC, WWF and USAID Speed+ expanded the use of the Rapid Reference Manual across the country, providing the skills needed to prepare better cases, from the evidence at a crime scene and the arrest, to case files for the courtroom. Training of Trainers sessions also empowered Mozambican nationals to conduct their own local training sessions ensuring the initiative’s sustainability.

Mozambique is tackling wildlife crime head on, to reduce illegal wildlife trafficking including for ivory and rhino horn, and to support conservation in the country. Its efforts are starting to pay off.

85% of court cases received convictions, an increase of 35% in 3 years
Wildlife crime case duration reduced to 6 months (previously 1 to 2 years)
Quality of evidence improved, leading to fewer acquittals
Over 80% of wildlife crime cases on track
Use of the latest legislation, ensuring higher 12 – 16 year sentences, compared to previous 2-years converted to fines
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Source: Attorney General’s Office 2020

Our partnership has led to improved evidence gathering, reduced case times, and stiffer sentences.

- Park Ranger

Committed to protect endangered species and to deter the illegal wildlife trade, Mozambique requested ICCWC support with the implementation of the Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit and has since improved legislation, named environmental crime prosecutors, reduced courtroom wait times, and increased sentencing for wildlife crimes.
**DID YOU KNOW?**

**34+ COUNTRIES HAVE WORKED WITH ICCWC**

To assess and improve their preventive and criminal justice response to *WILDLIFE CRIME*

**ICCWC’S RAPID REFERENCE MANUAL**

To date, a series of similar tools have been developed for countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

**ICCWC’S WORK IN MOZAMBIQUE CONTRIBUTES TO:**

**SDG 15**
To combat poaching and trafficking of protected species.

**SDG 16**
To promote strong institutions, the rule of law and enforcement.

**MOZAMBIQUE LOST 48% OF ITS ELEPHANTS BETWEEN 2011-2014**

Improved legislation now ensures that elephants are fully protected, and maximum prison terms for wildlife crimes are increased to **16 YEARS**

**WHAT’S NEXT?**

ICCWC will continue to roll out the Rapid Reference Manual (RRM) in other parts of Mozambique to arm rangers, investigators and prosecutors with the necessary skills and knowledge to build stronger court cases and to ensure that the law is enforced in all regions of the country. As a next step, a bench book for judges, building on the RRM, is also being developed.

United under the banner of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC), these five inter-governmental organizations form a unique pool of complementary expertise, providing a holistic approach to combating wildlife crime along the entire criminal justice chain.

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