The Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit is a technical resource to assist a government in understanding the main issues relating to wildlife and forest crime in their country and analysing the country’s preventive and criminal justice response.

**TOOLKIT BENEFITS**

1. Identify key areas to strengthen national responses to wildlife and forest crimes.
2. Develop tailor made work plans for capacity building and technical assistance that reflects national needs.
3. Pave the way for more effective and sustainable infrastructure to address wildlife and forest crime.
4. Raise awareness and donor support to facilitate cooperation and influence international activities.
5. Assist countries in developing concrete proposals based on the best available data to present to the donor community.
6. Mobilize financial and technical support to address key gaps in national responses to wildlife crime.

**THE TOOLKIT IN PRACTICE**

The Toolkit is available to all Governments interested in a complete analysis of their national response to wildlife and forest crime. While the implementation of the Toolkit is government-led, ICCWC provides support and expertise throughout the process. The decision to request the Toolkit is taken by the Government. The steps below describe the process.
STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

STEP 1: Government Request
- Government request Toolkit implementation in a formal letter addressed to the CITES Secretariat.

STEP 2: Nomination of a Governmental Focal Point
- Government nominates focal point. UNODC contacts focal point to discuss the timeline and outcomes.

STEP 3: Preparatory Work
- UNODC identifies the analysis team including national and international experts. Planning for the initial meeting and in-country analysis mission begins.

STEP 4: Initial Meeting
- A multi-stakeholder meeting is held in-country to explain the process and formally launch the Toolkit implementation.

STEP 5: In-Country Mission
- Expert team undertake in-country analysis mission. The focal point and national government facilitates access to different sites and meetings with relevant authorities.

STEP 6: Report
- A comprehensive report is completed detailing the strengths and weaknesses of the country’s preventive and criminal justice responses to wildlife and forest crime. The report outlines the methodology and findings, and makes recommendations to better address this crime. ICCWC and the national government have opportunity to comment.

STEP 7: Action Plan
- An Action Plan is designed to suggest concrete ways forward, priority areas and responsible entities to implement recommendations.

STEP 8: Presentation
- The final report and action plan is presented at a high-level multi-stakeholder meeting in-country. The findings and next steps are explored with the government.

TOOLKIT RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION PLAN

Countries that have completed the Toolkit analysis are encouraged to mobilize resources for the implementation of Toolkit recommendations. Subject to the availability of funding, ICCWC will support countries with the implementation of recommendations. Countries, donors and relevant international and national organizations working in these countries are encouraged to liaise with national authorities to explore aligning ongoing programmes and initiatives with the recommendations of the Toolkit.

Under the umbrella of ICCWC, the CITES Secretariat, INTERPOL, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the World Bank and the World Customs Organization (WCO) are working together to bring coordinated support to wildlife law enforcement agencies and networks at national, regional and global levels to enhance global cooperation and capacity to combat wildlife and forest crimes.