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1. WILDLIFE INCIDENT SUPPORT TEAM (WIST) – INTERPOL

In response to the growing concern of the impact of illegal wildlife trade on wildlife populations and ecosystems Interpol, on behalf of ICCWC, is leading efforts to deploy the Wildlife Incident Support Team (WIST) to assist, guide and facilitate appropriate follow-up actions in affected countries in the immediate aftermath of a wildlife crime incident.

Deployments can be mobilized to provide assistance with investigative support, evidence collection and/or assistance to pursue forensic analysis at the request of member countries who have been affected by poaching. Requests for the deployment of a WIST can be directed to the CITES Secretariat or to the INTERPOL General Secretariat via the INTERPOL National Central Bureau of the country concerned.

2. VIRTUAL COLLEGE – CITES

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (CITES) launched a Virtual College to enhance the ability of the Secretariat to provide capacity-building activities and materials to CITES Parties in a cost effective manner by leveraging creative use of new information and communication technologies. The CITES Virtual College collects information on CITES through its Information Centre to support online courses compile identification materials on CITES species submitted by Parties. Over 3,000 peer reviewed titles are now available in more than 100 countries. It includes interactive courses and a formation center with capacity building activities and materials online, including introduction to CITES for customs, training courses for enforcement officers and information modules for prosecutors and the judiciary as well as, among other, identification materials and train the trainers presentations. For more information, visit the CITES Virtual College, please go to: https://cites.unia.es/cites/

3. SHERLOC – UNODC

UNODC developed SHERLOC: an online knowledge management portal for Sharing Electronic Resources and Laws on Crime and disseminating information on how States implement the United Nations Convention

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against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC). SHERLOC aims to promote communication between States, police enforcement agencies, civil society and other organizations, and has been developed to easily provide access to legal cases related to countries' implementation of the Convention. Since its creation in 2013, SHERLOC has grown to include information on over 2,900 individual cases and 8,400 instances of legislation concerning national laws. SHERLOC comprises four areas which aim to facilitate cooperation: (1) The Legislation Database, (2) The Case Law Database, The Bibliographic Database, (4) The Directory of Competent National Authorities. For more information: www.unodc.org/cld/v3/sherloc/

4. CENCOMM – WCO

World Customs Organization's Customs Enforcement Network Communication Platform (CENcomm), a secure communication platform for a closed group of users, is a tool that facilitates the exchange and use of data in a timely, reliable and secure manner with direct access available 24 hours a day. The application is hosted by the WCO Secretariat and users can access it via the internet using an ID and password issued by the WCO.

5. ENVIRONET – WCO

ENVIRONET is a CENcomm internet-based global communication tool dedicated to environmental protection. Led by the World Customs Organization (WCO), Environet is where the WCO posts media updates related to wildlife crime and other environmental crimes, alerts, manuals, handbooks, and enforcement-related messages.

6. I 24/7: A GLOBAL POLICE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM – INTERPOL

Interpol provides I-24/7, a secure network linking all INTERPOL member countries and giving access to INTERPOL's criminal databases. It enables authorized users to share sensitive and urgent police information with their counterparts around the globe, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

7. INTERPOL NOTICES

International requests for cooperation or alerts allowing police in member countries to share critical crime-related information. All international alerts for wanted persons are in the form of an INTERPOL Red Notice or Diffusions. Member countries can draft and submit an alert seeking the arrest of a wanted criminal, with the information recorded instantly into the Organization's central database and immediately accessible to police. Three other types of Notices are also available: Yellow, Green and Blue (for missing persons, warnings and seeking additional information, respectively). For more information about Notices see: www.interpol.int/INTERPOL-expertise/Notices

8. WORLD WILDLIFE CRIME REPORT – UNODC

The World Wildlife Crime Report produced by UNODC in cooperation with ICCWC partners' takes stock of the present wildlife crime situation with a focus on illicit trafficking of specific protected species of wild fauna and flora, and provides a broad assessment of the nature and extent of the problem at the global level. It includes a quantitative market assessment and a series of in-depth illicit trade case studies for species increasingly being seized by authorities as they gain prominence among consumers. The WWCR 2019 incorporates updated data from UNODC's WorldWISE seizure database through 2017 as well as case studies on new species of concern.

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.
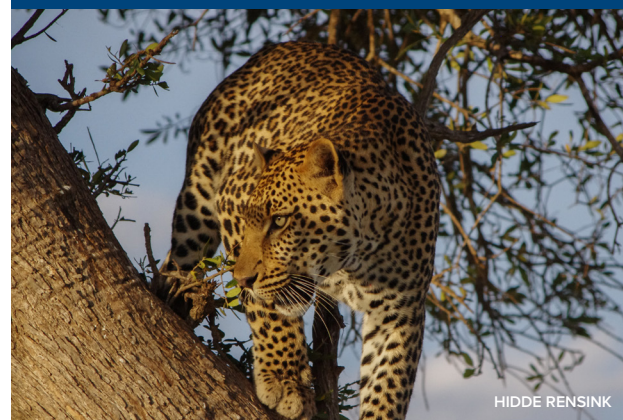
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