



Horn of Africa Wildlife Enforcement Network (HAWEN)

Region and countries of the network

Region is the Horn of Africa and the countries are Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda.

Authorities involved

Police, customs, market supervision, sea guard police, tourism supervision, quarantine inspection, transportation ministry

Formal network

Brief description

The Network has technical level and Ministerial level Forums. Ministers in charge of Wildlife Conservation as Policy Organs, Executive Committee composed of experts from wildlife conservation, customs, police, Interpol, judiciary, NGOs active in wildlife conservation, etc are involved.

In addition, the network has national focal points and implementing structures at national and local levels, civil societies and NGOs.

The network brings different actors in wildlife conservation and wildlife law enforcement at regional, national and local levels. Its functions are regional wildlife governance, information sharing, law enforcement cooperation, capacity building and training, public outreach and education, external cooperation with other WENs, partners, the AU, and IOs.

(Reporting) structure / decision-making process

The structure or decision making process includes National Committees, Regional Executive Committee, Regional Sector Ministerial Committee, IGAD Council of Ministers and IGAD Summit.

Key activities

HAWEN is not an operational law enforcement agency. It facilitate cooperation among national and regional operational agencies. It is a kind of Law enforcement coordination office, which also provides capacity building and a platform for information sharing with existing tools such as TWIX/FIST/WEMS/ CMORE/ WILD).

Key partners in the region

Key partners include a strong public/private element, IUCN-NL, AWF/Born Free/CCF/DECAN/ Freeland/HoAREC/IFAW/LATF/TRAFFIC/WCS and Partners supporting the HAWEN through project activities/alignment. Coordination through the HAWEN creates economies of scale and regional impact. HAWEN solicits Partner support for countries with less capacity/less donor attention.

Website and other useful links

Not supplied.

Network focal points

As per WEN focal points contact contained on CITES webpage