Wildlife Enforcement Network Meeting – 22 August 2019

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AML Project – UK DEFRA Funding
Objectives

• Assess country exposure to illicit financial flows related to environmental crime

• Mobilize and build capacity of all stakeholders involved at different stages of environmental crimes to build synergies and partnerships in combating crime

• Adopt a holistic approach in AML and environmental crime by developing actions related to the 3 core components of an AML regimes – prevention, detection and repression
## Country Activities

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* Coordinate with UNODC
Environmental NRA Module

• Development of an ENV module to assess country-risks risk (threats/ vulnerabilities) to AML associated with ENV crime

• Builds on:
  – Client existing understanding World Bank methodology
  – The assessment criteria (variables) already analyzed within country as part of their overall NRA
  – Fits within a country’s overall NRA update activities

• Module testing /feedback planned for October 2019 with Zambia and Zimbabwe
Module Structure
Customs and Border Controls

• Is assessed by evaluating:
  – Domestic Cooperation
  – International Cooperation
  – Geographic Advantages
  – Capacity of the customs and border authorities
  – Integrity and Independence of Customs
    • Control of corruption
    • Legal protection for Law Enforcement
  – Intelligence
    • NPOs
    • Reporting / Whistle Blower
    • Support from Intelligence Agency
    • FIU
Prevention

• Development of an AML/CFT ENV Crimes Compliance Training Program

• Audience: Compliance officers of the financial sector and other reporting entities

• Objectives:
  – Raise awareness of compliance officers on their AML/CFT obligations and of the importance of WL/ENV crimes as serious predicate offenses for ML
  – Provide concrete guidance to compliance officers on how to develop risk-based internal AML/CFT compliance regimes;
  – Provide guidance and launch brainstorming at the national level on how to adapt traditional AML/CFT compliance tools to the specificities of WL/ENV offenses
Ongoing..

• Will be seeking further input to test and improve the ENV Crime Risk assessment methodology

• Seek ENV crime experts to contribute to TA programs e.g. ENV case with AML component

• Bank has a broad curriculum of AML/CFT programs which we can discuss if interested
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