

Horn of Africa Wildlife Law Enforcement Network (HAWEN)

Authorities involved

Wildlife authorities would take the lead, and all other relevant authorities be part of it.

Region and countries of the network

Djibouti, Ethiopia , Kenya, Somalia , South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda

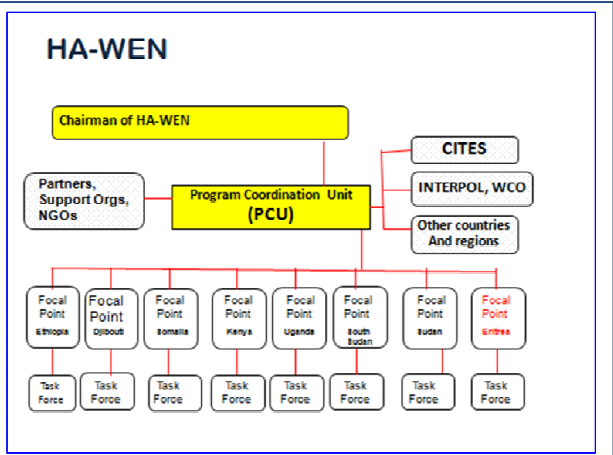
Brief description

As a consequence of the need for coordinated effort among countries of the Horn of Africa (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda), a joint statement was signed in 2011 to fight wildlife trafficking collaboratively under the framework of a regional “Wildlife Enforcement Network”. The signing of this statement was facilitated by IFAW. To give effect to this statement the Horn of Africa Wildlife Enforcement Network (HAWEN) was initiated during a meeting in October 2012, held in Addis Ababa by delegates from the seven countries, all of which are member states of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

The initiative resulted in the establishment of a HAWEN Steering Committee with representatives from each participating country, and regional organisations such as IGAD and HoA-REC&N, to guide the process of realising HAWEN.

(Reporting) structure / decision-making process

A proposed structure for Ha-WEN, adopted form other WEN



Key activities

HAWEN was to provide a platform for countries in the Horn to improve information sharing, law enforcement monitoring and intelligence gathering, joint capacity development on wildlife crime investigation and evidence handling, conclusive legal prosecution. It was also aimed at improvement and proper maintenance of relevant databases, promotion of public outreach on environmental issues, harmonisation of laws and regulations, as well as spearheading collaboration with other wildlife law enforcement networks in other regions to share experiences

Key partners in the region

LATF, IFAW, AWF, IGAD, HoAREC&N, etc.