

Southern Africa Wildlife Enforcement Network

Region and countries of the network:

The member states of the Southern Africa Development Community.

Authorities involved

Recommended as per the IINTERPOL NEST structure.

Brief description

The network is currently in the process of being developed and much of the details will be agreed over the coming months. The network will aim to improve collaboration and communication among participating member states in all issues of wildlife crime.

Key partners in the region

UNODC, INTERPOL, WCO, NGOs

Network focal points

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Key activities

The task of the group is to monitor enforcement policy and practice in the EU Member States and make recommendations to improve the enforcement of wildlife trade legislation. It also catalyses the exchange of information, experience and expertise on wildlife trade control related topics between the Member States (trends in illegal trade, significant seizures and investigations), including sharing of intelligence information and establishing and maintaining databases. In addition subgroups can be established to handle identified important topics such as illegal trade in birds or trade in eels. Dedicated sessions can address issues like engagement with relevant business sectors, cooperation with specifically important third countries etc.

Key partners in the region

TRAFFIC Europe, relevant agencies and organisations such as Europol, Eurojust, Interpol, WCO, UNODC, neighboring countries like Switzerland, Serbia, Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina etc.

Website and other useful links

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/eg_en.htm

Information is exchanged on a specific access restricted webpage managed by the EU Commission. In addition EU TWIX (<http://www.eu-twix.org/>) which is a tool to facilitate information exchange on illegal wildlife trade in the European Union can be used to distribute information quickly between registered users. The EU-TWIX website and database are only accessible for officials of law enforcement authorities (e.g. Customs, Police and other governmental agencies such as environmental inspection services, national crime units, etc. involved in wildlife trade controls) and CITES Management Authorities of the 28 EU Members States.
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