



BACKGROUND

Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit

Wildlife and forest offences are a complex phenomenon with many layers and dimensions, which often result from the interplay of a multitude of cultural, economic, social and environmental factors, and can involve a wide variety of actors. For this reason, wildlife and forest offences need to be addressed through a well-coordinated multidisciplinary approach.

The Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit presents a collection of tools and resources that its users can choose from to analyze wildlife and forest legislation, law enforcement measures, prosecutorial and judicial capacities, factors that drive wildlife and forest offences, and the effectiveness of preventive interventions at the national level.

The Toolkit also enables countries to collect and analyze available data, gather evidence, prepare and preserve the wildlife and forest crime scene, and identify suspects.

It also recognizes the need for a more systematic and thorough global analysis of the illicit trade in wildlife and will help countries understand the various factors that drive wildlife and forest offences, which will facilitate the integration of information and experience gained from such analysis into national, regional and international strategies.

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