



BACKGROUND

International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC)

Given the nature and scale of the risk posed to biodiversity by illegal trade in wildlife, it is now acknowledged that a more organized and sophisticated response needs to be taken by the law enforcement community to tackle the problem.

The ICCWC was created in late 2010 when five international organizations joined forces in a collaborative effort to bring coordinated support to national wildlife law enforcement agencies and to the subregional and regional networks that, on a daily basis, act in defence of natural resources.

The Consortium comprises the CITES Secretariat, ICPO-INTERPOL, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the World Bank and the World Customs Organization (WCO), and is chaired by the CITES Secretariat.

The ICCWC seeks to ensure that perpetrators of serious wildlife crimes will face a more formidable and coordinated response, departing from the present situation where the risk of detection and punishment is all too low.

It also seeks to deploy modern techniques and technologies that are applied in different areas to tackling wildlife crime, such as controlled deliveries and the use of wildlife forensics, and aims also to address international cooperation, money laundering and corruption.

Each ICCWC partner organization brings its own particular strengths to the Consortium.

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