Project GAPIN against illicit trafficking in wildlife

The increase in wildlife crime continues to be a matter of grave concern to governments and the international community.

Project GAPIN aims to assist a number of Customs administrations in Africa in the fight against the illicit trafficking in wildlife protected by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

“GAPIN will go a long way in meeting the growing international call for urgent action on a rolling basis to protect threatened wildlife from the predatory practices of criminals involved in wildlife trafficking.”

Kunio Mikuriya, WCO Secretary General

Objectives

- Building the enforcement capabilities of Customs frontline officers.
- Detecting, intercepting and seizing illegal wildlife shipments.
- Advocating a culture of integrity to prevent corrupt practices.
- Promoting the role of Customs and other law enforcement agencies in fighting wildlife crime.
- Raising public awareness on the misguided medicinal value of certain products, such as rhinoceros horn.

“The survival of many wild animals and plants is currently threatened by extensive hunting and illegal trade. The WCO and Customs administrations around the world have a critical role to play in combating illegal trade, and this is why the Swedish Government supports the GAPIN initiative, a project which I believe can work as a model to meet the complex challenges posed by illegal trade in endangered animals and species.”

Dr. Ewa Björling, Swedish Minister for Trade

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We stand between their survival and their extinction!

Gorillas, Chimpanzees and Bonobos are strictly protected by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Any attempt to transport these animals across borders without a valid CITES permit is illegal. Corruption facilitates smuggling. Stay alert!

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Save the last Great Apes in the wild

Pangolins belong in the wild, not on a plate!

Pangolins are endangered species, and trade in this animal is strictly regulated by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

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These magnificent beasts deserve your protection

Make sure your souvenirs are legal!

Illegal trade in rhino horns is dramatically affecting rhino populations, and trade in rhino horns is strictly regulated by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

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Go for a walk if you want a taste of nature

Horns belong on rhinos, not in a medicine chest!

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Saving these animals will make you feel better

Illegal trade in pangolins is dramatically affecting pangolin populations, and trade in pangolins is strictly regulated by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

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