

Global cooperation to combat wildlife crime



**TOGETHER AGAINST
WILDLIFE CRIME**

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OUR APPROACH

TOGETHER AGAINST WILDLIFE CRIME

DISMANTLE

Creating a strong legal framework to enable sentencing and convictions which are critical to dismantling organized crime groups.



DETER

Awareness-raising of wildlife crime consequences and sharing knowledge with law enforcement, policy makers, government and civil society to combat this organized and transnational threat.



ICCWC

Cross-border cooperation, global intelligence-led operations, seizures and detentions of criminals involved in wildlife crime.



Gathering evidence, using forensic science, investigating illicit flow of money and building capacity to detect and address wildlife crime on social media and the internet.



DETAIN

DETECT



Assessment Tools, guidelines and reports, and support based on needs identified



See: <https://iccwc-wildlifecrime.org/en/tools-and-services>



Preventing corruption

Then...

No one looking
at this issue

Now...

3 corruption
prevention
tools

25 authorities
in 17 countries

Tangible
results

Impact

Kenya Wildlife Service scores on
Anti-Corruption Performance Indicator

- 2020: 49%
- 2021: 88%
- 2022: 100%

Strengthening prosecutions

Then...

Few successful prosecutions

Impact

- Increase in prosecutions
- Uganda prosecutions and wildlife court

Now...

Mentorship
and
training

Practical
tools and
guidelines

Strengthened
prosecutions

Enhanced law enforcement cooperation

Then...

Investigation of isolated criminal cases

Now...

Regional and global operations

30 transnational investigations (125 countries)

Strengthened LE cooperation (police, customs other LEAs)

Impact

- Wildlife Inter-Regional Enforcement (WIRE) & Regional Investigative Case Meetings (RIACM)
- 6 Global & multiple regional Operations
- High-value targets identified and transnational criminal networks disrupted

Operation THUNDER 2022

Tackling wildlife crime



125 countries



934 suspects identified

2,200 seizures of wildlife and forestry products, including:



780 kg and 516 pieces elephant ivory, and 27 elephant body parts



34 primates, 136 primate body parts



25 rhino horns



4,337 and 2,813kg marine products, including corals, eels and sea cucumbers



119 big cats and other felines



1,795 reptiles and almost 500 kg reptile parts and derivative products



9 pangolins, 389 kg pangolin scales and derivatives



47,28 m³ rosewood and 17,163 pieces / almost 47,000 m³ and 6,764 pieces other timber



750 birds, more than 450 bird parts



3.5 tonnes plants and 5 tonnes plant derivatives



1,190 turtles and tortoises, 1,304 units and 8 kg body parts



710 cacti



Thunder 2022: on-going investigations

OCT 2022

Seizure of 34.25 kg of rhino horn at Singapore Airport (Lao PDR as final destination)

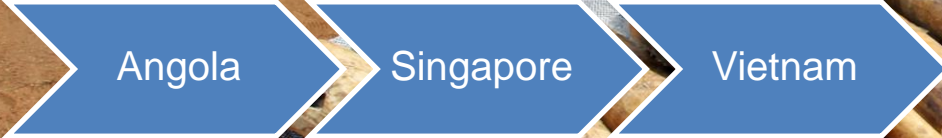
NOV-DEC 2022

- Scoping mission to Lao PDR
- OST to South Africa
Analytical Report

JAN-FEB 2023

Further investigation and Court Conviction in Singapore

RIACM in March 2023 (Singapore) and further investigation of larger criminal network



20 March 2023
Seizure of 7 tonnes of ivory
Vietnamese authorities reported the largest seizure of wildlife products in years

Thunder 2022: on-going investigations



Enhancing analytical capabilities

Then...

Countries' requests mostly on "how to extract the data"

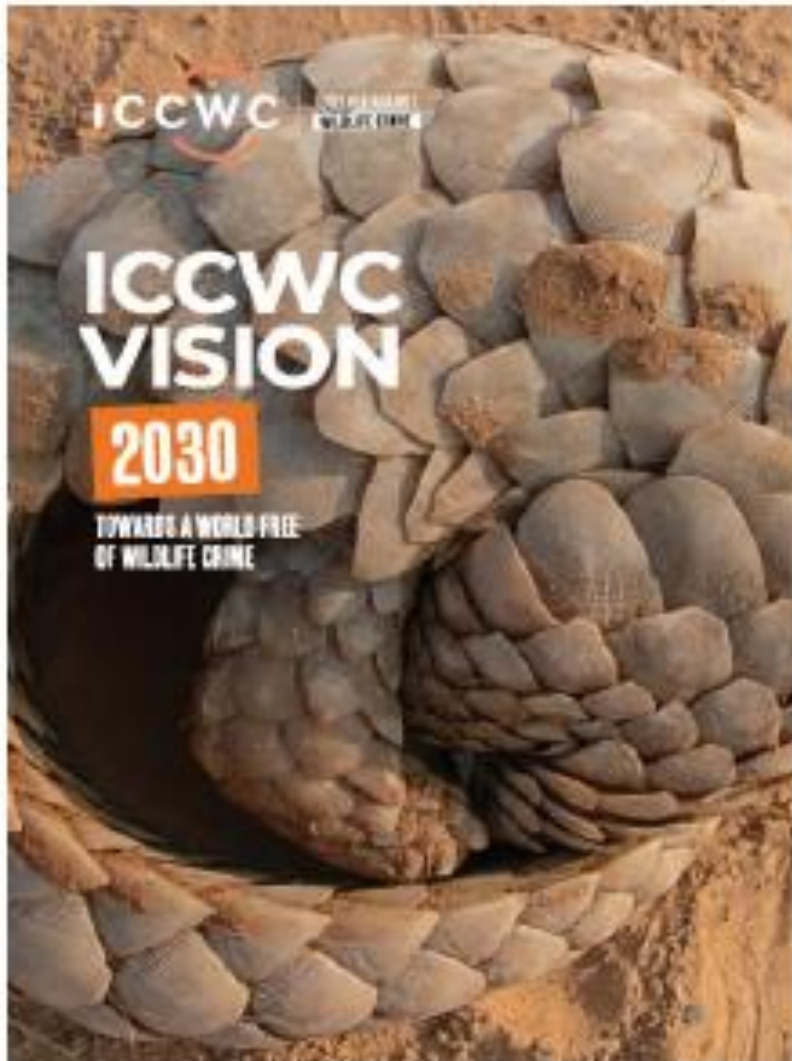
Now...

"How to use the data" – evolution of the countries' requests

Impact

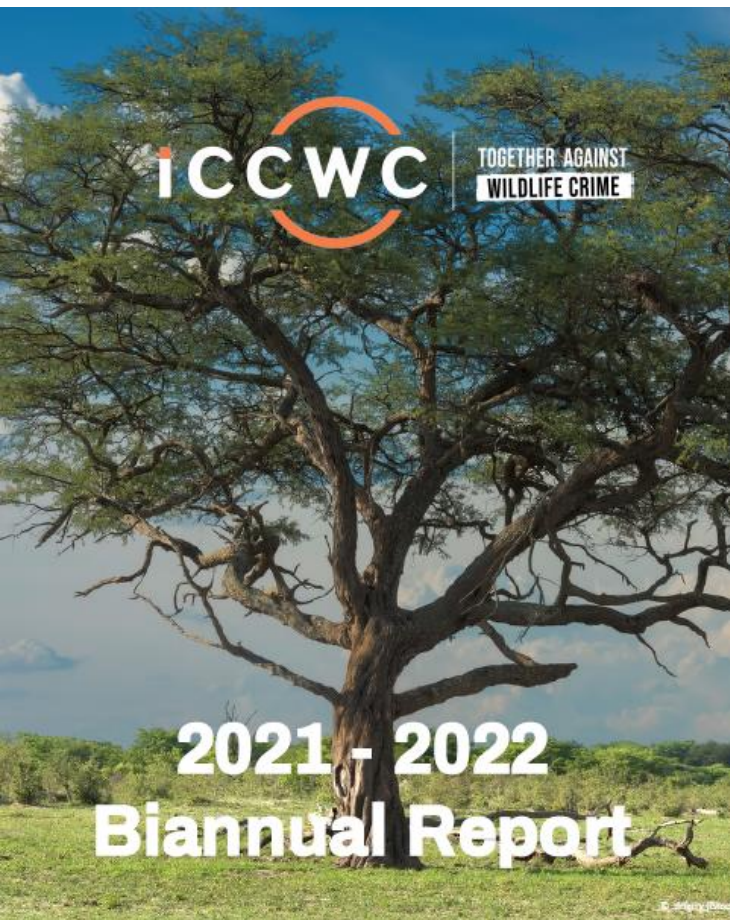
- High-value targets identified and trans-national criminal networks disrupted
- Over 200 INTERPOL Red and 55 Purple Notices issued (including those linking wildlife crime with fraud/financial crime)

The ICCWC Vision outlines the next phase of ICCWC's work and is our long-term vision of a world free of wildlife crime.



Looking ahead





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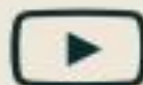
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