



Crimes that
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Links between wildlife crime and other serious crime

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A global
response for
wildlife and
forest crime
is necessary.



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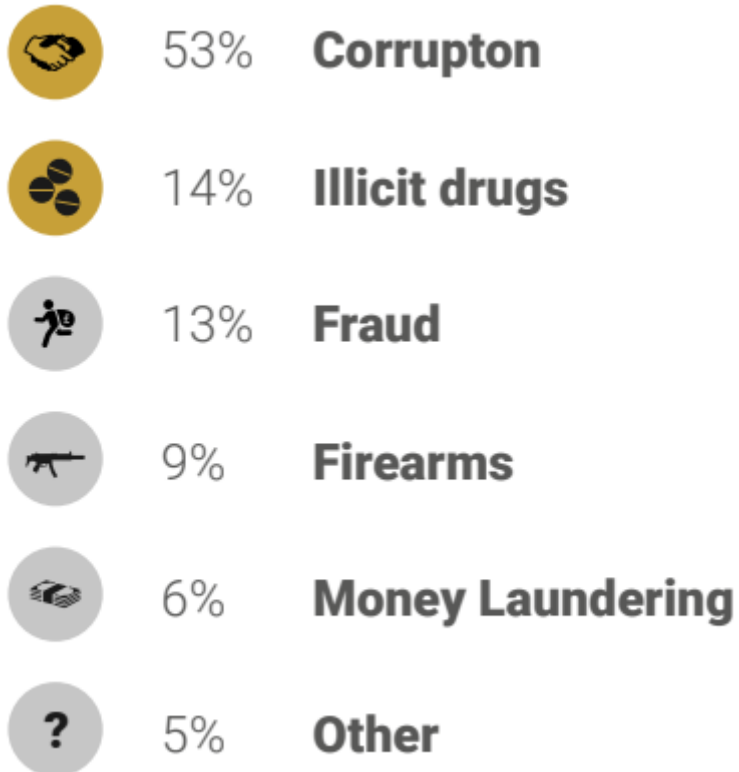
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But why convergence?

- Opportunistic engagement
- Response to changing conditions/law enforcement
- Diversification strategy
- Transactionally: commodity exchange with other groups

WLC LINKED TO SERIOUS OR ORGANIZED CRIME



TRAFFIC, Wildlife Trade Information System



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CRIME CONVERGENCE: WHY? (2)

WHY do we care?

- We are in the business of disrupting and dismantling organized criminal groups.
- Improved understanding of commonalities/intersections → strategic policy and law enforcement interventions

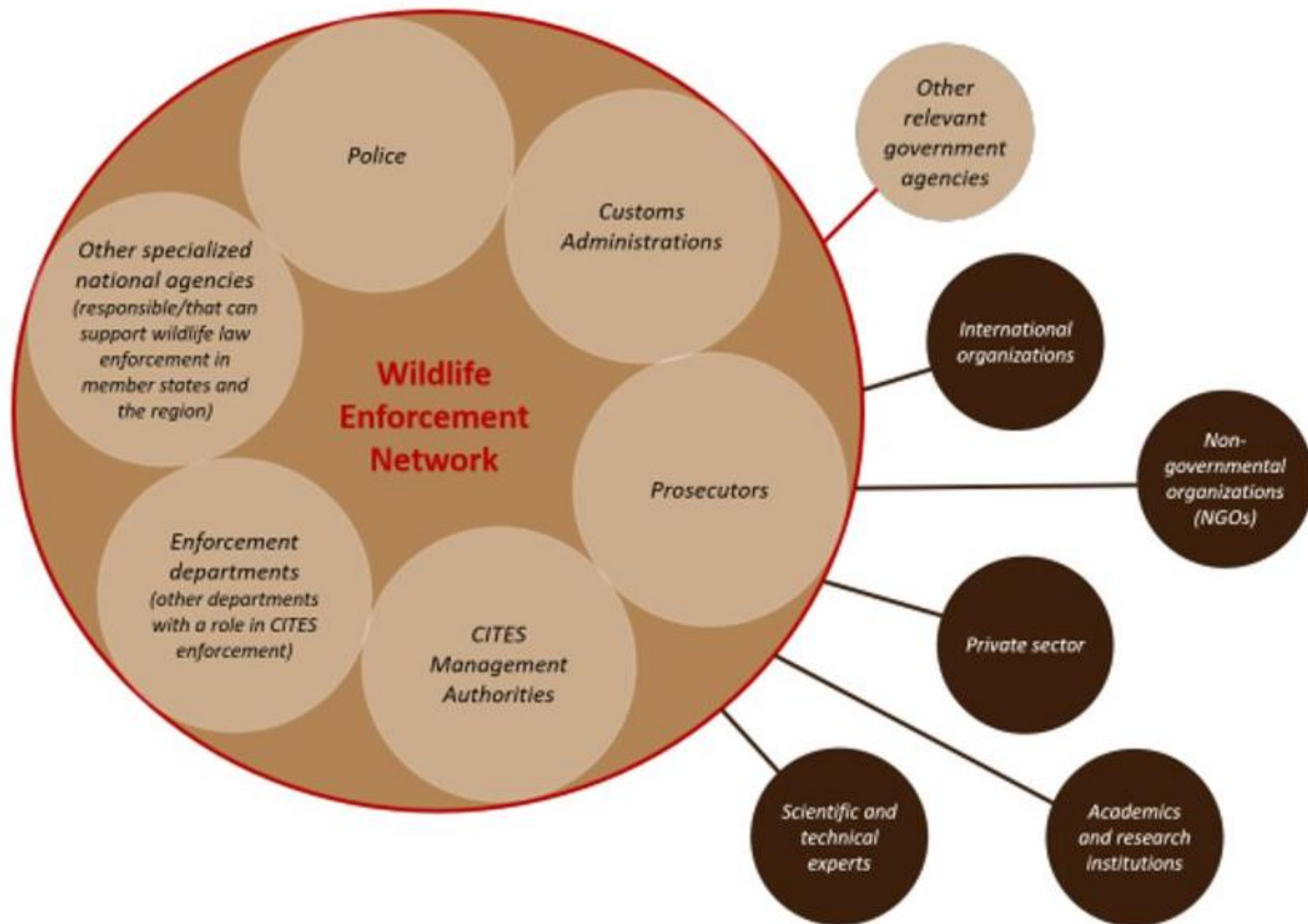
CRIME CONVER ENCE: WHAT?

- Commodities
 - wildlife: e.g. ivory and pangolin scales, rhino horn and abalone
 - wildlife + other: e.g. shark fins and drugs
- Modus operandi
 - Shared intermediaries/ facilitators (i.e. banks, lawyers, smugglers etc.)
 - Use of the same hubs/ports
 - Use of same transport (i.e. flight operators, couriers)
- Other transnational criminal activities
 - Money laundering & financial crime
 - Corruption
- Linkages between wildlife crime and armed groups/security concerns

SO...WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT?

- Data collection and comparative analysis
 - Typologies and trends
- Use of intelligence and other specialized investigative techniques
- Parallel financial investigations
- Inter-agency cooperation
- Regional and inter-regional cooperation
 - WENs
 - WIRE

WHAT IS A WEN?



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WIRE - WILDLIFE INTER-REGIONAL ENFORCEMENT



WIRE POLICE

- Targeting investigators from police or wildlife agencies
- Provide a platform for the exchange of information on trends, patterns, existing transnational cases, etc.



WIRE PROSECUTORS

- Targeting prosecutors from environmental or central authorities
- Map obstacles to international cooperation and identify solutions for legal support on TOC cases



WIRE CUSTOMS

- Targeting customs from CITES teams, risk profiling units, Port Control Units
- Identify risk indicator to improve the profiling

Build bridges between direct counterparts in Asia and Africa (soon LAC!)

Dec 2021: 5th WIRE (virtual) meeting

250 law enforcement and criminal justice representatives from 34 countries.

UNODC coordinated 12 bilateral meetings to support furthering joint investigations and operations.



WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?

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