

Experiences from the Field

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Wildlife crime

- Supply/source
- Transit
- Demand/consumer market

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- Supply
- Poaching in and around PAs

Traditional approach

- Range post/guard posts certain jurisdiction
- 4-5 range posts makes one division or a PA management unit
- Traditional patrol and reporting system
- No serious involvement of other agencies like law enforcement and judiciary – arrest and prosecute

Key driver of poaching

- High profit low risk
- Probability of detection
- Probability of arrest
- Probability of prosecution
- Probability of conviction



***One Golden Turtle (1.5kg):
\$4500-\$7500***



***One set of Elephant tusks
(5-15kg/tusk):
\$5000-\$210,000***



***One Adult tiger skeleton:
\$15,000-\$20,000***



***One African rhino horn (2.8-3.7kg):
\$56,000 - \$225,000***

Challenges

- No institutional mechanism for inter-agency cooperation to address wildlife crime
- Conservation - a low priority subject
- Weak institution
 - professional capacity
 - Equipment and gear
 - Intelligence
 - Wildlife crime investigation
 - Forensics
 - prosecution
 - Budget

Challenges

- Weak legislative framework
- Weak enforcement mechanism
- Poor political support/community
- Weak coordination and collaboration among law enforcement agencies and judiciary
- Poor partnership with local community
- Poor strategic vision/recovery plan
- Poor use of latest tools and technology – forensics, communication, surveillance, monitoring, etc.
- Organized and transnational crime
- Changed dynamics of combating wildlife crime

Current status

- SMART or similar patrol and monitoring system in many PAs
- Patrol - Boots on the ground important but are we strategic enough?
- Ambush & sweeping operation
- Intelligence
- UAV, e-surveillance – real time for tactical and strategic
- Sniffer dog
- Community engagement/CBAPU/Conflicts

Current status

- Coordination with law enforcement agencies but still lack of institutional mechanism
- Review process
- Special force
- Political support
- Trans-boundary cooperation
- International cooperation – ICCWC, COBRA

The reality

- Poaching - still a serious threat