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Why Don’t People Offend?
Truly Believe in the System’s Legitimacy
Are Afriad of Being Punished
Deterrence Theory
Humans are Rational
Certainty
Severity
Celerity
General Deterrence
Specific Deterrence
Findings for General Deterrence
Certainty of Punishment
Findings for Specific Deterrence
High Recidivism
Harsh Sentences Increase Recidivism
Issues with Deterring Wildlife Crime
Low Certainty of Punishment
Silent Victims
Large Areas
Low Priority
Increase Certainty
Technology

Patrol Strategy

Intelligence
Legitimacy is Key
Community-Based Conservation
Opportunity Reduction
Situational Crime Prevention
Questions?
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