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editorial

Welcome back,

Since the last newsletter, the Programme has been working actively towards fulfilling **our strategic goals**.

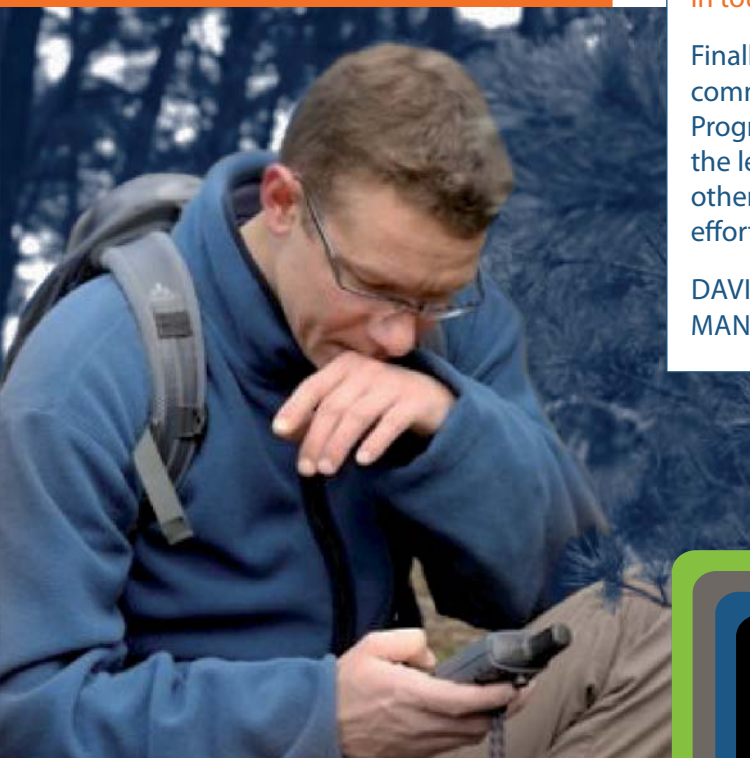
We have conducted one operation and are in the final planning stages of others. September and October saw successful Wildlife Crime and Pollution Crime Working Group meetings in Brazil and Lyon, where key global players came together to **brainstorm solutions** to some of our most pressing environmental crime concerns. Through these operations and meetings, with their tangible outcomes, INTERPOL continues to demonstrate its **commitment to global environmental security**.

Furthermore, we have the pleasure to announce that **Emile Lindemulder** has joined our team as **Criminal Intelligence Officer for Pollution Crime**. He has been seconded by the Dutch police force and will be working with us for the next three years. Welcome!

The Environmental Crime Programme relies on support from sources external to INTERPOL. In the next quarter, we will once again be reaching out to form **strong partnerships** with environmental law enforcement agencies, non-governmental organizations and private industry. If you think you can help, **we would like you to get in touch**.

Finally, I would like to recognize Environment Canada's recent commitment to providing the INTERPOL Environmental Crime Programme with an annual financial contribution. We hope that the leadership that Environment Canada has shown will encourage others to follow suit and help us support you in your international efforts to stamp out environmental crime.

DAVID HIGGINS
MANAGER, ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME PROGRAMME





news

INTERPOL CO-ORDINATES LANDMARK HAZARDOUS WASTE OPERATION IN NORTH AMERICA

On September 23 and 24, we co-ordinated the first-ever international environmental operation against the illegal transportation of hazardous waste across the border between the US and Canada.

Unscrupulous companies and individuals often seek to cheaply dispose of hazardous waste illegally, at times via criminal gangs. The two-day operation focused on major transportation routes in the Ontario area and targeted vehicles capable of carrying waste of all forms: 350 vehicles were checked, 140 violations identified and eight investigations have been launched so far.

Led by officers from the Canadian and US national environmental agencies, state environmental agencies and customs authorities, the operation also involved INTERPOL's National Central Bureaus (NCBs) in Ottawa and Washington, which provided secure police communication channels and access to a range of INTERPOL databases and analytical support.

INTERPOL GREEN NOTICE FOR WILDLIFE CRIMINAL

The Programme produced a confidential report on a known wildlife criminal, which then formed the basis of an INTERPOL Green Notice – an internationally distributed alert to provide warnings or criminal intelligence about persons who have committed criminal offences and are likely to repeat these crimes in other countries.

The subject was known to have been heavily involved in smuggling rhino horn between a number of southern African countries. The report was produced with assistance from a number of NCBs using crime reports, including Ecomessages, recently submitted to the INTERPOL General Secretariat.

The Green Notice and its accompanying report will alert nations to the criminal history and habits of this individual and will detail places frequented, prior convictions, accomplices, modus operandi and aliases of the subject, preventing him from further exploiting protected wildlife.



An INTERPOL green notice

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programme activities

21ST MEETING OF THE INTERPOL WILDLIFE CRIME WORKING GROUP

Manaus, Brazil, 21 – 25 September

Attended by 77 delegates from 30 member countries and 12 partner organizations

Non-law enforcement stakeholders were invited to attend and present during the first two days. Under discussion was the need for effective forensics in combating wildlife crime, as well as the **role of the internet** in propagating criminal **exploitation of wildlife** and the efforts being made to curb its misuse.

During the three-day closed session that followed, the Group identified hurdles in **communication** and determined that increased efforts should be made to **communicate more clearly and effectively** and increase awareness of **INTERPOL's resources** among the wildlife law enforcement community.

15TH MEETING OF THE INTERPOL POLLUTION CRIME WORKING GROUP

Lyon, France, 7 – 9 October

Attended by 56 participants from 22 member countries and 9 partner organizations

The first day was an open meeting with panel discussions relating to the projects on **Climate Change Crime and Corruption** and **Electronic Waste (E-Waste)**. The Working Group also recognized the need to better co-ordinate with other international partners and non-governmental organizations.

Days two and three were restricted to law enforcement delegates. Presentations covered an array of topics including innovative approaches to investigating pollution crimes, **emerging trends in pollution crime**, status reports on ongoing projects and the adoption of new projects. Additionally, Julie Lastra from the US Environmental Protection Agency was **elected vice-chair** for a period of one year.

Documents from the meetings
can be found on our website.

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

TRAFFIC EU TWIX CITES Workshop

Paris, France (June)

TRAFFIC conducted a CITES workshop on wildlife crime where we raised awareness of the roles of INTERPOL and the Programme.

Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking (CAWT)

London, United Kingdom (July)

The US officially handed over the Secretariat of CAWT to the UK, which now plans to develop a new strategy for the group's activities over the next two years. (INTERPOL attended as an observer and is not a partner to CAWT.)

INTERPOL Electronic Waste Illegal Trade Workshop

London, United Kingdom (July)

20 delegates from Europe and North America agreed to share intelligence with INTERPOL and conduct analyses to help prepare operational activities.

National Central Bureau London Environmental Crime Programme Awareness Meeting

London, United Kingdom (July)

We raised awareness of the Programme and of the UK's environmental crime agencies who can now use INTERPOL's systems through the NCB.

UN FAO Technical Workshop on Combating Illegal Sturgeon fishing and trade in the Caspian Sea Region

Antalya, Turkey (September)

Caspian Sea nations produced a draft action plan as a precursor to operational activities.

National Wildlife Enforcement Conference

Coventry, United Kingdom (October)

Discussions were held for UK Police Officers with wildlife enforcement responsibilities as well as key non-governmental stakeholders.



future plans

TRAINING TO PROTECT TIGERS

In conjunction with CITES we will be conducting training in **criminal intelligence analysis** for tiger range states. This training will allow law enforcement officers in the region to discern smuggling networks and routes, identify emerging trends, and better match the law enforcement response to the crime type.

Following recent and past operational success, we will continue to promote, plan and execute **operations** against environmental crime and criminals. We aim to learn from all our operations, to repeat successes and avoid mistakes. In particular we will be promoting September's joint USA/Canada operation against the illegal trans-border shipment of hazardous waste as a **model for international co-operation**.

BUSINESS PLAN

Following a recommendation made in the Pollution Crime Working Group meeting, we have begun work on formulating a business plan for the Programme. This will **provide focus** for our efforts to **secure** funding in much the same way as the Strategic Plan has provided focus for the Programme's operational aspects. The Plan will be developed by staff at the INTERPOL General Secretariat and members of the Environmental Crime Committee.

PROJECTS

As a result of our recent Working Group Meetings, our members have recommended a range of different projects that the Environmental Crime Programme and members should work on during the year ahead. Further details relating to these will be made available on our website once they have been formally approved by INTERPOL.

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get involved

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Over the past months we have continued our urgent search for sustainable funding for our activities. We have focused on governmental environmental law enforcement agencies in an effort to institutionalize the Programme into their budgets. We have also sought short-term funding support from non-governmental organizations.

We would like to thank the agencies below for their generous financial support during 2009. We hope that their leadership will encourage other organizations and environmental law enforcement authorities to follow suit in supporting the Programme.

Governmental organizations

“Environment Canada

Non-governmental organizations

“The International Fund

for Animal Welfare

“The Leonard X. Bosack and Betty M. Kruger Foundation

“Care for the Wild International

“Humane Society International

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The nature of the Programme means our appeal for funding is ongoing. Please contact us if you, your agency, or someone you know is willing or able to offer their support. We need you to spread the word, lobby for support or join our initiatives, as only together can we make a difference against environmental crime the world over.

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